

SIVAS MASSACRE

On July 2nd 1993, during the second day of the Pir Sultan Abdal Cultural Festival in Sivas, Turkey, a crowd of thousands of radical Islamic members assembled after their Friday prayers, to protest against the festival.

Upon surrounding the hotel, where the festival participants were staying, the protesters burn the hotel and 37 people lost their lives in the fire set by Islamic militants.

Of those who died, two were from among the protesters and another two were from hotel personnel. The rest of the 33 killed, including a Dutch female anthropologist, took their place in the line of martyrdom for Alevis.

The state of Turkey is behind this massacre. All suspicious murderers were pardoned after the judicial process was timed in 2014.



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