

## French Bishop: Syrian Soldiers Face Foreign Fighters, Mercenaries, and Terrorists

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The US, NATO, Israeli, and Gulf State-backed “heroic” Free Syrian Army has been accused by Syria’s Christian community and its foreign affiliates of waging a sectarian, not “pro-democratic” war on the Syrian people. [French Bishop Philip Tournyol Clos stated](#), “the picture for us is utter desolation: the church of Mar Elian is half destroyed and that of Our Lady of Peace is still occupied by the rebels. Christian homes are severely damaged due to the fighting and completely emptied of their inhabitants, who fled without taking anything. The area of Hamidieh is still shelter to armed groups independent of each other, heavily armed and bankrolled by Qatar and Saudi Arabia. All Christians (138,000) have fled to Damascus and Lebanon, while others took refuge in the surrounding countryside.”



**Image:** Christians in Syria have been particularly hit hard by what is being described as “ethnic cleansing,” not by Syrian security forces, but by NATO-backed death squads under the banner of the “Free Syrian Army.” The [LA Times has been quietly reporting](#) on the tragedy of Syria’s minorities at the hands of the Syrian rebels for months – and indicates that wider genocide will take place, [just as it is now in Libya](#), should Syria’s government collapse under foreign pressure.

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Bishop Philip Tournyol Clos continued by stating, “the enemies of Syria have enlisted some of the Muslim Brotherhood in order to destroy the brotherly relations that traditionally

existed between Muslims and Christians: Yet, to date, they are not able to: they have provoked a contrary reaction and the two communities are more united than before. The Syrian soldiers in fact, continue to face foreign fighters, mercenaries Libyans, Lebanese militants from the Gulf, Afghans, Turks”

The Bishop’s comments are corroborated by over a year of evidence trickling out of the Western media itself – with [admissions that Libya has been sending cash, arms, and fighters](#) to join the so-called “Free Syrian Army,” and that [the Muslim Brotherhood is indeed heavily involved](#) in the fighting, as they were in the 1980’s when last they were defeated in Syria. In regards to sectarian violence directed specifically at Christians, the Bishop’s narrative is confirmed by LA Times’ “[Church fears ‘ethnic cleansing’ of Christians in Homs, Syria,](#)” and more recently in USA Today’s distorted, but still telling, “[Christians in Syria live in uneasy alliance with Assad, Alawites.](#)”

It was also reported [by the New Yorker in 2007](#), that the West knew well in advance that the sectarian extremists they were preparing to overthrow Syria with, were indeed terrorists and would incur considerable bloodshed. It was also reported that the West, even in 2007, [was fully backing the Muslim Brotherhood](#).

Clearly the Western-backed “freedom fighters” have turned out, [as they did in Libya](#), to be genocidal, sectarian-driven extremists, and must not be allowed to prevail in Syria. It appears that Russia, China, and Iran have been correct from the beginning, not to capitulate in the face of armed extremists, serving as proxies not for liberating the people of Syria, but for bringing about Western hegemony over the broken nation-state, and amidst unprecedented, wide scale bloodshed.

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