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1. The day at a glance

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Frustrated Public discourse is dominated by anger over the fuel/gasoline scandal and skepticism toward official explanations, grief and alarm over the Salamiya road security killings, and continuing distrust around Israeli incursions in the south and Suwayda. Kurdish-language audiences are sharply split over Mazloum Abdi's integration talks in Erbil, with some praising unity gains and others calling them a surrender. Outlets maintain a steady, often upbeat tone on diplomacy (OPCW), economy deals and reconstruction, while ordinary commenters are far more cynical, mocking government competence and voicing economic hardship.

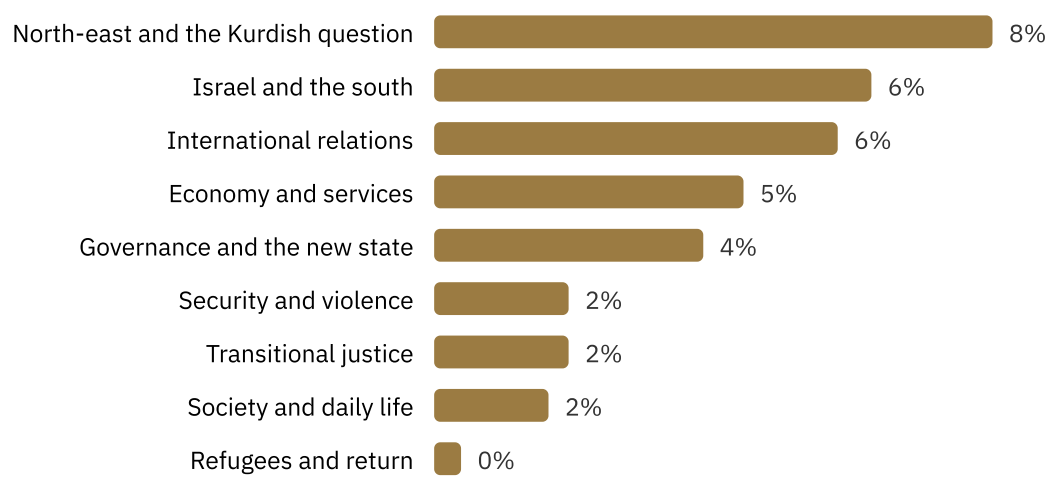
2. What people said

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The day in numbers

Leaning negative	Mostly neutral	18	5,707	7
People's tone	Outlets' tone	stories followed	post analyses	updates

Share of discussion by theme



The day's stories

1. **Israeli Incursions and Accusations Over Suwayda Continue** Israel and the south · People: leaning negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 12% of the discussion
   Israeli forces conducted ground incursions and helicopter overflights in Quneitra and Daraa countryside, demolished fortifications, and fired at farmers near Beit Jinn; Foreign Minister Shaibani accused Israel of arming militias in Suwayda to sow chaos.

2. **Mazloum Abdi's Erbil Meetings Push Kurdish Constitutional Rights** North-east and the Kurdish question · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: leaning positive · 10% of the discussion
   Mazloum Abdi met Kurdistan Region leaders at the MERI 2026 forum in Erbil, declaring readiness to integrate SDF forces into Syrian state structures while demanding decentralization and constitutional Kurdish rights; Elham Ahmad also spoke of tensions in Hasakah.

3. **Fuel Shortages, Bad Gasoline and Currency Woes Persist** Economy and services · People: strongly negative · Outlets: mostly neutral · 9% of the discussion
   Energy Ministry confirmed a batch of substandard gasoline mixed into supplies, causing vehicle damage; officials blame an 'operational error' and promise compensation, while shortages continue in several provinces.

4. **Hasakah Weapons Ban Amid Arab-Kurdish Tensions** North-east and the Kurdish question · People: strongly negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 6% of the discussion
   Tensions continued in Hasakah's Nashwa neighborhood over the Revolutionary Youth Movement, with residents stopping an unmarked vehicle and allegations of abductions and abuses by SDF-linked youth groups, while Kurdish women hung a braid symbol in protest against vandalism of Kurdish symbols.

5. **Syria Touts Chemical Weapons Disclosure Progress with OPCW** Transitional justice · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: leaning positive · 6% of the discussion
   OPCW Director-General Sabrina Dallafior met Syrian officials in Damascus; the government says it has submitted over 100,000 documents, destroyed 42 chemical bombs, and detained 18 suspects including senior officers, while also accusing Israel of destabilizing Suwayda.

6. **Public Backlash Over Property Expropriation Law** Governance and the new state · People: strongly negative · Outlets: mostly neutral · 6% of the discussion
   A televised debate on Syria's expropriation law drew intense public criticism, with commenters calling it legalized theft benefiting investors at the expense of original landowners, and demanding compensation, reform, or abolition of decades-old expropriation decrees.

7. **Houthi Attacks on Saudi Arabia Draw Arab and Syrian Condemnation** International relations · People: leaning negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 6% of the discussion
   The Saudi-led coalition reported intercepting numerous Houthi missiles and drones targeting Riyadh, Dhahran and other areas; Syria's foreign minister condemned the attacks, and reports noted Syrian children orphaned by a strike on Riyadh airport.

8. **Houthi Attacks on Saudi Arabia Continue, Syrian Victims Among Casualties** International relations · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: mostly neutral · 5% of the discussion
   The Saudi-led coalition reported intercepting drones and ballistic missiles near Riyadh and Khamis Mushait; earlier Houthi attacks on Riyadh airport killed a Syrian woman, leaving four children orphaned, drawing Saudi public sympathy and speculation about Syrian military involvement against the Houthis.

9. **Deadly Attack on Road Security Patrols Near Salamiyah** Security and violence · People: strongly negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 5% of the discussion
   Unidentified gunmen killed three to four Road Security personnel in two attacks on the Salamiyah-Athriya road in Hama countryside; officials denied unrelated rumors of attacks on checkpoints in Aleppo countryside.

10. **UN Security Council Session Backs Syria's Recovery, Presses Israel** International relations · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: leaning positive · 5% of the discussion
    At a UN Security Council session, Syria's envoy Ibrahim Olabi called for international partnership over symbolic support, citing landmine casualties and economic needs, while Turkey, Greece, Libya and Latvia condemned Israeli incursions and urged withdrawal from the Golan per Resolution 497.

11. **Storms, Floods and Dust Affect Eastern Syria and Turkey** Society and daily life · People: leaning negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 3% of the discussion
    Heavy rains caused flash floods in Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor, killing two children and damaging infrastructure including the Khan bridge, while dust storms from Syria reduced visibility in parts of Turkey.

12. **Lebanese Army Seizes Explosives Smuggled from Syria** Security and violence · People: leaning negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 2% of the discussion
    The Lebanese Army seized roughly 200 kg of explosives, including C4, smuggled from Syria near the border, with smugglers fleeing back into Syrian territory; a separate report described around a ton of explosives moved via the 'dead mail' route, raising fears of assassination plots.

13. **Transitional Justice Court Continues Trial of War Crimes Defendants** Transitional justice · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: mostly neutral · 2% of the discussion
    Damascus's Fourth Criminal Court held 19 sessions trying defendants accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity tied to the former regime, as officials and UN envoy Cordone stressed Syrian ownership of transitional justice with international cooperation offered.

14. **Germany Moves to Revoke Refugee Status for Some Syrians** Refugees and return · People: leaning negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 1% of the discussion
    German media report BAMF decisions to revoke refugee status for Syrians and increase financial incentives for voluntary return, citing the fall of the Assad regime as changed security conditions, while the UK is also pressuring refugees to return despite travel advisories.

15. **Seventh Anniversary of Hevrin Khalaf Assassination** North-east and the Kurdish question · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: mostly neutral · 1% of the discussion
    Kurdish outlets and the Future Syria Party marked the seventh anniversary of the assassination of Kurdish politician Hevrin Khalaf and her driver near Qamishli, commemorating her as a symbol of peace and women's resistance; North Press also commemorated a slain journalist in Tal Tamr.

16. **Child's Death After Falling Into Well Near Tal Hamis** Society and daily life · Outlets: strongly negative · 1% of the discussion
    Rescue teams in Hasakah countryside worked for hours to extract a child who fell into a deep well in Umayya village near Tal Hamis; officials later confirmed the child's death, with recovery efforts continuing.

17. **Syrian Sailors Missing After Ships Sink off Bulgaria** International relations · People: leaning negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 1% of the discussion
    The Syrian Seafarers' Union reported the sinking of the HS Dignity off Bulgaria's coast, with 14 of 16 crew Syrian, following drone attacks; this is the second such sinking in a week after the Alfa Watan sank on October 6, with Ukraine blaming Russia.

18. **Saladin Statue Removed from Damascus Citadel Sparks Debate** Society and daily life · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: mostly neutral · 0% of the discussion
    Damascus Old City authorities relocated the Saladin statue and removed eucalyptus trees around the citadel, officially described as a restoration move, prompting cultural and religious debate online.

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