

An Update on the Assad Government's Weaponization of Sexual and Gender Based Violence

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“The Syria Justice and Accountability Centre has completed the collection and analysis of 85 new witness statements from survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV),” said the Syria Justice and Accountability Centre (SJAC) today, adding “in total we compiled a data set of 141 witness statements which provide firsthand insight into SGBV crimes committed by the Assad government.”

This update [builds on a previous SJAC investigation](#) in 2019 and includes new trends and data, including which government entities and detention facilities were responsible for the most SGBV violations. This analysis could aid future justice initiatives both inside and outside Syria.

“The fall of the Assad government opened significant avenues for Syrians seeking justice,” said Tina Al-kharsan, lead author of the report, “For decades, SGBV crimes have impacted thousands of Syrians including men, women, and minors. Unfortunately, these crimes have been among the most underrepresented during the conflict, and we hope this investigation will aid Syrians in seeking justice and accountability going forward.”

[Read the report in Arabic](#)

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The Syria Justice and Accountability Centre (SJAC) is a Syrian civil society organization working towards a Syrian state defined by justice, respect for human rights, and the rule of law, where citizens from all components of Syrian society live in peace without fear. Its mission is to promote justice and accountability in Syria by ensuring that human rights violations are comprehensively documented, and that documentation data is securely preserved, cataloged, and analyzed to advance transitional justice and peacebuilding.

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