Damascus Province - Revolution Dossier

Summary: Political-administrative core where security policy and war governance were centered.

Where: Damascus city institutions, security branches, and central command areas.

What happened: Decision-making hub for military-security responses, legal exceptionalism, and conflict-era administration.

Why it mattered: Control of the capital meant control of central institutions, diplomacy, and state continuity.

Detention / Saydnaya: Damascus linked to major detention-processing chains and military court pathways.

Chemical dossier: No primary mass-casualty chemical site in central Damascus city in the core dossier; policy decisions and international reactions were centered here.

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