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Statement On violent attacks targeting Alawites, Christians and Armenians in Homs, Syria

On 23 November 2025, members of the Bani Khaled tribe descended on Alawite-majority neighbourhood of Al-Muhajireen in Homs. The heavily armed attackers carried out acts of arson, vandalism, and indiscriminate shooting that targeted defenceless Alawites, Christians and Armenians.

The attackers concentrated on the Alawite-majority Al-Basel suburb of Al-Muhajireen neighborhood, but they also targeted Al-Firdous and Bab al-Dreib neighbourhoods with mixed communities of Alawites, Christians and Armenians. The attackers carried out their criminal acts under the banners and calls of "Al-Faza'a" – a Bedouin term that urges other tribes to join in war against the enemy.

The **Syrian Observatory for Human Rights** reports that the attackers targeted homes, vehicles, shops and opened fire indiscriminately. The **Observatory** also reported that dozens of people were injured, whereas the Supreme Alawite Islamic Council in Syria and the Diaspora said in a statement that at least two people were killed and 10 injured.

According to Hawar News Agency, shocking videos show armed men preparing to attack, firing indiscriminately on civilians, and dozens of cars and motorcycles carrying armed men to neighbourhoods in Homs carrying "Al-Faza'a" banners. Most telling of all, another video shows a man from the Syrian Interim Government forces calling out to people sheltering in their homes to come out while several burning cars stood beside him.

This orchestrated attack occurs against a background of daily attacks aimed at displacing the Alawites and other minority communities, confiscating their property, and burning their crops. They should also be considered against the background of the genocidal attack that killed thousands of Alawites in the costal region in early March 2025.

The current regime is responsible for the ongoing attacks and the latest escalation of orchestrated violence – both directly by participating in the attacks and indirectly by failing to protect the targeted minorities.

The Association for Human Rights in Syria condemns the attacks in strongest terms and holds responsible the current regime, which has been directly and indirectly complicit in these crimes. We also hold responsible all governments who have been supporting a regime with a terrorist past, bent on sectarian violence as a survival strategy, and incapable of controlling dozens of terrorist armed groups that are now part of the Syrian armed forces.



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Therefore, we call on:

1. **The United Nations** to take action urgently, including dispatching an independent fact-finding mission to Homs and the Coastal Region, publishing a full report on regime-orchestrated attacks against all minorities, and discharging its duty of protecting civilians faced with the risk ethnic/religious cleansing.
2. **Foreign Ministries** of Western countries and other countries in the region to condemn the attacks and call on the regime to put an end to violence against Alawites and other minorities.
3. The **Western media** to stop linking the ongoing ethnic/religious cleansing with the legacy of the Assad regime. Such confounding only serves to at least appease and at worst legitimate the current regime in its push for another dictatorship in the Middle east. We urge all media outlets with means to send permanent correspondents, with the explicit aim of gathering and reporting evidence on the threat faced by Alawites and other minorities in Syria.

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