



2.13.5. Civilian casualties

In October 2025, the SNHR recorded 8 civilian fatalities in Sweida governorate, 5 in November, 9 in December, 5 in January 2026, 10 in February, 1 in March, 1 in April and 3 in May, as of 1 June 2026.¹²⁸⁰ Between October 2025 and May 2026, all recorded civilian fatalities in the governorate were attributed to actors that SNHR could not identify, except for one civilian killed by transitional government forces in October 2025 and five civilians killed by the same forces in February 2026.¹²⁸¹ An analysis of the period since the fall of Bashar Al-Assad suggests that the civilian death toll peaked in July 2025, with 372 civilian deaths¹²⁸² resulting from the aforementioned violent escalation that month (see sections [2.13.2. Territorial control and main armed actors](#) and [2.13.3. Security trends](#)).¹²⁸³ In late March 2026, the UN Commission of Inquiry (UNCOI) on Syria reported that 1 707 people had been killed in the escalation, including 1 190 Druze men, 99 Druze women and 53 Druze children. Among the Bedouin community, 53 men, 9 women and 8 children were killed. Most of the victims were reportedly civilians who were not participating in hostilities. However, some of the Druze and Bedouin men killed were armed group members or civilians who were directly taking part in the clashes. Furthermore, at least 225 deaths of government personnel were reported, many of whom were killed in Israeli airstrikes on Sweida and Damascus governorates in mid-July. There were also tribal fatalities.¹²⁸⁴ This was followed by two months with no civilian fatalities (August and September 2025).¹²⁸⁵

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Figure 30: Evolution of civilian fatalities in Sweida per month, based on SNHR data¹²⁸⁶

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SNHR, data covering from 1 October 2025 to 31 May 2026 provided by courtesy of SNHR in an email, 1 June 2026

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