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### Syria spokesperson available for interviews on ISIS

Media reports have emerged in recent days alleging that the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), an armed group controlling areas in northern Syria, has killed up to 50 detainees, including local activists, they had held captive in Aleppo. Media reports also say that hundreds of others were freed.

Last month Amnesty International released a briefing [Rule of Fear: ISIS abuses in detention in northern Syria](#) revealing that torture, abuse and summary killings were rife within secret prisons run by the group in al-Raqqa and Aleppo. Children were among those detained and abused.

**Cilina Nasser**, Syria Researcher for Amnesty International, who has interviewed former detainees held by ISIS, is available for interview.

Possible talking points:

- Summary killings of detainees held by ISIS
- Torture and ill-treatment in ISIS detention facilities
- Types of detainees held by ISIS
- ISIS crackdown on local activists

ISIS has been engaged in battles with rival factional groups in northern Syria in recent days.

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