



# The American Druze Society

Dear Fellow ADS Brethren,

The American Druze Society National Office is kindly and urgently asking you to help families in Al-Sweida. The ADS and in accordance to non-profit US laws, US Department of the Treasury and Office of Foreign Control has developed a program directed at helping those specific victims in the US or abroad as a result of the Al-Sweida massacre. In addition and to protect victims' privacy, donors and ADS Chapters we created "Sweida Fund"

On Wednesday morning July 25th, 2018 a group of terrorists slaughtered over 300 children, women, men and elders and injured over 200. This massacre took place in Al-Sweida, Syria and targeted DRUZE civilians only. The irony of this incident has been the lack of information in media. It is rather difficult for any human to even speculate as to why an innocent peaceful minority group has been subjected to orchestrated cleansing but it is even impossible to speculate why such a horrific incident didn't meet any media spot guidelines.

Take positive action and donate from the heart to support Al-Sweida victims now. This program was developed by the ADS National Office in accordance with the State Department specific rules. The U.S. Department of the Treasury oversees sanctions against Syria and has developed very specific policies as it pertains to humanitarian items and funds transfer to Syria:

- OFAC has issued several general licenses that, among other things, allow all U.S. persons to send non-commercial, personal remittances to Syrian persons without needing to apply to OFAC for a separate or specific license. Moreover, U.S. persons may donate humanitarian goods like food and medicine to people in Syria, as long as such donations are consistent with Commerce and OFAC regulations.
- U.S. persons can give a charitable donation to U.S. or third-country NGOs, but U.S. persons cannot send such a donation directly to Syria or a Syrian entity without a specific license in order to try to protect the donations from being misused. U.S. depository institutions, including banks, and U.S.-registered money transmitters, are allowed to process transfers of funds to or from Syria on behalf of U.S. NGOs and third-country NGOs in support of the not-for-profit activities described in OFAC General License No. 11.

## **FACTS:**

- 1. The ADS National Office was advised to implement "Sweida Fund" under OFAC General Licenses, which allows funds to be donated to victims in the US and abroad in relation to one specific incident only- Al-Sweida Massacre.**
- 2. As required by law we have obtained a list of victims' families who will receive such donations in confidence by the administrator of the "ADS Sweida Fund". Please send us information on any victim families to [sweidafund@druze.com](mailto:sweidafund@druze.com). The ADS has installed a Sweida Fund Committee to work confidentially with victims.**
- 3. The ADS is prohibited from transmitting any funds neither to a third party nor to non US NGO in Syria.**
- 4. 100% of donations will serve Al-Sweida victims transparently. Families will receive funds directly.**
- 5. While [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) PayPal charge 3% and \$0.30 per donation, ADS charges ZERO. The American Druze Society National office feels that 100% of donations should go to our big family in Al-Sweida.**

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