

Fighting ISIS from within its territory: meet the dissidents fighting the 'IS regime'

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A twitter account claiming to represent a group, "Knights of the East", released a picture of pamphlets spread around IS held territory in what they called the "heart of the city" of Abu Kamal. Fursan-Alsharqia aims to use techniques of civil disobedience to inspire a civil revolt against the ISIS regime.

The group claims to operate in Deir ez-zor, which is home to the most substantial landmass that IS still controls in Syria. With a US-led coalition encircling its stronghold in Raqqa, the next potential base of operations for the so called Islamic State could be in the domain which fursan sharkia operates in.

The region reached out to the twitter handle representing the group but recieved no response.

The pamphlets were preceded only two days ago, by the execution of a 17 year old

child in al Mayadeen city, which lies to the north of Abu-Kamal. Ali al Radi, from al Ommal neighborhood in Deir ez-zor, was shot dead on accusations of engaging in "unauthorized media work". He joins a long list of minors murdered by IS for dissenting against IS rule.

Fursan-Alsharqia also claimed, only 5 hours ago, that another researcher was shot in the head in an Internet cafe. In Deir-ez-zor, young activists and journalists are in the frontlines, taking considerable risks, to resist IS rule. But some never live the day to see the end of its brutal reign.

*Journalist pictured above was one of five executed by IS when it took over Deir-ez-zor : Samer Mohamed Aboud, Sami Joudat Rabah, Mahmoud Shaaban al-Hajj Kheder, Marwan Mahmoud al-Eissa, and Mustafa Hassa who were brutally tortured by IS and executed on accusations of "treason".