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5.5. Civilian fatalities

Between December 2024 and May 2025, SNHR documented 2 854 civilian fatalities. The highest numbers were recorded in December 2024 (503) and March 2025 (1 562) while April (174) and May 2025 (157) had the lowest number of documented civilian fatalities. Most civilian fatalities occurred in the governorates of Latakia (631), Aleppo (444), Tartous (363), and Hama (336). Most of the fatalities documented in Latakia, Tartous and Hama occurred in March 2025, whereas Aleppo and Idlib governorates registered the highest number of civilian fatalities in December 2024. The lowest number of civilian fatalities over the reference period was documented in the governorates of Hasaka (9), Damascus (6) and Quneitra (2).838

With the exception of the months of December 2024 and March 2025, the highest number of civilian fatalities recorded by SNHR during the period between December 2024 and May 2025 was attributed to attacks by unidentified actors, landmines and UXOs.839 In December 2024, in the context of the armed offensive against the Assad government and the fighting between SDF and the Turkish-backed SNA, the forces of the Assad government (223 civilian fatalities out of a total of 503) and the SDF (108 civilian fatalities out of a total of 503) were responsible for the highest number of civilian fatalities recorded by SNHR.840 In March 2025, the civilian fatalities resulted from the violence in the coastal areas were mainly attributed to the forces of the interim government and affiliated armed groups (899 civilian fatalities out of a total of 1 562) and pro-Assad militias (446 civilian fatalities out of a total of 1 562).841

Further information on the security situation and civilian casualties is available in the governorate chapters.

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Figure 5. Number of civilian fatalities recorded by SNHR (December 2024 – May 2025)

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Figure 6. Number of civilian fatalities recorded by SNHR (December 2024 – May 2025). Breakdown by governorate.

During the reference period of this report (March – May 2025), SNHR documented 1 893 civilian fatalities. Most of them were recorded in the governorates of Latakia (594), Tartous (352), and Hama (187), and occurred primarily in the context of the violence in the coastal areas which took place in March. The lowest number of civilian fatalities was recorded in the governorates of

Quneitra (1 civilian fatalities), Damascus (2 civilian fatalities) and Hasaka (2 civilian fatalities). 842 Further information regarding the civilian fatalities recorded in each governorate is available in section 5.8 of the report.

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Figure 7. Number of civilian fatalities recorded by SNHR (March – May 2025). Breakdown by governorate.

For the same period, UCDP recorded 564 security events leading to 2 098 fatalities in Syria, out of which 1 362 were civilian fatalities. The largest number of civilian fatalities were recorded in Latakia (610), Tartous (171), Hama (137) and Homs (136) governorates. The lowest numbers of security events were recorded in Quneitra (3), Sweida (9), and Raqqa (10) governorates.843

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Figure 8: Number of civilian fatalities recorded by UCDP (March – May 2025). Breakdown by governorate.

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