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AMMAN (Reuters) - Syrian forces shot dead three women on Saturday who were marching in an all-women protest near the besieged city of Banias, a human rights campaigner said.

The women had joined a small demonstration on the main costal highway from Marqab, an adjacent village to Banias.

Their bodies were taken to the Bir Society hospital inside a Sunni district of Banias, said the rights campaigner, who is in contact with residents.

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