

Siege Update: more deaths in Madaya and Aleppo under fire

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Death of civilians under siege (27 January - 5 February)

Location	Civilian deaths recorded	Cause of death
Eastern Ghouta	26	Shelling 24 Sniper 1 Caught in crossfire 1
Moadamiyeh	5	Shelling 2 Sniper 2 starvation 1
Zabadani and Madaya	5	Starvation
Deir Ezzor	51	Shelling 49 Sniper 1 Execution 1
Daraya	1	Sniper
Yarmouk	-	
Al Tall	3	Caught in crossfire
Homs	-	
Foua and Kefraya	-	
Aleppo and surrounding areas (note this is not under siege)	106	Shelling 95 Caught in crossfire 3 Execution by ISIS 4 Cluster bombs 3 Torture to death by regime 1

Casualty data provided by the Violations Documentation Centre

Price of flour and rice in areas under siege:

Exchange rate:

- 1 USD = 393 SYP (Damascus)
- 1 USD = 375 SYP (Yarmouk)
- 1 USD = 397 SYP (Eastern Ghouta)
- 1 USD = 355 SYP (Madaya)
- 1 USD = 350 SYP (Daraya-Moadamiyeh)
- 1 USD = 393 SYP (Homs)
- 1 USD = 400 SYP (Deir Ezzor)
- 1 USD = 400 SYP (Deir Ezzor - Areas controlled by ISIS)

Area	Price of flour	% of Damascus price	Price of rice	% of Damascus price
<i>Damascus [not under siege]</i>	150 SYP	100%	425 SYP	100%
Eastern Ghouta	700 SYP	1,400%	500 SYP	118%
Moadamiyeh	No flour available	N/A	6,000 SYP	1,412%
Zabadani and Madaya	No flour available	N/A	35,500 SYP	8,353%
Deir Ezzor	No flour available	N.A	4,500 SYP	N/A
Deir Ezzor [Areas controlled by ISIS]	120 SYP	N/A	250 SYP	N/A
Darayya	No flour available	N/A	6,000 SYP	1,412%
Yarmouk	275 SYP		275 SYP	
Homs	No flour available	N/A	300 SYP	N/A
Foua and Kefraya	Information	N/A	Information	N/A

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	unavailable		unavailable	
Al Tall	Information unavailable	N/A	Information unavailable	N/A
Aleppo	Information unavailable	N/A	Information unavailable	N/A

Key updates from besieged areas (27 January - 5 February)

Madaya

- Ongoing starvation: five new cases of starvation were documented in the city of Madaya
- The Syrian Air Force targeted a school in the area of Biqin on Monday 1.2.2016, injuring several (source: Madaya Local Council / local activist)

Moadamiyeh

- 97 cases of dust inhalation: the Syrian Air Force targeted eastern Moadamiyeh on Sunday 31.1.2016 with dozens of barrel bombs and missiles. Many civilians complained of the severe side effects of dust inhalation (source: Moadamiyeh Media Office / local activist)
- 16,000 babies under threat of malnutrition: the Medical Office of Moadamiyeh released a new video on 1.2.2016 showing how babies in the city were becoming severely malnourished. The Medical Office documented that of the 16,000 babies in the town, some were showing signs of muscular atrophy, a symptom of severe malnutrition.
- Some of the 3,000 babies in the town (under 12 months old) have not been breastfed, as their mothers were not able to produce milk, and access to powdered milk is very limited. "There is nothing we can do to save them. They are passing away in front of our eyes" said a doctor from the Medical Office (source: Moadamiyeh Local Council)
- The Syrian Red Crescent delivered aid to a pro-regime area in the eastern neighborhood of Moadamiyeh on Wednesday 3.2.2016. This was witnessed by civilians in the besieged side of the city (source: Moadamiyeh Local Council)

Daraya

- Two women were killed by snipers on Wednesday night, 27.1. 2016. Two others were injured while trying to move from Daraya to Moadamiyeh (source: local activist in Daraya)
- After three years of daily heavy shelling in the besieged areas of Daraya and Moadamiyeh, on Thursday morning, 28.1.2016, Daraya Local Council announced that

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the regime forces have succeeded in forging a ceasefire in the area that links Daraya with Moadamiyeh. This led to more than 500 families escaping to the centre of the city. Food is now only available at extremely high prices; previously it had been only available in Moadamiyeh (source: local activist in Daraya)

- 76 barrel bombs were dropped in Daraya on a single day, 28.1.2016. On average 40-50 barrel bombs are dropped on Daraya every day'.l.l (source: Daraya Local Council)
- The Civil Defense (White Helmets) Center bombed: the Syrian Air Force targeted the Civil Defense Center on Saturday, 30.1.2016 with barrel bombs. The building was destroyed but no casualties were recorded (source: Daraya Local Council)

Eastern Ghouta / Douma

- Dialysis clinic in Eastern Ghouta is out of service: on Monday, 1.2.2016, the United Medical Office of Douma released a statement saying that the dialysis clinic in Eastern Ghouta was 'out of service'. There are currently 17 civilians suffering from kidney failure who face death without regular access to dialysis machines (source: Douma United Medical Office)
- Still no vaccines in Eastern Ghouta: more than 12, 000 children under the age of two have not been vaccinated since they were born. Schoolchildren have also not received school-age vaccines (source: United Medical Office of Douma / local activist)

Homs

- Tightening of sieges in the besieged areas of Homs: these areas have been shelled daily. Pro regime communities have been forbidden from selling food to the besieged areas. This has led to flour and powdered milk for babies being totally unavailable, very low stock of sugar and rice and generally high prices in the market (source: local activist)

Fouaa & Kafraya:

- No cases of starvation have been recorded and but there is still very little fuel available. Fuel has been prioritised to run the generators to pump the wells for drinking water, rather than heating homes

Deir Ezzor

- 30 civilians were killed when Russian forces bombed a popular market in al-Mohaimedah village on 27.1.2016 (source: local activist)
- Two babies contracted polio: two cases of poliomyelitis, an infectious disease caused by the polio virus, were discovered in the town of al Sayal, part of al Bokamal City, on Wednesday 3.2.2016. One of the babies died, the other child is still alive but in critical condition (source: JFL Observatory, Deir Ezzor)



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Aleppo

- Aleppo under fire: Syrian government forces retook Zahraa and Nubul on Wednesday, 3.2.2016. These pro-regime areas had been under siege for the last three years by the the Free Syrian Army
- The regime forces have created a military zone between Aleppo city and the Turkish border, as well as between Idlib and Aleppo. Tens of thousands of civilians have fled from towns in the Aleppo region. On Wednesday and Thursday, 3-4.2.2016, displaced persons were gathering at the Turkish border (source: local activists)

Al Tall

- An aid convoy managed to enter the city of Al Tall after a six month blockade: a convoy of 15 trucks entered on Wednesday, 3.2.2016. 350 food baskets with 350 medical boxes were delivered to two millions civilians. The aids was delivered under the supervision of the Syrian Red Crescent and a UN team (source: local activist)