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ISLAMIC STATE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SYRIA'S SWEIDA KILLED +150 SYRIANS



Truck destroyed after a suicide attack in the south-western Syrian city of Sweida

More than 150 people have been killed in a brutal Islamic State - backed by Israeli and its western allies - terrorist attack in Syria that involved multiple suicide bombings and simultaneous raids in which the terrorists stormed villages and slaughtered civilians.

The attacks began almost simultaneously with a triple suicide bombing in the city of Sweida in the early hours of Wednesday 25 July – between 3.50am and 4.30am. – which were followed by attacks with guns and explosives.

“They attacked homes in a coordinated attack. They knocked on doors and slaughtered families” said Ahed Mrad, a journalist from Sweida. “A lot of victims



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fell before any bullet was fired because they were going into the homes and slaughtering people silently, at dawn, without anyone being aware.”

The death toll of the coordinated Islamic State suicide bombings and shootings rose to nearly 250 overnight, more than half of them civilians.

"The toll is now 246 people dead, including 135 civilians," said Rami Abdul Rahman, chief of the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The others killed were pro-government fighters or residents who had taken up arms to defend their villages.

"The toll keeps rising as civilians who were wounded are dying and people who were unaccounted for are found dead," told Abdul Rahman.

A fourth blast hit the provincial capital later in the day.

The terrorists are also believed to have kidnapped dozens of people and taken them back to their hideouts.

It was the worst bloodshed to hit Sweida province since the civil war began in 2011. A Druze-majority province mostly held by the government, Sweida, had remained relatively insulated from the country's seven-year civil war.

The government controls almost all of Sweida province but IS retains a presence in desert areas of its north and east.

The fighters who carried out the attacks may have emerged from these desert areas, where more fighters arrived in May from the southern suburbs of Damascus after a government offensive that forced their surrender.

The government of President Bashar al-Assad has in recent weeks ousted rebels from a majority of the country's south. State media said, adding that calm had



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mostly prevailed in the area, but fears remained that the militants might launch follow-up raids.

The UN's humanitarian coordinator in Syria [condemned](#) the attack, saying civilians and civilian infrastructure must be protected and spared “the brunt of violence and conflict wherever they are”.

ICSFT condemns the terrorist attacks of the Islamic State against the Syrian people. These attacks in reality are a desperate reaction of cornered terrorist groups that once tried to destabilize the legitimate and internationally recognized Syrian government.

Syria is fulfilling its sovereign task of defending its territorial integrity and its population against any illegitimate foreign aggressions and has the right to continue to do so until the entire nation is completely liberated.