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Russian and Syrian jets hammered 8 schools in Hama and Idlib injuring many civilians, including children, on September 4 to 10, according to witnesses.

According to the Free Idlib Education Directorate, the schools were attacked with cluster munitions and resulted in the injury of six civilians including two pupils.



Remnants of a cluster bomb allegedly targeted Jarjanaz on September 10, 2018.

Photo credit: Maara Media Center

According to the same source, on September 4, 2018, Russian warplanes targeted a school in al-Badria village and another in al-Jadraya village, causing them partial destruction.

On September 6, both the public and the technical high schools in al-Tamanah city were rendered inoperable by Russian airstrikes, according to the Response Coordinators in Northern Syria.

On 9 September, the *Martyr Hussein Qassom School, in Kafr Zita*, was destroyed by two barrel bombs, according to Karoum Khalil, a local activist.

In the morning of September 10, Al-Nidal and al-Quds schools, in <u>Jarjanaz</u>, and a school complex in <u>Hish</u> were bombarded, as the media official in the Free Idlib Education Directorate Mostafa Haj Ali stated to STJ.



Destruction caused to one of the aforementioned schools after being bombarded on April 4, 2018.

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The Directorate of Education suspended school in Hama western countryside from September 10 to 13 because of the violent attacks.



Damage caused to the Martyr Hussein Qassom School. Taken by Karoum Khalil, on September 9, 2018.

These events were part of a broader campaign launched by the pro-government forces on Hama northern countryside, on September 4, 2018, which resulted in significant human and material losses¹.

¹ "Idlib: Civilian Casualties in Aerial Attacks on Jisr al-Shughur", STJ, September 5, 2018; https://www.stj-sy.com/en/view/722(Last visit: September 7, 2018).

[&]quot;Death Toll Rises Amid Relentless Bombardment on Idlib countryside", STJ, September 7, 2018; https://www.stj-sy.com/en/view/730 (Last visit: September 10, 2018).



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