



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

Sources reported that Israeli military interventions have impacted the daily lives of civilians in western Dar'a governorate,[1186](#) including access to agricultural land,[1187](#) livestock,[1188](#) and water.[1189](#)

Reportedly, former frontlines, including areas in the countryside[1190](#) of Dar'a governorate, were particularly affected by ERW contamination.[1191](#) UNHCR reported that Dar'a governorate was one of those heavily affected by a high number of deaths due to ERW contamination in the first quarter of 2026.[1192](#) ERW were reportedly frequently found on agricultural or grazing land,[1193](#) on roads, on the grounds of schools, hospitals and other public infrastructure or on private properties,[1194](#) often involving displaced families or children occupied with livelihood activities.[1195](#) The abovementioned July 2025 hostilities in Sweida governorate led to large-scale displacement toward Dar'a governorate, increasing ERW exposure in areas where contamination levels are not fully known yet.[1196](#) Dar'a reportedly saw a 'notable increase' in ERW incidents between mid-August 2025 and mid-October 2025 (11 incidents causing 6 fatalities and 13 injuries) compared to the previous reporting period. Among others, the increase reflected renewed movement of civilians into rural areas which were considered unsafe before.[1197](#) SNHR reported that Dar'a governorate recorded 1.26 % of landmine victims between 8 December 2024 and April 2026 (4 of overall 317).[1198](#) During the reporting period, sources reported several incidents in Dar'a governorate in which civilians were killed or injured by explosions caused by ERW,[1199](#) including children.[1200](#)

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