FORECAST VERIFICATION

Forecast Verification: The Hammoud Church Attack, Prior Estimate and Outcome

26/10/2026 · REC-1026 · analysis ANL-1026 version 1, published early on 26/10 before the arrests were announced · Axiom Engine X

01 Bottom line

Version 1 of analysis ANL-1026 was published between 01:35 and 02:25 on Monday 26/10/2026, on the Axiom Engine X website and its LinkedIn, Facebook and X accounts. Public Security announced the arrest of the three perpetrators at 05:30 the same morning. This document sets the estimates published before the arrests against the officially announced outcome, with no change to the original figures.

02 Prior estimate against outcome

Estimate published before the arrests	Announced outcome	Assessment
Arrest within two weeks, 65% combined probability	Arrest about 63 hours after the attack	Confirmed
Arrest most likely through a clash, based on the Karak 2016 and Salt 2018 precedents	Exchange of fire lasting about three hours, per a government source	Confirmed
Most likely reading: a self-directed local cell with a takfiri motive	Perpetrators Jordanian; no foreign link established so far, per the Interior Minister	Confirmed so far
The delay reflected deliberate caution in raids, not inability	Arrest followed several raids, with no security casualties	Consistent
Containment indicator: arrest inside the governorate, no detainees beyond the three	Arrest at an abandoned house near the attack site in Karak; no other detainees announced	Indicator present

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Estimate published before the arrests	Announced outcome	Assessment
Low risk of revenge or communal strife	No revenge incident recorded	Confirmed so far
Threat high in Karak and the south, moderate nationwide, low for investment	Event contained within the governorate in three days	Consistent

03 Still open

- Whether a support circle provided shelter or supplies during the 63 hours.
- The source of the weapons and vehicle.
- The authenticity of the claim attributed to Islamic State.

These items are tracked in version 2 of the analysis and will be assessed on referral to court or on 9/11/2026.

04 Estimation method

- **Source-graded facts:** every item carries an Admiralty grade, and unconfirmed reports are explicitly excluded.
- **Precedents, not opinion:** probabilities rest on comparable Jordanian cases and how they ended.
- **Competing readings:** each explanation lists what supports and weakens it, with indicators that separate them.
- **Published before the event:** the estimate is published and dated before the outcome, and figures are not revised after release.

05 Sources

- ANL-1026 version 1: dated Axiom Engine X posts on LinkedIn, Facebook and X early on 26/10/2026, showing the risk dashboard and scenario probabilities
- ANL-1026 version 2: https://axiomenginex.com/en/samples/

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- JO24, arrest of the perpetrators (26/10/2026): https://jo24.net/article/580725
- JO24, timeline of events (26/10/2026): https://jo24.net/article/580738
- Al Jazeera (26/10/2026): https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/10/26/jordan-arrests-three-suspects-in-deadly-church-attack

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