



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

In mid-October 2025, the Syria Mine Action AoR reported that ‘critical infrastructure’ had been damaged or destroyed during the violence in July 2025.[1287](#) UNCOI reported widespread devastation with tens of thousands of homes, places of worship and businesses destroyed, particularly in Druze villages. Almost all homes, places of worship and businesses in around 35 Druze-majority or mixed-population villages were reportedly burned and looted.[1288](#) Syria Mine Action AoR also reported that all schools in Sweida were closed between 22 October 2025 and 4 November 2025 for security reasons.[1289](#) In February 2026, SOHR reported that the National Guard Forces had announced the closure of the Sweida-Damascus highway in Sweida governorate following attacks on civilians by unknown armed men.[1290](#) In March 2026, SOHR reported that clashes on the western Sweida frontlines had rendered the high-voltage power line, which feeds transformer stations in Sweida and Shahba cities, out of service.[1291](#) In February 2026, Sweida’s governor reportedly dismissed claims[1292](#) that the governorate was under siege, which was preventing the supply of sufficient food, water, medicine and fuel, resulting in shortages of resources.[1293](#)

Former frontline areas, including those in Sweida governorate, were reportedly particularly affected by ERW contamination.[1294](#) SNHR reported that Sweida recorded the sixth-highest number of landmine victims between 8 December 2024 and April 2026, with 22 victims, accounting for 6.94 % of the total.[1295](#) As of January 2026, 52 % of key informants in an IOM assessment monitoring return movements and conditions for reintegration[1296](#) reported the presence of mines or unexploded ordnance in Sweida.[1297](#) During the reporting period, sources reported several incidents in Sweida governorate in which civilians were killed or injured by explosions caused by ERW,[1298](#) including children.[1299](#)

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