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Syria: When will the Assad regime's massacres stop?

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK ([AOHR UK](#)) condemns the brutal attack by Syrian regime forces and allied militias on the town of al-Bab in [the Aleppo Governorate](#), in the north of the country. The attack, which occurred yesterday, Friday 20 August, resulted in numerous civilian casualties, including women and children.

In cooperation with the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and Iranian militias, the Syrian regime targeted residential neighbourhoods in al-Bab, including a popular marketplace.

AOHR UK can report that the massacre resulted in the death of 17 civilians and 42 others being injured. A number of buildings including a civilian hospital were damaged by missiles fired from a nearby regime military base.

Al-Bab is located northeast of Aleppo, which remains under the control of the Syrian National Army, and is within the '[de-escalation zone](#)' agreed by the Russian, Turkish, and Iranian regimes. However, the Assad regime and its allies continue to target [civilians](#) in the area.



AOHR UK notes that countries worldwide are rebuilding relations with the Syrian regime. For example, Syria was re-admitted [as a member of Interpol](#), which has served as another green light for its continued atrocities against civilians.

AOHR UK calls on the international community to take concrete positions in support of Syrian civilians against the [Assad regime](#), whose numerous crimes — mass murder, systematic torture, and so on — will remain infamous.

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