

Systematic Atrocities Against the Druze in Swaida, Syria July 2025





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Swaida, July, 2025

Executive Summary:

On July 14, 2025, the City of Swaida witnessed a brutal campaign of sectarian violence targeting the Druze community. Initially framed as retaliatory operations by Bedouin groups and extremist elements, the events quickly escalated into a coordinated campaign of systematic atrocities. What began as sporadic assaults evolved into a deliberate and sustained onslaught involving state-aligned forces, local militias, and jihadist factions.







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Contrary to their official mandate, units from the **General** Security Force (ministry of interior) and Multiple Syrian Army Divisions operating under the Syrian Ministry of Defense, not only failed to protect the Swaida civilians but actively collaborated with Bedouin militias and extremist fighters. The result was a multi-day campaign characterized by targeted killings, acts of sexual violence, use of Turkish drones to bomb civillians, mass executions, looting, burning down houses and widespread desecration of cultural and religious sites.





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First barbaric genocidal wave



Organized and coordinated attacks by Al Julani regime forces and terrorist militias against Jaramana City, Ashrafiyet Sahnaya, Sahnaya and Swaida Outskirts resulted in hundreds of victims between killed, wounded and arrested.

Second barbaric genocidal Ethnic Cleansing wave



Coordinated and organized attacks by Al Julani regime forces, terrorist militias and Bedouin Tribes attacked Swaida from different sides.

Mosques' Imams called for Jihad all over Syria.

Violence intensified. Government forces officially entered the region under the pretense of restoring order but instead escalated the massacre and supported the non-state actors in brutality and Ethnic Cleansing, resulted to date in 1017 killed and hundreds others wounded and abducted. Tens of thousands were displaced from their homes.



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2. Nature of Atrocities Committed:

- Extrajudicial Killings: Civilians, including entire families attempting to flee, were executed. Alawite refugees, previously displaced from coastal violence, were among the victims.
- Sexual Violence: Numerous credible reports emerged of women and girls being raped and abducted. More than 80 women and girls are still abducted.
- Targeted Humiliation and Torture: Elderly Druze men were subjected to public humiliation, including being forced to imitate animals, having their facial hair forcibly removed, and enduring torture before being executed.









2. Nature of Atrocities Committed:

- Medical Blockades: Hospitals were sealed off, shelled, medical equipment looted. Medical personnel Killed or Trapped, with no access to evacuation or external aid. Several wounded civilians were denied treatment and were left to die and many wounded patients were executed in the hospital.
- **Desecration of the Dead:** Bodies of the deceased were mutilated and mocked **post-mortem.** Video evidence shows government-aligned forces partaking in these acts.
- Religious and Cultural Destruction: Homes, shops, Druze shrines, and churches were systematically looted, vandalized and/or burned down. Sacred objects were defiled or destroyed in acts of sectarian symbolism.

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3. Role of State and Non-State Actors: The Syrian Ministry of Defense Army divisions, and the General Security Force, are directly implicated in facilitating, endorsing, and participating in the violence, massacres and destruction. Despite official state media narratives portraying the conflict as Druze-Bedouins conflict and portraying government efforts to restore order. independent documentation and footage confirm active participation of Government authorities in the atrocities and ethnic cleansing...







3. Role of State and Non-State Actors:

Non-state actors, including Bedouin militias and jihadist groups from Homs, Idlib and other Syrian governorates operated with impunity. Government Logistical support, public endorsement, and ideological alignment between these groups and State Apparatuses indicate a shared strategic and organized planning in targeting the Druze and Christian community in Swaida.

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4. Intent and Pattern:

The violence in Swaida bears clear markers of **systematic**, **sectarian persecution**. The intent was not merely territorial control or conflict containment but the **dehumanization**, **terrorization**, **and eradication** of a minority community. The pattern in alignment with earlier atrocities along the Syrian coast and Christians in multiple locations across Syria proves a recurring campaign of sectarian cleansing masked by counter-insurgency rhetoric.

5. Conclusion and Recommendations: This ongoing event in Swaida started on July 14th represents a grave breach of international humanitarian law and human rights standards. They demand immediate international scrutiny, independent investigation, and accountability for those responsible, including state actors.

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Recommendations:

- An urgent UN-mandated inquiry should be established to investigate crimes against humanity in Swaida.
- Immediate **humanitarian access** must be granted to the region to assess and respond to the needs of surviving victims.
- Sanctions and legal proceedings should target individuals and institutions within the Al Julani government complicit in the violence.
- The international community must prioritize **protection mechanisms** for vulnerable minority populations in Syria to prevent recurrence.





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Recommendations:

- observers, to prevent further atrocities and monitor the situation on the ground.
- A clear and public condemnation of these crimes by the U.S.
 Congress and the State Department, and serious pressure on the Syrian government and its affiliates to cease attacks on civilians.





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There are more than 1017 Druze and Christian Victims in Swaida.

Below lists have 245 Druze and Christian victims, nevertheless, there are a several hundreds of bodies in the hospital yet to be identified and documented





Reports:

Al-Radwan Guesthouse Massacre:

a. Location: Central Swaida city.

b. Date: July 15th, 2025

c. Toll: 13 martyrs and 3 injured in intensive care.

Incident Report Summary:

A military unit, including individuals in official military uniforms, forcibly entered the Al-Radwan Guesthouse and indiscriminately opened fire on all those present. All victims were unarmed civilians. A video recording from the scene shows the bodies of the victims inside the guesthouse, providing visual evidence of the attack.

Killed	Killed	Injured
Ashraf Fahd Radwan	Rabie Radwan	Wael Reda Radwan
Nesreen Radwan	Khaldoun Radwan	Asaad Wael Radwan
Omar Muwaffaq Radwan	Khaled Radwan	Osama Reda Radwan.
Imran Muwaffaq Radwan	Essam Radwan	
Samer Muadha Radwan	Mamoun Saber Radwan	
Satea Reda Radwan	Majdi Mamoun Radwan	
Wissam Fahd Radwan	Akram Radwan	



2. Al-Qardab Crime near Al-Basha Roundabout:

- Location: Al-Basha Roundabout, Swaida city.
- Toll: 6 martyrs, including 3 siblings and 3 relatives.
- Details:

A security patrol carried out a field execution of 6 civilians in front of their home, in the presence of the mother of the three siblings. The victims, aged between 25 and 30, included two engineers and university students.

Killed

Ashraf Fahd Radwan

Nesreen Radwan

Omar Muwaffaq Radwan

Imran Muwaffaq Radwan

Samer Muadha Radwan

Satea Reda Radwan



Reports:



The Killing of Innocent Children

The secret forces showed no mercy—not even to children. Many young lives were taken in cold blood. These are just a few of the innocent victims:

- Yaman Maen Maklad only 11 years old.
- **Zaid Dalal** 14 years old. He was shot in the head during the events in Sweida City.
- **Genna Helal** a 14-year-old girl killed by secret forces.
- Odai and Qusai Abou Ammar brothers aged 13 and 17.
 Their lives were tragically cut short.
 These names are not just statistics—they were children with dreams, families, and futures that were stolen from them.

Reports:











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• Al-Qantar and Al-Qassem Crime:

- **a.** Location: In front of the victims' home, Swaida.
- **b.** Toll: 3 civilian martyrs.
- c. Details:

Three civilians from the Al-Qantar and Al-Qassem families were subjected to a field execution in front of their home. Depicted below is a shocking image documenting the bodies of the victims alongside two female relatives.





Killing of Medical Doctors and Staff

- **Dr. Faten Hussein** Hilal was shot in the head while heading to Swaida National Hospital to perform her humanitarian duties, resulting in her martyrdom.
- **Dr. Talaat Amer** was killed on duty in the National Swaida Hospital



Reports:





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• Emergency Department:

Dr. Lujain Alarbeed posted on her social media platform (Facebook) "I am Dr. Lujain Al- Arbeed. We are trapped in the emergency department, me and the medical staff. We are being shot at from inside the hospital. If you can help us, please do. And if not, forgive us, we were supporting you until the last moment."





The execution of a US citizen, Hosam Saraya

More than 100 US Citizens, Green Card Holders & their 1st degree relatives are reported missing/situation unknown/caught in crossfire in Swaida

Hosam Saraya, a U.S. citizen and resident of Oklahoma, was gunned down along with his father, uncles, and cousins—every adult male in the household—all members of the Druze minority, during a raid by Al Julani regime forces on their family home in Tishreen City Square. Hosam was in Sweida, Syria on an extended visit to care for his family. He was planning to return to the U.S. but was trapped when Al Julani regime forces closed the roads into and out of the city. His family in the U.S. had already reached out to the U.S. Embassy and the State Department, who responded quickly—but tragically, it was too late. Hosam was murdered just hours later.

Reports:



Two young Americans and their family die in Sweida. The founders of the Saraya Educational Group, the Saraya Smart Virtual School, and the Saraya Academy, the two young men, Hussam Ghassan Saraya and Karim Ghassan Saraya, were subjected to a horrific liquidation operation by shooting them, along with their father and uncles, at the hands of members of the so-called General Security and the Syrian Ministry of Defense..., during the brutal attack on the city of Sweida. The operation was part of a systematic campaign carried out by these forces, which included barbaric attacks on residents, looting and theft of their property, burning homes, in addition to carrying out field executions in the city and its countryside



7. Destruction on religious Sites and Symbols:

a) St. Michael Church in the village of Soura Al-Kabeera, rural Swaida, was set on fire following the takeover of the village by General Security forces affiliated with the Ministry of Defense.

<u>Link:</u>https://x.com/grecolevantines/status/194517476 4529553784?s=46&t=3GlRiatpA oUR1 kup7rSqw

b) Destructing of Druze religious places and symbols by members of the Al Julani General Security Forces.





Reports:





8. Genocide in Swaida between July 14th, through July 19th 2025

1	Jameel Akwan	17	Moen Abou Hsas
2	Thamer Suleman Wehba	18	Nabeel Alhelo
3	Yazan Mustafa Albarboor	19	Khaldoon Alshater
4	Bahaa Alabdallah	20	Ahsan Alshater
5	Michele Tayfour	21	Emad Alatrash
6	Younis Shaheen	22	Nebras Mhana
7	Waleed Salah Aldin	23	Nabeeh Khair
8	Taim Alquntar	24	Jalal Abou Ghazi
9	Hayel Alquntar	25	Safi Saeed
10	Naseeb Aljazar	26	Ramzi Aljuntar
11	Shadi Aljazar	27	Fawziah Alsharani
12	Amran Osama Alakabani	28	Hadi Alshahen
13	Bassel Ganim	29	Talal Alshaheen
14	Bashar Nasr	30	Rafi Alshaheen
15	Wajdi Maklad	31	Jamal Akwan
16	Mercel Alabed	32	Ali Alkhateeb

33	Saif Alafeef
34	Kamal Alkhateeb
35	Waseem Haidar
36	William Alashoush
37	Amer Koukash
38	Yaman Maklad
39	Salman Hamza
40	Omar Monzer
41	Firas Alhossien
42	Nedal Zahr Aldin
43	Assem Alquontar
44	Kamel Jazzar
45	Bassel Madlouma
46	Amir Quaisar
47	Rammah Alendari
48	Saeed Amasha





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49	Zaid Azzam	65	Alaa Khudor	81	Mamoun Radwan
50	Hazzim Abou Assi	66	Fadi Sray Aldin	82	Majdi Radwan
51	Hatim Abou Assi	67	Mansour Alhamdan	83	Hisham Kurdab
52	Raed Nasser	68	Hussam Saif	84	Fajr Kurdab
53	Majd Alsabgini	69	Amir Alshamaa	85	Laith Kurdab
54	Zaid Dalal	70	Wessam Faded Radwan	86	Omran Kurdab
55	Ayham Nasr	71	Ashraf Fahed Radwan	87	Zaid Kurdab
56	Hassan Nasr	72	Nisreen Radwan	88	Rebal Kurdab
57	Amjad Nasr	73	Omar Mwafaq Radwan	89	Dr. Fatin Helal
58	Akabir Nasr	74	Omran Mwafaq Radwan	90	Emad Alqasamany
59	Majd Nasr	75	Samir Matha Radwan	91	Rakan Albonia
60	Hamad Nasr	76	Satea Radwan	92	Rafet Abou Salman
61	Loai Mohrez	77	Rabee Radwan	93	Anwar Alawer
62	Ahmed Alhadi	78	Khaldoon Radwan	94	Wajdi Alawer
63	Raefat Abou Salman	79	Khalid Radwan	95	Loai Alawer
64	Raed Alquntar	80	Issam Radwan	96	lyad Alawer





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97	Nezar Alshohof	113	Rehab Nasr Aldin
98	Hadi Alsharany	114	Salha Alkatib
99	Talal Fahed	115	Salha's Husband
100	Sulieman Hatim	116	Kameel Aldahouk
101	Yousef Abu Fakher	117	Kameel's Dahouk Sone
102	Kamal Abu Fakher	118	Kameel's Dahouk's son 2
103	Odai Abou Ammar	119	Akram Alawaj
104	Qusai Abou Ammar	120	Akram Awaj's son
105	Hayan Abou Ammar	121	Akram Awaj's son 2
106	Hamoud Alkfairi	122	Galia Alaflaq
107	Faisal Alkfairi	123	Yanal Alaflaq
108	Faisal's Wife	124	Dalia Alaflaq
109	Nabeel Alkfairi	125	Hisham Jarbou
110	Salman Khair Aldin	126	Rami Jarbou
111	Mazin Amer	127	Eman Hamza
112	Fadil Hatoum	128	Adam Nasir Alhadwy

129	Nasir Alhadwy
130	Nasir Alsnieh
131	Loai Mershed
132	Amro Ballan
133	Merhej Alshaheen
134	Akram Madlouma
135	Firas Harb
136	Gaith Aljaramanu
137	Basil Ghanim
138	Assed Tahtah
139	Hayan Alsabag
140	Dr. Talat Amer
141	Hamoud Nasser
142	Firas Hudaifa
143	Ziad Khair
144	Zaydoun Terky Quntar







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145	Osama Qunta	161	Genna Helal	177	Assim Alquntar
146	Muhamad Barbour	162	Fouzat Mhana	178	Taymour Khair Aldin
147	Raed Barbou	163	Bassam Badr Aldin	179	Kinan Adel Abou Saada
148	Amjad Barbou	164	Esmail Badr Aldin	180	Talal Alkhateeb
149	Nour Aldin Maklad	165	Yahya Saraya	181	Jawdat Mizher
150	Jehad Halawi	166	Ali Saraya	182	Amira Mizher
151	Wife	167	Waleed Saraya	183	Khaled Mizher
152	Basil Abou Alfadel	168	Gassan Saraya	184	Khalid Mizher wife
153	Qusai Elby	169	Hussam Gassan Saraya	185	Tarik Hamed
154	Esmat Elby	170	Kareem Gassan Saraya	186	Mahmoud Alquntar
155	Khalid Elby	171	Rabee Shujaa	187	Mohanad Abu Assi
156	Abdullah Baeiny	172	Mazen Masoud	188	Hadi Abu Assi
157	Manar Abou Saada	173	Adham Alfakieh	189	Ziad Abu Assi
158	Mazen Albeiny	174	Ibrahim Hasan Kiwan	190	Alaa Abu Assi
159	Amr Albeiny	175	Waleed Jazzan	191	Amro Aby Assi
160	Ashraf Altaweel	176	Issam Alashoush	192	Khalil Abu Assi







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193	Yassir Abu Assi	209	Odai Zein Aldin
194	Roaa Zahr Aldin	210	Wajeeh Shmait
195	Deia Zahr Aldin	211	Raji Shmait
196	Luna Zahr Aldin	212	Firas Shmait
197	Fadel Almerey	213	Raed Sujaa
198	Mulham Nassir	214	Rmah Sujaa
199	Tayseer Fayyad	215	Wael Sujaa
200	Gazzal Alkfari	216	Thaer Sujaa
201	Hussam Saraya	217	Fahed Braik
202	Adnan Mhna	218	Mamoun Radwan
203	Najwa Alshomary	219	lyad Ajram
204	Wajeeh Azqool	220	Kefah Abu Mahmoud
205	Jawad Tkai	221	Adham Abu Mahmoud
206	Jiad Tkai	222	Bashar Jarbou
207	Abu Mashal	223	Loai Alsalman
208	Emad Alfakieh	224	Alaa Alhussien

225	Rami Albarbou
226	Anwar Alaridi
227	Anwar Abu Tafish
228	Wajdi Abu Tafish
229	Walid Kukash
230	Wajeeh Murshed
231	Foad Murshed
232	Eyad Fahed
233	Zaid Fahed
234	Omar Assad Mozer
235	Dr. Osama Arnous
236	Bashar Arnous
237	Dr. Moaz Bashaer Arnous
238	Baraa Arnous
239	Child Tala Alshoufi
240	Rudaina Abou Rass

241	Hisham Hamed
242	Dr.Emad Alsharany
243	Abdah Faris Kotaish
244	Obda Faris Kotaish
245	Obda's daughter





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9. Sectarian Abuse:

Media pages affiliated with the authority members have circulated footage showing members of Al Julani General Security and Army forces affiliated with the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defense humiliating key religious symbols and civilians by forcibly shaving mustaches (a sacred symbol of dignity and heritage) have been circulating through biased media pages

Link: https://t.me/Syrdoc/4005 Link: https://t.me/Syrdoc/4019

10. Jihadi Incitement:

Civilian buses were spotted in areas under the control of the de facto government, bearing banners that read: "Dedicated to transporting Terrorists Mujahideen fighters to Swaida for free."









11. Abducted Druze Woman

More than 80 women and girls were reported missing including:

- Samar Jamil Nassar (31 years old)
- Abeer Hisham Qurdab (24 years old)
- Sawsan Khaldoun Muhanna (33 years old)
- Dima Bashar Najm Ghanem (29 years old)
- Widad Ahd Deeb (26 years old)





12. Deliberate Cutoff of Essential Services in Swaida

The Druze community in Swaida have been deliberately subjected to harsh and inhumane conditions as part of a broader campaign of collective punishment. Authorities have systematically cut off electricity, water and internet services decommissioning all hospitals in Swaida, in addition to cutting off food supplies to the region, aiming to starve the local population to death, as part of the tools of ethnic cleansing.





13. Other Tragic News:

- Hundreds of bodies belonging to members of the Druze community remain scattered in the streets of Swaida, a grim reminder of the brutality inflicted upon Swaida.
- Numerous videos from Swaida reveal extensive looting and destruction carried out by AL Julani General Security forces and his terrorist Militias across homes, shops, and public property.
- A three-month-old Druze infant was killed by Al Julani General Security forces during Swaida massacres.
- Foreign fighters were operating alongside al Julani regime security forces.
- Druze in **Idlib and Damascus** are being actively targeted with incitement and hate speech.
- Several Druze **students** were physically assaulted inside the **university of Aleppo/University of Homs/The University of Damascus**. The assaults escalated to live gunfire.





The streets of Sweida are now littered with bodies. The morgue refrigerators and hallways are full. All local hospitals are overwhelmed, with men, women, and children—many in critical condition—lacking access to even the most basic medical supplies. Much of the city is without electricity or running water, and fuel is nearly impossible to find. Most roads remain blocked, including the vital route to Damascus, which supplies the city with food and essential goods.

Al Julani Regime forces, disguised in tribal attire together with the rogue terrorist tribal militias continue to terrorize the outskirts, sniping at civilians attempting to return to their homes, and together with organised attacks to capture Swaida City again. The threat remains real, and the community is traumatized, exhausted, and dangerously vulnerable.









We are urgently calling for:

- A humanitarian aid corridor from neighboring Jordan to deliver critical food, water, medical supplies, and fuel.
- International protection, through the United Nations or international observers, to monitor the situation and prevent future atrocities.
- A strong response from the U.S. State Department and Congress to put pressure on all parties responsible for these human rights violations.

We Druze Syrians have long been marginalized and unprotected. We raised alarms months ago—following the massacres against Alawites in Western Syria, and Christians in multiple parts of Syria including the West, Central and Damascus—and once again, history has repeated itself. We cannot allow this cycle to continue.









Silence is no longer an option. The Druze and other minorities ask only for the right to live in peace on their ancestral land. We urge you: **HELP US SURVIVE!**