Brutal ISIS Militants Publicly Execute Nine People - Including 15-Year-Old Boy - 'For Being Gay'

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Brutal terrorists [ISIS](http://www.mirror.co.uk/all-about/isis) have publicly executed nine men and a boy aged 15 in Syria for being gay, it has been claimed.

The Syrian Observatory of Human Rights said seven men were shot dead in Rastan, in the Homs province of central Syria yesterday after they were accused of being homosexuals.

Two other men and the teenager were executed in the town of Hreitan in northern Aleppo.

The Observatory's head, Rami Abdel Rahman told MailOnline the boy was arrested earlier this year, when he was 14, and locked up until he was senselessly killed.

Rahman claimed the executions of the men accused of homosexuality were all carried out in front of a large crowd, but ISIS fighters ensured the footage did not get out by destroying any cameras used to film the murders.

The United Nations estimates that ISIS has executed at least 30 people for being gay.

Last month, two gay men were thrown from a roof in Homs before they were stoned by a bloodthirsty mob, which included children.

The UN Security Council held its first discussion on ISIS attacks against LGBT people in the Middle East last month.

The executive director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, Jessica Stern, said Islamic State's homophobic violence was inspiring other militias and 'private actors' to attack gay people too.

She also said that persecution of LGBT people in Iraq and Syria began long before the emergence of ISIS.

Stern said: "In addition to men perceived as gay, trans-identified people and lesbians are among those who have been raped and killed," she added.

She called on special strategies to combat attacks against gay people, including specific UN action to relocate those most in need.