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1. The day at a glance

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Angry The dominant story is Jordanian airstrikes on Daraa and Suwayda that killed civilians including children, triggering Syrian condemnation, border closure, and mourning, while Jordan insists it hit ISIS targets. Secondary stories include renewed attacks on Kurdish returnees in Tal Abyad, university mergers folding Rojava and Kobani universities into Aleppo/Euphrates universities, a landmine death in Hasakah, and routine weather/economic news. Public reaction across platforms is largely angry and grieving over the Daraa strikes, with many Syrians rejecting Jordan's justifications, while a vocal unrelated English-language thread mocks a US official's claimed ability to pronounce Middle East country names.

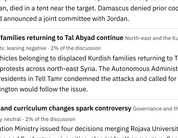
2. What people said

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The day in numbers

Strongly negative	Leaning negative	12	3,283	4
People's tone	Outlets' tone	stories followed	post analyses	updates

Share of discussion by theme



The day's stories

1. **Jordanian airstrikes on Daraa kill civilians, spark diplomatic crisis** Israel and the south · People: strongly negative · Outlets: strongly negative · 89% of the discussion
   Jordan struck sites in Daraa and Suwayda on 26 October, saying it killed over 20 ISIS fighters in retaliation for a deadly attack on a church in Karak. Syrian officials say seven to eight civilians, including children and a woman, died in a tent near the target. Damascus denied prior coordination, closed the Nassib crossing, and announced a joint committee with Jordan.
2. **Attacks on Kurdish families returning to Tal Abyad continue** North-east and the Kurdish question · People: strongly negative · Outlets: leaning negative · 2% of the discussion
   Reports describe vehicles belonging to displaced Kurdish families returning to Tal Abyad (Girê Spî) being torched, prompting protests across north-east Syria. The Autonomous Administration-linked Star Congress and local residents in Tell Tamr condemned the attacks and called for accountability. A US diplomat said Washington would follow the issue.
3. **University mergers and curriculum changes spark controversy** Governance and the new state · People: leaning negative · Outlets: mostly neutral · 2% of the discussion
   Syria's Higher Education Ministry issued four decisions merging Rojava University in Qamishli and Kobani University into Aleppo and Euphrates universities, alongside other mergers. Separately, changes to school curricula, including removing the Mona Lisa and altering depictions of history, drew public debate over Ottoman-era narratives and Kurdish-language education.
4. **SalamAir launches first Oman-Damascus flights** Economy and services · Outlets: strongly positive · 1% of the discussion
   Oman's SalamAir began operating flights to Damascus on 28 October, two weekly services, the first Omani airline on the Muscat-Damascus route. Syria's Civil Aviation Authority head Omar al-Hosari said the move aims to expand air links and boost regional connectivity.
5. **Assassinations and unresolved violence in Deir ez-Zor and Hama countryside** Security and violence · Outlets: leaning negative · 1% of the discussion
   An Interior Ministry security officer was shot dead by unknown gunmen in Deir ez-Zor, while separate incidents in Hama countryside included an unexplained explosion in Salamiyah injuring three and an armed robbery attempt near Houran Amourin. A Qamishli man was also killed in an old blood feud.
6. **Drone strike kills al-Qaeda-linked commander near Qastal on Damascus-Homs highway** Security and violence · People: mostly neutral · Outlets: mostly neutral · 1% of the discussion
   A car exploded on the Damascus-Homs international highway near Qastal on Monday, killing three people, including Hurras al-Din commander Abu Abdulrahman al-Libi, according to Syrian government and North Press sources. Reports attribute the strike to a drone, with some posts pointing to the international coalition.
7. **Landmine explosion kills three civilians in Hasakah countryside** Security and violence · Outlets: leaning negative · 1% of the discussion
   A landmine from war remnants exploded in the village of Umm Zar near al-Shaddadi in southern Hasakah countryside, killing three people, including a student, and injuring two children. North Press and Euphrates Post reported the incident, highlighting ongoing dangers from unexploded ordnance.
8. **Displaced families return from Jarabulus camps under 'Syria Without Camps' plan** Refugees and return · Outlets: leaning positive · 0% of the discussion
   111 displaced families left two camps near Jarabulus, Aleppo province, returning to home areas in Aleppo, Idlib, Hama, Homs and Deir ez-Zor provinces. The move follows closures of other camps near Manbij, part of the government's decree 59 and its 'Syria Without Camps' initiative.
9. **Assassinations of critical infrastructure security personnel in Deir ez-Zor countryside** Security and violence · Outlets: leaning negative · 0% of the discussion
   Unidentified gunmen on a motorcycle killed a member of the critical infrastructure security force in Deir ez-Zor's eastern countryside, while another Interior Ministry member was shot dead near the Syrian-Iraqi border area. Independent outlets reported the killings separately without identifying perpetrators.
10. **Rankous security operation aftermath: detainee releases and local reconciliation talks** Security and violence · Outlets: mostly neutral · 0% of the discussion
    Following a security raid in Rankous, Rural Damascus, that killed four residents and two security personnel and led to dozens of arrests over alleged ISIS ties, the provincial governor met local dignitaries and agreed to release remaining detainees and pursue accountability for those involved in shooting at security forces.
11. **Israeli election and Jumblatt remarks on Druze leader Hikmat al-Hijri draw Syrian attention** Israel and the south · Outlets: leaning negative · 0% of the discussion
    As Israel held Knesset elections on 27 October 2026, Syrian and regional analysts said Israel would likely keep its 'security zones' in southern Syria regardless of the outcome. Separately, Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt described Suwayda's Sheikh Hikmat al-Hijri as a 'puppet' serving Israeli interests, alienating many Syrian Druze.
12. **Arrests of Assad's cousin and former regime officers over war crimes** Transitional justice · Outlets: leaning positive · 0% of the discussion
    Syria's Interior Ministry announced the arrest of Yahya al-Assad, a cousin of ousted president Bashar al-Assad, along with several former regime officers in Homs, on charges linked to war crimes. The ministry's spokesperson Nour al-Din al-Baba confirmed the detentions as part of the Internal Security Command's operations.

3. What the media said

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Jordan's Daraa strikes dominate as Damascus seeks joint probe

In short: Coverage on 27 October was overwhelmingly consumed by Jordan's airstrikes on Daraa and Sweida countryside, which Amman described as retaliation for a deadly church attack in Karak. Syrian outlets reported civilian deaths including children and the elderly, condemned the strikes as a violation of sovereignty, and the swift move toward a joint security committee, while international media relayed Jordan's own death tolls and justifications. Independent outlets covered the volume, highlighted company registrations, refinery rehabilitation and the reopening of the Nassib crossing.

Security

The dominant story was Jordan's airstrikes on sites in Daraa and Sweida countryside, which Amman called 'Jordanian Deterrence – Hamoud' in retaliation for a church attack in Karak. SANA reported emergency search and rescue operations, while Syria TV said victims included children, an elderly woman and an octogenarian. The independent Enab Baladi and Zaman al-Wasl reported funerals in Daraa city, prayer condemnation, and Al-Watan Online said Syria formally registered its reservation with Jordan. International outlets gave varying tolls: Al Jazeera, funded by Qatar, cited at least seven dead, Le Monde said at least six, and Turkish state-run Anadolu Ajansı said five civilians were killed, while Jordan told the BBC and Arab News its strikes killed more than 20 Daesh militants. Syria closed the Nassib border crossing, reported by Syria TV and Chinese state-run Xinhua, and Syrian commentary, including a Syrian Bar Association statement in Syria TV and a researcher cited by Al-Watan Online, questioned Jordan's justification and demanded independent investigation. By the end of the day, SANA and Al-Watan Online reported Syria and Jordan had agreed to form a joint committee. Separately, Syria TV and Enab Baladi reported continuing Israeli incursions and detentions in Quneitra countryside.

Economy

Economic coverage was lighter and mostly came from the independent think tank The Syria Report. It found Damascus dominates new company registrations while Saudi firms lead foreign branch openings, and interviewed the Companies Directorate head on regulatory reform and digital transformation. It also reported on Syria's emerging AI sector amid infrastructure challenges, and said Syria is rehabilitating the Homs and Banias refineries while the Al-Furqlos project contract remains unawarded. The independent Enab Baladi examined what opportunities 50 million cubic metres of tax rubble could offer for reconstruction, and Al-Watan Online reported the reopening of the Busayri-Tarif road as a regional trade corridor, while SANA said Saudi Arabia approved a memorandum on municipal and housing cooperation with Syria.

Governance

Governance coverage centered on the political response to the Jordan crisis. Enab Baladi reported that Syria's People's Assembly condemned the Jordanian bombing while the Constitutional Committee called it a war crime, and SANA said the assembly offered condolences to victims' families. Al-Watan Online framed Damascus's posture as a measured assertion of sovereignty aimed at preserving ties with Jordan, while Hawar News, affiliated with the Kurdish-led administration, reported the foreign ministry's condemnation and plan for a joint field and security committee. Separately, SANA and Syria TV reported President al-Sharaa saying Syria and Iraq face a historic opportunity to build strong states, calling the economy a gateway for partnership. The independent Zaman al-Wasl reported the health ministry threatened legal action against it over an investigation into spoiled medicines, and separately exposed fraud that led to a hospital director's dismissal.

How they compare

Ordinary Syrians' discussion matched the media's focus almost exactly: the Jordanian strikes on Daraa and Sweida made up as much as 96% of people's posts tracked that day, with reactions far angrier than the media's own tone, averaging strongly negative, full of grief, demands for accountability and compensation, and rejection of Jordan's justification. A second story largely absent from the media items reviewed here was attacks on Kurdish families returning to Tal Abyad, which Kurdish-language posters discussed with anger as part of a broader pattern of insecurity for returnees, a theme not covered in the day's media selection. A smaller share of posts also debated the Education Ministry's curriculum changes around Ottoman history, a topic that did appear in the media (noted by Turkish outlet Hürriyet), though people's tone on it was only mildly negative compared to the fury over the strikes.

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4. Sources and method

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