

Protest

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Syria Tactical: Celebratory gatherings anticipated nationwide on August 11 after death sentence for Bashar al-Assad; avoid protest vicinity

Current Situation:

- On August 11, a court sentenced Syria's former President Bashar al-Assad to death in absentia for war crimes. Additional high-ranking former government figures, including Maher al-Assad and Atef Najib, the former head of political security in Daraa Province, were also sentenced to death.
- Emerging footage shows residents gathering peacefully outside Damascus's Palace of Justice. Security forces are present at the scene and have implemented heightened security measures around the government building.
- Celebratory gatherings by Syrian citizens welcoming the death sentences are likely to occur across the country in the coming hours. In major cities, these gatherings could attract a turnout in the high hundreds to thousands of participants.
- Security forces are likely to implement heightened security measures around key institutions and major squares in cities across the country to mitigate the risk of disturbances.

Source: [SANA](#)

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in Syria on August 11 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance around gathering locations and allot for travel disruptions due to nationwide celebratory gatherings welcoming the death sentences.
2. Security forces are likely to implement security measures in the vicinity of sensitive sites to mitigate the associated potential for disturbances. It is advised to avoid the vicinity of protests due to the associated risk of overcrowding and potential unrest.