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AMMAN (Reuters) - Syrian tanks stormed the town of Zabadani near the border with Lebanon on Monday after Ramadan evening prayers, residents said, the latest military thrust to prevent pro-democracy demonstrations from spreading during the Muslim fasting month.

More than 20 tanks and armoured personnel carriers entered the resort town in the foothills of the Anti-Lebanon mountain range after residents held a street demonstration in support of the central city of Hama, witnesses said.

At least three protesters in Zabadani were injured by machine gun fire from the tanks, two witnesses said.

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