

8.2.2. Article 12(2)(b) and Article 17(1)(b) QD

Following the fall of the Assad regime in December 2024, this document has been reviewed and updated. Please consult '[Interim Country Guidance: Syria \(2025\)](#)'

[Article 12\(2\)\(b\) | Article 17\(1\)\(b\) QD](#)

COMMON ANALYSIS

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Criminal activity in Syria is widely reported, including kidnappings, assassinations, gun smuggling, drug smuggling, human trafficking and robberies. Such serious (non-political) crimes would trigger the application of [Article 12\(2\)\(b\)/Article 17\(1\)\(b\) QD](#).

Some serious (non-political) crimes could be linked to an armed conflict (e.g. if they are committed in order to finance the activities of armed groups) or could amount to fundamentally inhumane acts committed as a part of a systematic or widespread attack against a civilian population, in which case they should instead be examined under [Article 12\(2\)\(a\)/Article 17\(1\)\(a\) QD](#).

See other topics concerning guidance with regard to Syria (Exclusion):

- [8.2.1. Article 12\(2\)\(a\) QD and Article 17\(1\)\(a\) QD](#)
- [8.2.2. Article 12\(2\)\(b\) QD and Article 17\(1\)\(b\) QD](#)
- [8.2.3. Article 12\(2\)\(c\) QD and Article 17\(1\)\(c\) QD](#)
- [8.2.4. Article 17\(1\)\(d\)QD](#)

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