



Rethink Rebuild Society

The voice of the Syrian Community of Manchester

Statement

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RR Condemns Daesh Bombings in Western Syria

Rethink Rebuild Society mourns the loss of over 120 civilians killed in the series of seven bombings that hit the Syrian coastal cities of Jableh and Tartous on 23 May. These bombings were claimed by Daesh and occurred in cities under the control of the Assad regime.

We stress that civilian life is sacred across all of Syria, whether in rebel or government-held territory, and regardless of the religious or ethnic identities or the political affiliations of those killed.

We recall, however, that Daesh was only able to take root in Syria because of the Assad regime's brutality and its facilitation of this group's emergence. The Assad regime [allowed](#) Daesh to emerge in Syria in order to justify its narrative that it is fighting terrorism. Yesterday's bombings illustrate an instance in which its strategy backfired.

Equally, we also recall [revelations](#) by Sky News of close military and economic coordination between Assad forces and Daesh. In this respect, we do not find it unreasonable to suggest that the Assad regime could have been involved in this operation, even if only implicitly, as it provides justification for its narrative that it is combating terrorism.

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Rethink Rebuild Society has established itself as a non-profit organisation that acts as an umbrella for the Syrian community in Manchester, and endeavours to clarify the Syrian cause to its audience in the UK and the wider public.