Rural Damascus - Revolution Dossier

Summary: Critical siege-displacement belt around the capital with major humanitarian shocks.

Where: Eastern Ghouta, Douma, Daraya, Zamalka, and surrounding Damascus countryside.

What happened: Sieges, bombardment, evacuations, and large population displacement over multiple years.

Why it mattered: The area was both militarily adjacent to the capital and politically central to confrontation narratives.

Detention / Saydnaya: Saydnaya/Sednaya prison is in this governorate and is repeatedly cited in detention and disappearance files.

Chemical dossier: Major chemical dossiers are tied to this province, especially Eastern Ghouta (2013) and Douma (2018), both central to global red-line debates.

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