



1.5. Death penalty

According to sources, Syria continued to retain the death penalty.¹⁷⁴ Sources noted that no executions were recorded during 2025 in Syria, while one individual remained under death sentence.¹⁷⁵ In November 2025, a criminal court in Deir Ez-Zor reportedly issued the first death sentence since the fall of the Assad regime, convicting a man of the rape and murder of a child.¹⁷⁶ Further information on the retention or use of the death penalty by the transitional government could not be found among the sources consulted by EUAA within the time constraints of this report.

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