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Muslim brotherhood escalates sectarian violence in response to dispersing the sit-in

55 churches and Copts properties attacked and burned following to the Sit-in dispersal.

Andalus Institute for tolerance and anti-violence studies condemn the violent attacks on Copts Christians at the hands of the Muslim Brotherhood and their supporters. The attacks took place after the Egyptian security forces started to disperse the sit-in camps in Rabaa Al Adaweya and Al-Nahda in the morning of the 14th of August 2013.

Since yesterday, about 55 churches and properties belonging to Christians were attacked and burned. The violent incidents took place in 12 Egyptian Governorates¹;

No	Governorate	Churches\Copts properties attacked
1.	Alexandria	1- Father Maximus Church -
2.	Arish	2- St George Church
3.	Asyut	3- Good Shepherds Monastery Nuns attacked 4- Angel Michael Church 5- St George Coptic Orthodox Church 6- Al-Eslah Church 7- Adventist Church 8- St Therese Church 9- Apostles Church 10- Holy Revival Church 11- Properties and Markets of Copts al-Gomhorreya Street. 12- Coptic Homes ,Qulta Street 13- Bible Society al-Gomohoreya Street 14- Elmahrk Monastery
4.	Beni Suef	15- The Nuns School 16- St George Church
5.	Cairo	17- St Fatima Basilica Heliopolis 18- Bible Society bookshop
6.	Fayoum	19- St Mary Church El Nazlah 20- St Damiana Church 21- Amir Tawadros (St Theodore) Church 22- Evangelical Church al-Zorby Village

¹ Attached as appendix to the statement some samples of footage from several attacks which has been circulated throughout trusted social media platforms & blogs



		<p>23- Church of Joseph 24- Franciscan School 25- Bible Society</p>
7.	Gharbiya	26- Diocese of St Paul
8.	Giza	<p>27- Father Antonios 28- Atfeeh Bishopric</p>
9.	Minya	<p>29- Church of the Virgin Mary and Father Abram Delga, Deir Mawas 30- St Mina Church Abu Hilal Kebly, Beni Hilal 31- Baptist Church Beni Mazar 32- Deir Mawas Bishopric 33- Delga Church 34- The Jesuit Fathers Church Abu Hilal district 35- St Mark Church Abu Hilal district 36- St Joseph Nunnery 37- Amir Tadros Church 38- Evangelical Church 39- Anba Moussa al-Aswad Church 40- Apostles Church 41- House of Father Angelos (Pastor of Church of the Virgin Mary and Father Abram) Delga 42- Seventeen Coptic homes Delga 43- YMCA 44- Offices of the Evangelical Foundation & Oum al-Nour 45- Dahabeya Nile Boat</p>
10.	Qena	46- St Mary's Church
11.	Sohag	<p>47- St George Church 48- St Damiana 49- Virgin Mary 50- St Mark Church & Community Center 51- Anba Abram Church</p>
12.	Suez	<p>52- St Saviours Anglican Church 53- Franciscan Church and School Street 23 54- Holy Shepherd Monastery and Hospital 55- Good Shepherd Church 56- Greek Orthodox Church</p>

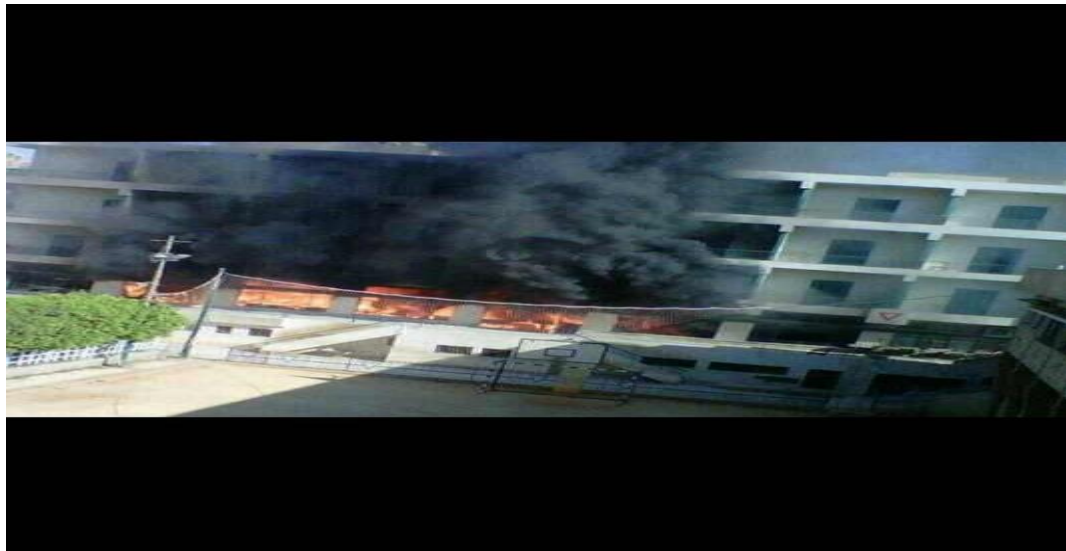


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These attacks started following to the dispersal of Sit-in camps in Rabaa Al-Adawya and Elnahda by security forces. Previously the Muslim Brotherhood used propaganda against Christians alleging that the latter supported the overthrow of the Muslim brotherhood as a direct stab to the Islam. This propaganda came as an attempt to keep the political positions the Muslim brotherhood held after the rage of Egyptian citizens towards their policies prior to the 30 June protests. After the ousting of Morsi, the brotherhood promoted hatred speeches towards Christians accusing them to be the reason behind the so called coup d'état. It is noteworthy to mention that Morsi supporters have also attacked several churches in other governorates over the past month. Spokesmen from the brotherhood have publicly stated that the Church supports the coup d'état against legitimacy; they also claimed that all protestors who toppled Morsi are either Copts or against Shari'a.

Those violent incidents and attacks are deemed a flagrant violation to the rights of minorities and an infringement on the freedom of belief. It should be noted that Pro-Muslim Brotherhood crowds' attitude towards Christians and other minorities is severely violent and not tolerable. The violence perused by the Muslim Brother-hood does not serve their cause because peaceful sit-ins do not entail attacking civilians and churches. Those incidents could amount to acts of terrorism, not merely peaceful protests.

Appendix footage samples:



[YMCA – El-Minya](#)



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Church of Virgin Mary – Minya



[St George Coptic Orthodox Church - Assiut](#)



Archeological Nuns School – Beni Seuf



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[St Mary Church – fayoum](#)



[Greek Orthodox Church – Suez](#)