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National humanitarian situation update

UPDATE 02 **30 OCTOBER 2026**

Lives at risk. Damaged crossings. Disrupted services.
An expanded national update to the 29 October assessment.

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Cover: western Raqqa, SANA photo gallery published 30 October 2026.

01 / NATIONAL OVERVIEW

What changed since yesterday

The emergency has widened from an eastern-Syria assessment to a national monitoring picture.

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Deaths reported
Ministry snapshot, 29 Oct evening

5
People missing
Same snapshot; searches ongoing

25
People rescued
Raqqa, Deir Ezzor and Homs

Life safety remains the immediate concern. The evening ministry bulletin supersedes the earlier 15-person rescue snapshot. Later reporting describes recovery of a child in Manbij. No additional death is added here without confirmation of whether that case is already included in the ministry total.

RESCUE REPORTING / TWO PUBLISHED SNAPSHOTS

Counts have different reporting cutoffs; the change is not a measured daily rescue rate.

Access deteriorated again overnight. A 30 October closure notice for the Deir Ezzor-Damascus road follows an earlier partial reopening. The road should not be treated as operational on the strength of the earlier notice.

Weather is easing, damage persists. Friday forecasts indicate lighter scattered rain, cooler nights and fog risk. Receding water does not establish that a crossing is structurally safe.

02 / COUNTRY COVERAGE

A national picture, with limits

All 14 governorates are included below. Reported impact and weather exposure are distinct categories.

Ar-Raqqa	**IMPACT** Camp departures; bridge and road damage; inundation.
Deir Ezzor	**IMPACT** Road cuts, wadi crossings, telecom disruption and rescues.
Homs	**IMPACT** Eastern desert routes cut; urban water entry and outages.
Aleppo	**IMPACT** Flood-related child death / search reporting in rural east.
Al-Hasakah	**EXPOSURE / EFFECTS** Severe-weather / flooding reports; no robust loss inventory.
Hama	**EXPOSURE / RESPONSE** Included in emergency response footprint; losses unquantified.
Latakia	**RESPONSE / WATCH** In early response footprint; coastal rainfall vigilance.
Tartous	**WEATHER WATCH** Coastal weather exposure; no verified event-loss total here.
Idlib	**WEATHER WATCH** Northwest rainfall risk; no confirmed damage tally here.
Damascus	**NO VERIFIED TALLY** No event-specific damage inventory established in this review.
Rural Damascus	**NO VERIFIED TALLY** Fog / weather monitoring; no established damage total.
Daraa	**NO VERIFIED TALLY** No event-specific loss total established in this review.
As-Sweida	**NO VERIFIED TALLY** No event-specific loss total established in this review.
Quneitra	**NO VERIFIED TALLY** No event-specific loss total established in this review.

No verified tally means an information gap, not zero damage. Geographic coverage is not a mapped flood boundary or a national damage census.

03 / AR-RAQQA

Displacement and broken links

The most visible concentration of camp movements and critical crossing damage remains in Ar-Raqqa.

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Families left affected camps

Sahlat al-Banat, al-Younani, al-Maqass

>100

Families exposed at Kasrat Surour

Estimate reported after an earth crossing failed

Access and shelter. Al-Salmani and al-Kantari were among the damaged crossings in the early response record. Engineering works were reported around Ratla. Water entry into camps requires checks on safe sleeping space, drinking water, sanitation and access for people with limited mobility.

Assessment focus. Separate families who moved from families whose shelter is uninhabitable. The published 30 October photo gallery also documents effects on homes and agricultural land in western Raqqa; no credible province-wide area-loss or repair-cost figure is available here.

04 / DEIR EZZOR

Roads, communications, rescue

Water damage has affected both physical movement and the ability to coordinate assistance.

ACCESS SEQUENCE / PUBLISHED REPORTS

29 OCT

Road disruption at al-Huraybshah; Khan al-Zahra road later reported reopened.

29 OCT

Earlier partial reopening of the Damascus route permitted selected vehicle traffic.

30 OCT / 01:40

A new closure notice for Deir Ezzor-Damascus overrides reliance on that earlier opening.

Local access. The Ghanem Ali section of the Deir Ezzor-Raqqa road remained impassable in the 29 October account. Emergency crews cleared drainage and obstacles around Hatla, al-Husseiniyah, al-Salihiyah and al-Kubar. These are location-specific reports, not proof that an entire corridor is open.

Communications. Flood damage to fibre-optic links was reported at al-Sukhna and al-Kubar, restricting communications and complicating dispatch. Repair access depends on safe approach routes.

Rescue. Two people were reported evacuated by helicopter from al-Huraybshah. This incident count is not added to the ministry rescue total because it may already be included.

05 / HOMS & THE BADIA

A corridor emergency

Floodwater at desert crossings can isolate road users far from settlements and emergency services.

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Eastern Homs and Palmyra. Reporting published on 30 October describes disrupted movement and stranded vehicles on eastern routes, including the al-Sukhna-Raqqa axis. Around al-Huraybshah, closure of the Palmyra-Deir Ezzor connection coincided with communications interruption.

Homs city. Water entered some homes and shops, while response crews worked on drainage and reported electrical faults. The available account does not support a city-wide count of destroyed dwellings or a financial estimate.

Western corridor. A truck incident on the Homs-Tartous road was reported with material damage. This isolated event should not be converted into a governorate-wide flood-loss estimate.

Operational priority
Confirm road status before dispatch. Check culverts, road shoulders and communications coverage before restoring normal movements.

06 / WIDER SYRIA

Beyond the eastern footprint

National monitoring must distinguish observed damage, rescue activity and forecasts of further risk.

ALEPPO / CHILD SAFETY

A late 29 October report records recovery of a nine-year-old in Manbij and continuing searches near al-Khatuniyah / Sarrin. The relationship of the recovered case to the earlier national total remains unresolved. Pools and flooded wadis pose risks after rainfall ends.

AL-HASAKAH & HAMA / VERIFY AT LOCALITY LEVEL

Both appear in severe-weather reporting; Hama also appears in the early multi-governorate response record. Available evidence does not provide a reliable comparative damage total. Prioritise site access, drainage and service continuity checks.

COAST & NORTHWEST / WATCH IS NOT DAMAGE

The 29 October outlook warned of renewed heavy rain along the coast and northwest. By Friday morning, the forecast described easing activity with scattered light rain and night-time fog. This does not establish a damage inventory for Tartous or Idlib.

SOUTH & CAPITAL / KEEP THE INFORMATION GAP VISIBLE

No event-specific damage tally was established for Damascus, Rural Damascus, Daraa, As-Sweida or Quneitra in this review. Local reporting may change the picture. These areas remain within the monitoring scope rather than being labelled unaffected.

Situation cut-off: material reviewed on 30 October 2026. Road, casualty and search statuses can change after publication.

07 / RESPONSE PRIORITIES

What the next update must resolve

A proposed operational agenda for EMISSA coordination and assessment; not a record of completed field activities.

01

PROTECT LIFE AND MAINTAIN REFERRALS

Confirm search outcomes and the consolidated casualty list. Share dated crossing restrictions and viable ambulance routes. Keep children away from flood pools and open drainage channels.

02

CHECK DISPLACED HOUSEHOLDS

Verify where departing camp families are staying, who cannot return safely, and whether water, sanitation, dry bedding and accessible shelter are available.

03

RESTORE SERVICES SAFELY

Coordinate engineering checks of crossings and eroded approaches. Identify priority water, electricity and telecom interruptions. Reopening requires a competent safety decision.

04

BUILD A CONSISTENT DAMAGE REGISTER

Record each location, asset, observed condition, date and responsible contact. Distinguish inundation, structural damage, precautionary closure and service interruption. Deduplicate incidents before aggregation.

Next reporting priorities
A reconciled casualty snapshot; current route status; verified shelter needs; service restoration; and locality-level losses. Avoid national monetary totals until a comparable assessment exists.