

8.1. Relevant circumstances

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

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In the context of Syria, various circumstances may require consideration of the potential applicability of exclusion grounds. Under applicable law, there is no set time limit for the application of the grounds for exclusion. While the focus in this chapter is primarily on the recent events, it should be highlighted that applicants can be excluded from international protection for acts committed in the more distant past (e.g. during the Syrian Occupation of Lebanon (1976-2005) or in the context of the Muslim Brotherhood Uprising in Syria (1979-1982), or based on their involvement in other excludable acts of the Syrian regime). In the context of the different conflicts since 2011, most actors have been widely reported to engage in actions which may lead to exclusion.

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- [8.1.1. The Syrian intervention in the Lebanese civil war and presence in Lebanon \(1976-2005\)](#)
- [8.1.2. The Muslim Brotherhood Uprising in Syria \(1979-1982\) which comprised the Hama Massacre \(February 1982\)](#)
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The examples mentioned in this chapter are non-exhaustive and non-conclusive. Each case should be examined on its own merits.