



2.3.3. Security trends

Hama was affected by the March 2025 violence targeting mostly Alawi communities in Coastal and Western Central Syria,[605](#) during which civilians were killed among others in western rural Hama.[606](#) Security incidents with a sectarian background targeting Alawi[607](#) and Christian[608](#) communities in their predominantly inhabited areas[609](#) continued to be reported through the reference period, including targeted killings of civilians.[610](#) In one prominent case that occurred at the end of March 2026, a mob of at least 100 Sunni men passed a Mol security checkpoint[611](#) and set fire to and attacked properties belonging to Christians in the Orthodox town of Suqaylabiyah. This was preceded by a dispute between local Christians and two Sunni men,[612](#) visiting from a neighbouring Sunni town.[613](#) The violence was ended by state forces, who were eventually able to expel the crowd from the city.[614](#) Referring to this incident, sources questioned the capability[615](#) and willingness of state forces to intervene effectively in sectarian violations.[616](#) Furthermore, several homicides with a retaliatory background occurred.[617](#) SOHR also documented ‘repeated incidents’ of theft, robbery and looting in rural western Hama governorate,[618](#) as well as casualties in connection with the proliferation of weapons among civilians.[619](#)

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