50%

100%

12%

87%

Monthly Statistical Report On Casualties in Syria

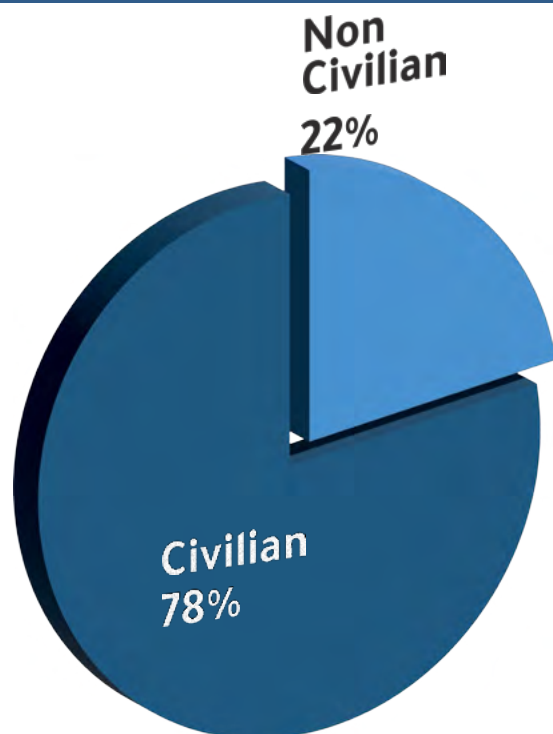## Violations Documentation Center in Syria

May 2025

General Statistics

Number of victims since March 13, 2025

Between **March 13** and the end of **May 2025**, the Violations Documentation Project documented the deaths of **488** individuals in Syria.

● Civilians: **379 (78%)**

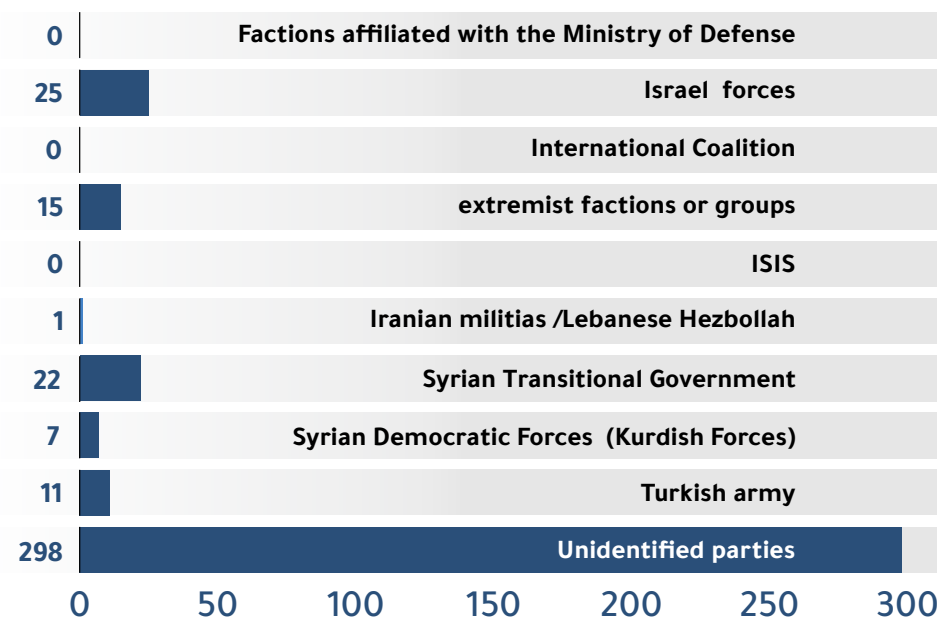● military personnel[1]: **109 (22%)**

Non Civilian
22%

Civilian
78%

1- Ministry of Defense - General Security- Factions affiliated with the Ministry of Defense
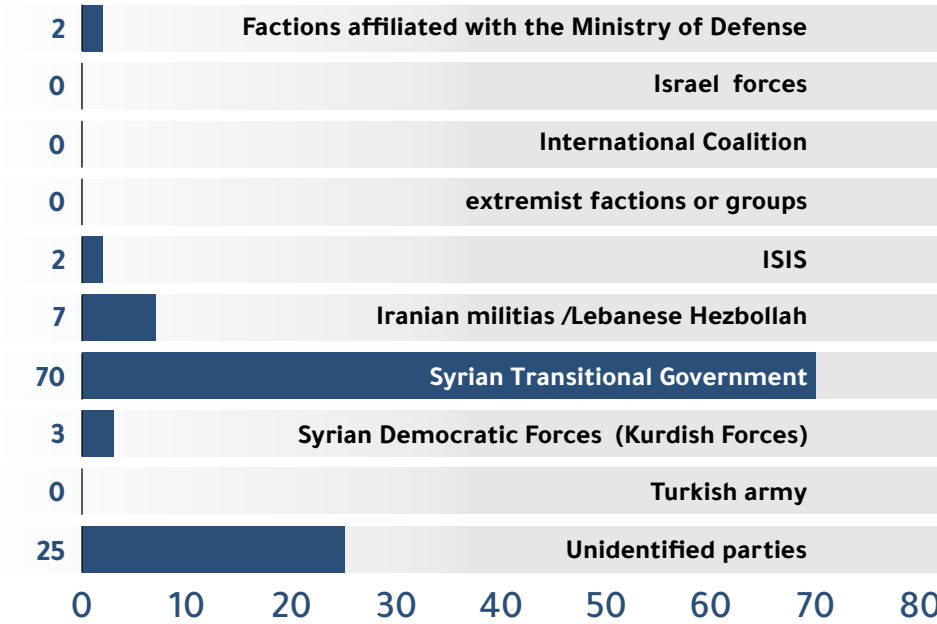
Civilian Deaths Attributed to Each Party

Parties Responsible for the Total Number of Civilian Deaths between **March 13** and the End of **May 2025**

Party	Deaths
Factions affiliated with the Ministry of Defense	0
Israel forces	25
International Coalition	0
extremist factions or groups	15
ISIS	0
Iranian militias /Lebanese Hezbollah	1
Syrian Transitional Government	22
Syrian Democratic Forces (Kurdish Forces)	7
Turkish army	11
Unidentified parties	298

Non-Civilian Deaths by Perpetrating Party

Parties Responsible for the Total Number of Non-Civilian Deaths between **March 13** and the End of **May 2025**

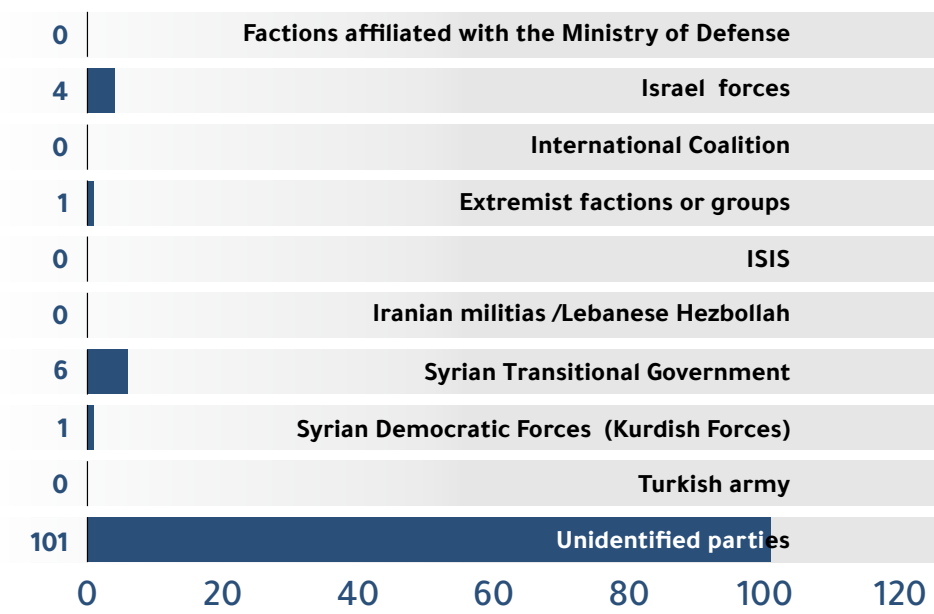| Party	Deaths
Factions affiliated with the Ministry of Defense	2
Israel forces	0
International Coalition	0
extremist factions or groups	0
ISIS	2
Iranian militias /Lebanese Hezbollah	7
Syrian Transitional Government	70
Syrian Democratic Forces (Kurdish Forces)	3
Turkish army	0
Unidentified parties	25

May 2025 Statistics

Number of Victims in May 2025

In **May 2025**, the Violations Documentation Project documented **119** deaths across various Syrian governorates. All individuals were fully identified by their full names.
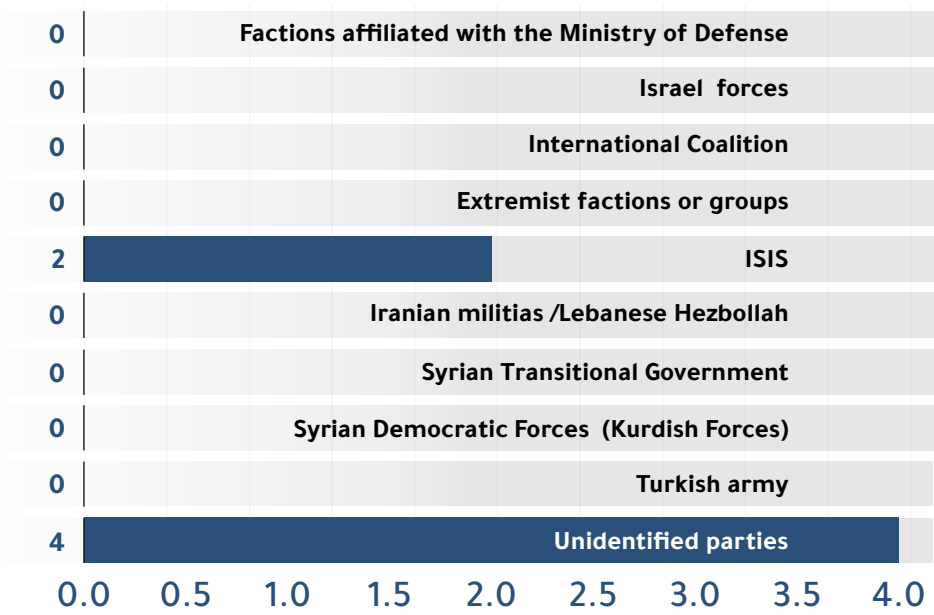
Civilian Deaths Attributed to Each Party

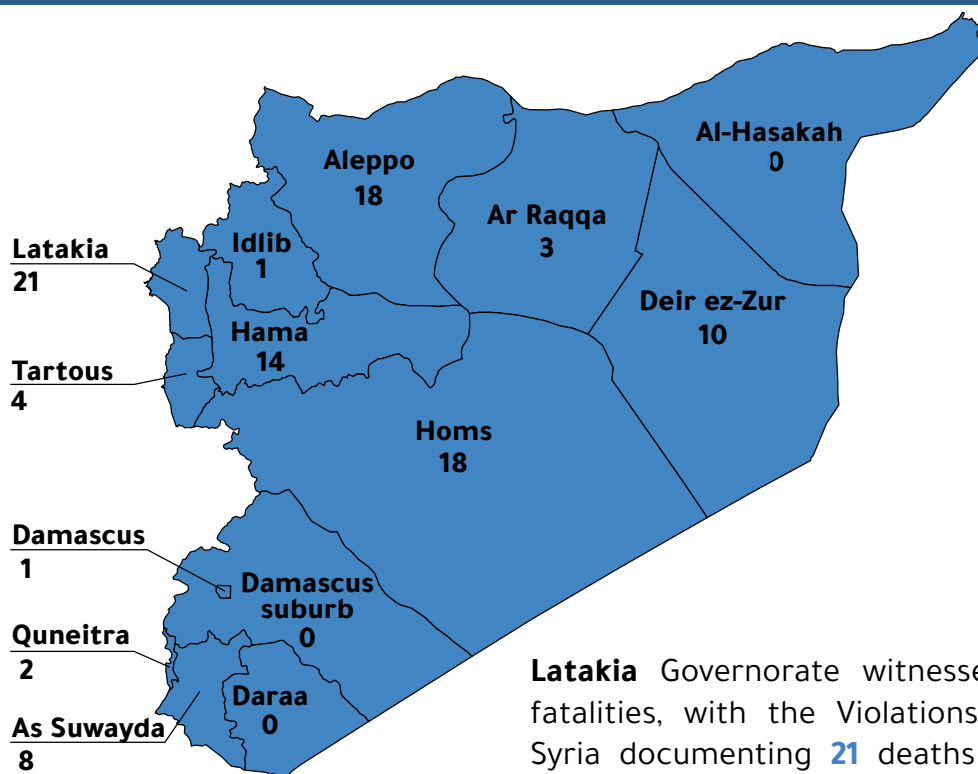Parties Responsible for the Total Number of Civilian Deaths in **May 2025**.

Value	Party
0	Factions affiliated with the Ministry of Defense
4	Israel forces
0	International Coalition
1	Extremist factions or groups
0	ISIS
0	Iranian militias /Lebanese Hezbollah
6	Syrian Transitional Government
1	Syrian Democratic Forces (Kurdish Forces)
0	Turkish army
101	Unidentified parties

(x-axis: 0, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120)

Non-Civilian Deaths by Perpetrating Party

Parties Responsible for the Total Number of Non-Civilian Deaths in **May 2025**

Value	Party
0	Factions affiliated with the Ministry of Defense
0	Israel forces
0	International Coalition
0	Extremist factions or groups
2	ISIS
0	Iranian militias /Lebanese Hezbollah
0	Syrian Transitional Government
0	Syrian Democratic Forces (Kurdish Forces)
0	Turkish army
4	Unidentified parties

(x-axis: 0.0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0)

Deaths by Governorate

Aleppo
18

Al-Hasakah
0

Ar Raqqa
3

Idlib
1

Latakia
21

Deir ez-Zur
10

Hama
14

Tartous
4

Homs
18

Damascus
1

Damascus
suburb
0

Quneitra
2

Daraa
0

As Suwayda
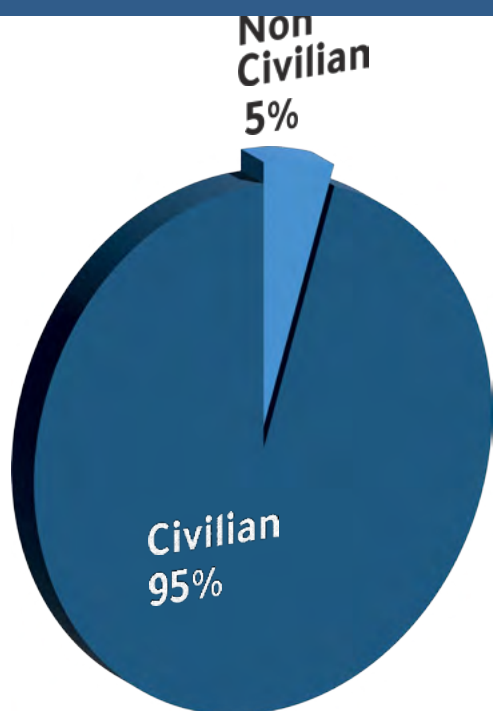8

Latakia Governorate witnessed the highest number of fatalities, with the Violations Documentation Project in Syria documenting **21** deaths. It was followed by **Homs** Governorate with **18** deaths, and **Aleppo** Governorate with **18**. **Hama** Governorate ranked third with **14** recorded deaths.

An additional **48** deaths were documented across the remaining Syrian governorates.
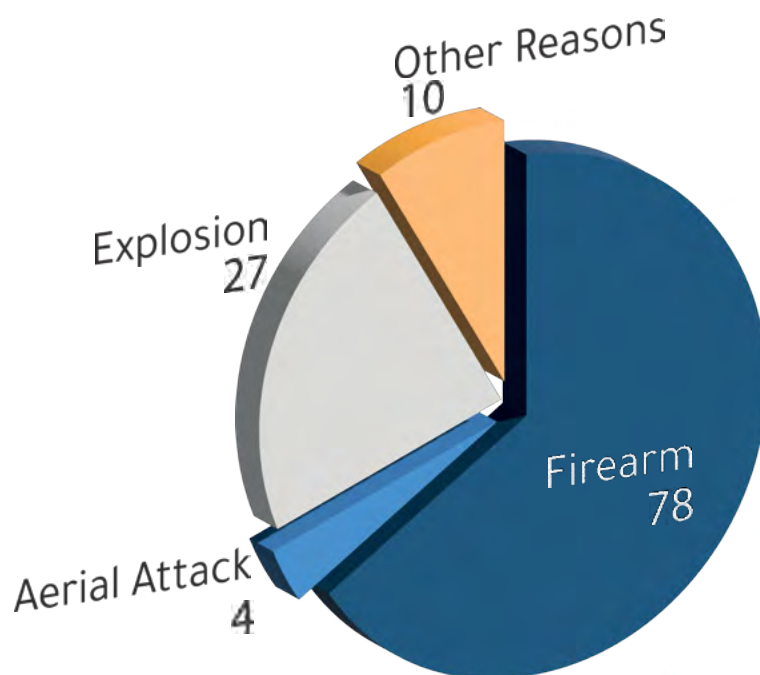
Deaths by Category: Civilian and Non-Civilian

Non
Civilian
5%

Civilian
95%

The number of civilian deaths reached **113**, while non-civilian[1] deaths totaled **6**.

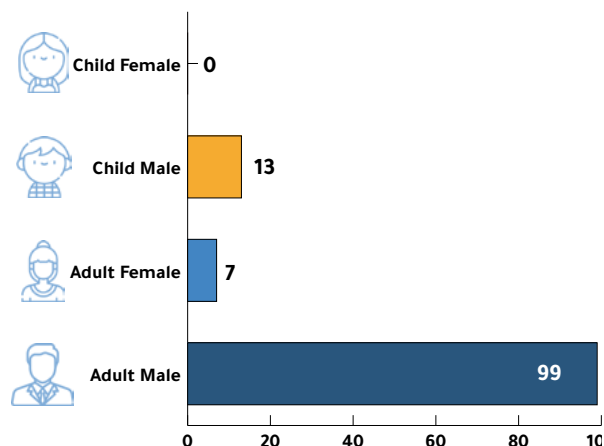1- ²Ministry of Defense - General Security - Factions Affiliated with the Ministry of Defense

Distribution of Deaths by Cause

The number of deaths caused by direct gunfire and sniper fire reached **78**. Aerial bombardment resulted in **4** fatalities. Deaths due to unexploded ordnance and landmines totaled **27**. Finally, the project documented **10** deaths attributed to other causes.

Deaths by Gender

The number of male adult deaths (aged over 18) reached **99**. The number of female adult deaths was **7**.

Meanwhile, the number of male child deaths was **13**, and female child deaths totaled **0**.

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