

Apocalyptic locust plague turns sky black as swarms ravage Middle East

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Horrifying footage shows a swarm of locusts filling the sky in the town of Mahayil in the Asir region of [Saudi Arabia](#).

In a nightmarish clip, filmed by someone standing in the street on February 23, the locusts hang overhead like a swirling black cloud as they fly around outside people's homes.

As the camera is turned around 360 degrees, it becomes clear nearby buildings are all completely surrounded by the ravenous insects as far as the eye can see.

The footage continues for several more minutes, and the locusts just keep on coming as the swarm apparently grows in size.



The locusts swarm through a town in Saudi Arabia (Image: ViralPress)

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The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has warned that swarms of the crop-eating insects pose a threat to agricultural and pastoral livelihoods for millions of people spanning from the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia and Somaliland) to Yemen.

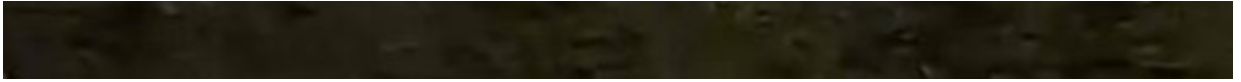
Authorities have failed to bring the locust plague under control after it exploded in 2020 following favourable weather conditions and seasonal rains.

Although the locust swarm looks bad, it's still not as catastrophic as the infestations 2020, according to the latest situation report from reliefweb.int.

It said the current swarms are smaller in size and less numerous and efforts to kill the locusts with aerial spraying and work on the ground has helped reduce their numbers.

Locust swarms can travel up to 81 miles or more a day according to National Geographic.





Desert locusts can destroy acres of crops and cause famines (Image: ViralPress)

They use the wind to push them over vast distances and can stay in the air for long periods, such as nonstop trips across the Red Sea.

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