



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

Rural Damascus was among the three most damaged governorates as of October 2025.¹¹⁰⁰ As of December 2025, 19 % of housing was completely damaged.¹¹⁰¹ Destroyed suburban areas include Darayya,¹¹⁰² East¹¹⁰³ and West Ghouta, Muaddamiya and Hajar Al-Aswad.¹¹⁰⁴ 70 % of Harasta were destroyed, and ERW remained a major security threat.¹¹⁰⁵ ERW-contaminated areas and limited contamination mapping were a security risk.¹¹⁰⁶ As of January 2026, 68 % of key informants in an IOM assessment monitoring return movements and conditions for reintegration¹¹⁰⁷ reported that no demining activities were ongoing in locations where mines were present.¹¹⁰⁸ Children were reportedly killed and injured by ERW, e.g. in the Qalamoun Mountains,¹¹⁰⁹ Harasta,¹¹¹⁰ Al-Habariyah,¹¹¹¹ and Kanaker¹¹¹² between December 2025 and April 2026.

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