



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

Yarmouk,[1048](#) and, as reported in April 2026, Jowbar, Qaboun and Tishreen in eastern Damascus were heavily destroyed in the war under Assad.[1049](#) As of January 2026, according to The New York Times, clearing and rebuilding had barely begun since the transitional government took power.[1050](#)

Military infrastructure in Damascus suffered from Israeli attacks. After most strategic military assets in Damascus and western Syria were destroyed in December 2024,[1051](#) the ministry of Defence was heavily damaged in a series of Israeli airstrikes in July 2025.[1052](#)

As of January 2026, 89 % of key informants in an IOM assessment monitoring return movements and conditions for reintegration[1053](#) reported that no demining activities were ongoing in locations where mines were present.[1054](#) In January 2026, NMAC launched large-scale operations to clear Jowbar from ERW such as landmines and UXO.[1055](#) By March 2026, the HALO Trust reported clearing operations of landmines in rural and surveying of explosive hazards in urban areas of Damascus and six other governorates.[1056](#) 'Large quantities of unexploded ordnance' had been left behind in Qaboun. In March 2026, following clearance operations that had been ongoing for a year, the neighbourhood was declared 'safe'.[1057](#) As of April 2026, no civilian deaths caused by landmines in Damascus had been documented since December 2024.[1058](#)

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