



## Helfaya Massacre

Helfaya city is located in Hama governorate, Syria. The city is located 25 km to the northwest of Hama city, and 2 km from Mharda city.

Most recent population statistics (taken in 2004) suggest that the city is populated by more than 22,000 peoples.

On the day of the massacre, December 23, 12, 2012, about 20 tons of flour were secured by Sham Islamic Charity Commission, and the automatic bakery resumed operating. As the news spread, people started flocking the bakery which was overly crowded, which compelled four FSA members to intervene and organize the lines. At exactly 16:30, a Sukhoi-22 warplane, taking the route of Mharda city and heading east, dropped eight bombs on the bakery. The first shell directly hit the crowd in front of the bakery, which caused a large explosion followed by a succession of small explosions, as people's body parts scattered over a 200 meters radius.

At this time, the death toll is estimated at 93 victims, as it will likely increase. We haven't been able to document all victims since many of them were completely eradicated in the wake of the huge explosion caused by the bomb, while others were severely disfigured and, therefore, unidentifiable. We have, however, managed to write down 44 documented names at this time. A day after the massacre, we found out that the bombs that were dropped were cluster bombs – eight large bombs with each bomb containing 100 mini bombs.

Victims' names that have been documented

- 1- Abdul Karim Khalid Qashlan
- 2- Ahmad Abdul Jabbar al Rahmoun
- 3- Hosam Abdul Jabbar Rahmoun
- 4- Abdul Salam Fayez al Rahmoun
- 5- Zain Khair al Din Ghazzoul
- 6- Saeed Da'boul
- 7- Hamoud Mustafa al Mar'ie
- 8- Mohammad Nour al Sultan





- 9- Mohammad Seraj al Din Sayyadi
- 10- Ramiz Mahmoud al Jamal
- 11- Mahmoud Ahmad Abu Zaid (al-Istad)
- 12- Mohammad Mustafa al Alawi al Asfoura
- 13- Jum'a al Mojo
- 14- Ibrahim al Hasan
- 15- Ahmad Tareq al Rajab
- 16- Mohammad Hussein al Alawi al Ifies
- 17- Alaa Badr al Din Rahmoun
- 18- Ahmad Ali al Houla
- 19- Ammar Ahmad al Na'san
- 20- Alaa al Din Jum'a al Jamal
- 21- Ahmad Khalid Kassado
- 22- Ahmad al Baa' al Masri
- 23- Salah Ali al Na'san
- 24- Manar Faisal al Mejber, woman
- 25- Khalid Ali al Qashlan
- 26- Zaher Ahmad al Nahar
- 27- Enayat Jannou, woman
- 28- Kassar Shniena
- 29- Rajaa Zayoun
- 30- Ammar al Hawwash al Ghathban
- 31- Bassam Mekhbat, from Khattab town
- 32- Mus'ab Awad al Rahmoun
- 33- Abdul Jabbar al Rahmoun
- 34- Khaled al Sultan, known as Abu Allou
- 35- Ahmad al Ghazzoul
- 36- Najoud al Jamal, woman
- 37- Ahmad Omar Darwish
- 38- Majed al Saghir
- 39- Mustafa Sharif al Da'boul
- 40- Abdul Rahman Mohammad al Jamal
- 41- Izzou al Din Barghouthi, from Aleppo
- 42- Mohammad Awad Suliman al Sakher
- 43- Moayed Ahmad al A'raj
- 44- Mousa Dyab
- 45- Unidentified





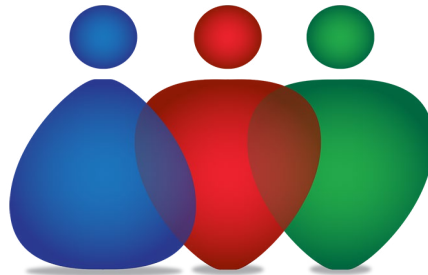
14 dead bodies were also buried without being identified on account of being completely disfigured

In addition, about 80 people were wounded and transferred to hospitals in Hama suburbs, Idlib suburbs, and Turkey.

## Attachments

Early picture from the massacre of the bakery, Helfaya, Hama

Pictures of bombs that didn't explode



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