

Blast Rocks Hejaz District Near Damascus Courthouse



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DAMASCUS, July 2 — An explosion occurred on Thursday afternoon near the Justice Palace in central Damascus, injuring several people and prompting a swift security response, according to local media and eyewitness accounts.

State news agency SANA reported that the blast took place inside a café in the Hejaz district, a busy area close to government buildings. The incident left multiple people injured, though the exact number of casualties has not yet been confirmed.

Preliminary information suggests the explosion may have been triggered by an overheating battery inside the café, although authorities have not issued an official conclusion. Investigations are ongoing to determine the exact cause.

Security forces cordoned off the surrounding area, while ambulances and emergency teams were dispatched to the scene. Traffic in nearby streets was disrupted as officials secured the location and began assessment procedures.