



## 2.11.3. Security trends

In the fourth quarter of 2025, operations against ISIL members were carried out<sup>1082</sup> and weapons depots destroyed.<sup>1083</sup> ISIL reportedly claimed responsibility for the assassination of a prominent Shia cleric, who was killed on 1 May 2026<sup>1084</sup> in a bomb attack targeting his vehicle in the Sayyida Zainab district south of Damascus.<sup>1085</sup> In 2025, Israeli forces conducted several airstrikes in Rural Damascus.<sup>1086</sup> In November, in a raid and airstrikes on the town of Beit Jinn, about 13 people<sup>1087</sup> were reportedly killed and 25 injured.<sup>1088</sup> 14 extrajudicial killings were reportedly conducted by Israel in December.<sup>1089</sup> Also in December 2025, 12 people accused of having committed violations during the Assad era were detained by Syrian government forces.<sup>1090</sup> In January 2026, several people, among them at least one individual allegedly linked to the former Assad regime, were detained.<sup>1091</sup> In March 2026, the impact of the Israel-Iran war through fallen debris from Iranian missiles and UAV intercepted by Israel was reported.<sup>1092</sup> Unidentified armed men were responsible for the killing of (predominantly) Druze and Alawites throughout the reporting period.<sup>1093</sup>

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