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## At least 20 Syrians injured in Beirut bus stabbing attack



At least 20 Syrians were injured in an assault on Wednesday when their bus was attacked by a group of people in Beirut, the state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported.

“Three cars with tinted windows intercepted a minibus carrying 25 Syrians in the Jisr al-Wati neighborhood. Eight men attacked the passengers with knives, injuring 20 of them,” a police source told AFP.

The NNA said that the vehicle was en route to a studio where its passengers were to be recording folklore songs when the group of men attacked the bus.

The Lebanese authorities arrived to the scene of the attack and an investigation into the incident is underway.

There was blood on the seats of the vehicle and on discarded t-shirts inside the bus and on the street, an AFP photographer said.

Lebanon’s political scene has been divided by the crisis in neighboring Syria between the Sunni-led March 14 alliance, which supports the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad, and the Shiite Hezbollah group and its allies, which back the Damascus regime.

According to the United Nations, more than 90,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed in Syria since the outbreak of the uprising in March 2011.