

U.S. Backed "Moderate Rebels" Behead Captured Syrian Soldiers and Threaten Minority Groups

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The U.S. backed moderate rebel fighters from the "Free Syrian Army" (FSA) have released more images from the Hama Governorate's northern countryside; this time, the images include the mutilated heads of captured Syrian Arab Army (SAA) soldiers that were executed by these alleged "moderates" over the weekend.

In addition to the images released, the U.S. backed moderate rebels that are allied with the Syrian Al-Qaeda group "Jabhat Al-Nusra" and formerly with the Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Sham (ISIS) also issued a threat to the Syrian 'Alawi (Twelver branch of Shi'i Islam) population, which included a promise that they would behead more Syrian Arab Army soldiers, who they consider all Alawis, despite the army being predominately Sunni.

These images were released one week after the U.S. backed moderate rebel fighters from the Homs Governorate posted photos of beheaded soldiers from the civilian-led "National Defense Forces" (NDF) after a battle inside the Al-Rastan Plains.

The U.S. backed moderate rebels have attempted to distinguish themselves as a different breed of anti-government fighters than the hardline Islamist groups like Jabhat Al-Nusra and Jund Al-Islam; however, their recent actions have led many to question their ability to deviate away from these Jihadist groups, especially the Al-Qaeda affiliates.

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