



2.3.6. Conflict-related infrastructure damage and explosive remnants of war

Landmines and UXO continued to be a serious threat in Hama governorate,[631](#) and Hama city was one of the most heavily contaminated cities with ERWs.[632](#) As of January 2026, 55 % of key informants in an IOM assessment monitoring return movements and conditions for reintegration [633](#) reported the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance in Hama governorate.[634](#) During the period between 8 December 2024 and April 2026, SNHR documented 45 civilians killed by landmines in the governorate. In addition, 6 civilians were killed by remnants of cluster munitions.[635](#) Several further landmine explosions caused civilian deaths in Hama between April and May 2026.[636](#)

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