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Syria: Stop attacks on civilians in Idlib

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK ([AOHR UK](#)) condemns the renewed offensive against the [civilians](#) of Idlib by the Syrian regime.

AOHR UK understands that artillery fire from the regime led by [Bashar al-Assad](#) killed at least 22 civilians - nine of them children – during the past week. The targets were the villages of Idlib in northwestern Syria.

As ever with the catastrophic conflict in Syria, it was [civilians](#) who suffered the most. Reports from Ehsim suggest that the missiles hit the home of a family - on Saturday, 17 July - who was gathered to celebrate a wedding.

And in Sarja, pro-government forces fired artillery that killed three children and an aid worker.

On Thursday, July 15, 2021, at least [9 civilians](#) were killed, including three children, when Syrian government rockets hit the villages of Iblin and Foa in Idlib.

[Idlib](#) is home to three million people, more than half of whom have fled violence elsewhere in the country. Various rebel groups operate there - but the shelling of innocent civilians will do nothing to bring any sort of peace to the region or country as a whole.

AOHR UK also condemns the violation of a 2017 ceasefire deal brokered by Turkey, Iran, and Russia, which was supposed to end such bloodshed.

AOHR UK stressed that since the beginning of the [popular demonstrations](#) in the country that took place in 2011, more than a million person were killed, while other millions were internally displaced and migrated escaping the horrific war.



AOHR UK joins other NGOs calling for the formation of a special court to hold accountable all those who committed crimes against the Syrian people.

AOHR UK also calls on the regional and [international forces](#) to stop using Syria as a war arena to fight other wars, to work on achieving peace, and to stop waging conflicts for their [private agendas](#).

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