

## Islamic State in Iraq and Syria is Displacing Eastern Der Ezzor countryside

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Ash-Shahil city is located in the Eastern countryside of Der Ezzor, it is 45 Km away from the city center and it has a population of 30-35 thousand people in addition to additional 10,000 who fled there from Der Ezzor city and other governorates.

Ash-Shahil is one of ISIS's and Jaish Al-Islam's main centers in Der Ezzor. The residents have sided with An-Nusra front and the rebels to face the danger of ISIS since the beginning of the clashes between the two factions.

After ISIS's recent victories in Der Ezzor countryside, ISIS started sieging the city from three fronts and the clashes got more heated. The factions fighting inside the city were forced to surrender and ISIS imposed three conditions on the city residents:

**First:** Repentance (Tauba).

**Second:** Handing any weapons they have inside the city.

**Third:** All the residents must leave the city for ten days, and when ISIS feels secured inside the city, they can come back.

In Friday 3 July, 2014 the execution of these conditions started as 30,000 people were displaced. These people are living under very dire humanitarian conditions such as the high temperature (44 Celsius), food and water shortages, and living in primitive tents in the middle of the dessert.

[Pictures](#) of some of the residents as they are [leaving](#) the city

SNHR affirms that ISIS does not abide by any promises or treaties even the ones that it made itself. On Monday 23 June, 2014, ISIS displaced Khasham, which has a population of approximately 15500 people, and Tabiya town, which has a population of 14,000. To this day, ISIS refuse to let any residents come back to their homes.

ISIS threatens to displace the following towns (Graniej, Abu-Hammam, and Al-Kashkaiya) which have a total population of 83,000 people who belong to Ash-Sh'ytat tribe. ISIS is pressing on them in order to force them to submit and flee from the city as a condition to accept their Tauba.

### Conclusions :

Displacing people and forcing them to leave their homes under the threat of weapon in order to conquer more land is considered a war crime. Furthermore, ISIS should respect and preserve the basic Human Rights inside the areas it controls.

### Recommendations :

#### The Security Council :

The Security Council should work actively to stop the flow of weapons to ISIS and pursuit anyone involved. The Syrian opposition should cooperate in every possible way to stop the flow of men and weapons to ISIS and any similar factions. Every individual who is working to supply these faction with money or weapons should be considered a war criminal and put on trial.

The Security Council should uphold its responsibilities to protect civilians in Syria from ISIS's crimes, and insure stability and peace by stopping the daily bloodbath.

### Regional States :

To work on ending the sources of ISIS and cooperate effectively to stop the flow of weapons and money to ISIS. It should, also, send more humanitarian aids to the IDPs in Der Ezzor.