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TYUMEN JAMAAT IN ISIS WRITES ABOUT SHARIA COPS, BURNING CIGARETTES

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A group of fighters from the Siberian city of Tyumen have formed a jamaat in the Islamic State of Iraq and as-Sham.

Tyumen is in Siberia, 2,500 km east of Moscow. There have been reports in the town of residents traveling to Syria to join “extremist groups”. [This report](#) from January talks of 22-year-old Ruslan Sayfutdinov, who is believed to have traveled to Syria via Dagestan.

The jamaat has created its own group page on Russian social networking site VKontakte. The group states:

This is a group of the Mujahideen of the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham who moved from Tyumen to the blessed land of Sham, a group created with the purpose of the call to Tawheed and Jihad for residents of Tyumen.

The group mostly discusses developments concerning ISIS in the town of Manbij, noting that the Sharia police travel through the town to ensure that shops are closed during prayer times, and confiscating cigarettes to burn them, as described [in this post](#) from Monday. The photograph claims to show confiscated cigarettes in Manbij.



It is not clear how many fighters from Tyumen are part of the jamaat.

Earlier this year, a photograph of graffiti proclaiming a “Tyumen jamaat in Syria” circulated on the internet. The authenticity of the photograph cannot be verified.



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