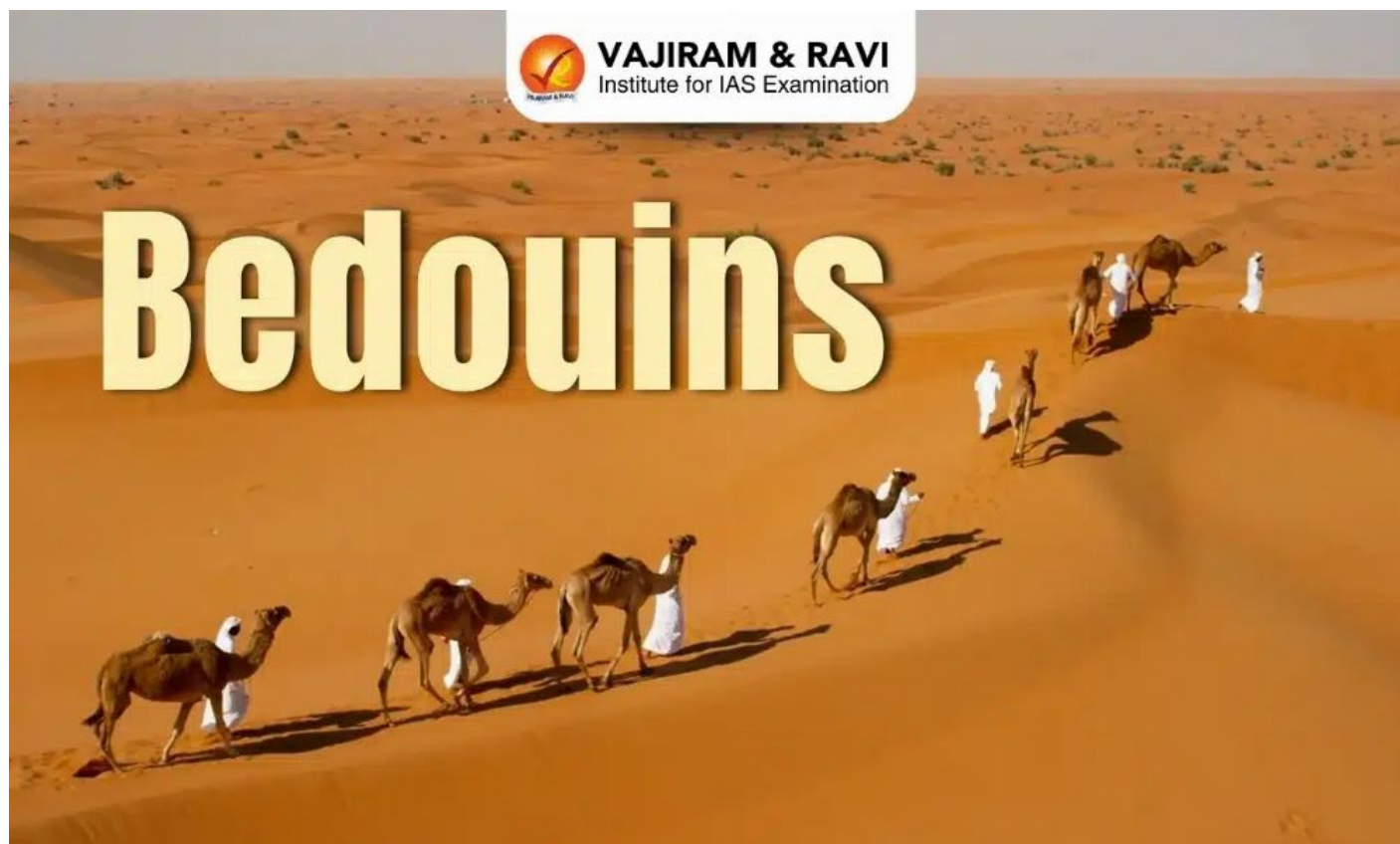


Who Are Bedouins?

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Over 300 people have been killed in a week of violent clashes between Syria's Druze minority and Sunni Bedouin tribes in and around the southern city of Sweida.

About Bedouins

- The Bedouins are traditionally **nomadic, Arabic-speaking tribes** who have inhabited the deserts of the **Middle East and North Africa for centuries**.
- The word Bedouin derives from the **Arabic badawi, meaning "desert dweller"**.
- These communities historically survived by **herding livestock, primarily camels, sheep**, and goats, while navigating seasonal migrations across vast arid landscapes.
- These tribes have traditionally been classified according to the animal species that are the basis of their livelihood.
- In Syria, Bedouins have primarily lived in the **expansive Al-Badia desert**, which covers much of the country's south and east, including provinces like Sweida, Homs, and Deir ez-Zor.

- **Society:** Bedouin society is **tribal and patriarchal**, typically composed of extended families that are patrilineal, endogamous, and polygynous.
- The head of the family, as well as of each successively larger social unit making up the tribal structure, is **called sheikh; the sheikh is** assisted by an informal tribal council of male elders.

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