

# East Ghouta Liberated. Free of Occupying Forces and Al Qaeda Terrorists

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*The Damascus suburb of East Ghouta is free of occupying forces for the first time in six years, but western media refuse to tell the whole story. During the six years, for example, the militants occupying East Ghouta shelled Damascus daily, killing over 10,000 people, including 1,500 children.*

To date, over 120,000 civilians from East Ghouta have been evacuated. Nearly 40,000 militants and their families have accepted the government offer of safe passage and been transported by government buses to al-Nusra-occupied Idlib and Turkish-occupied Jarablus. Exiting civilians reported being terrorized by militants and threatened with death if they tried to leave. Most reported deprivation and the deaths of loved ones at the hands of the militants.

Syrian and Russian de-mining teams are working today in Eastern Ghouta as they did following the liberation of East Aleppo, Deir Ezzor and Palmyra, making the area safe for the return of civilian residents.

Meanwhile, the US has created illegal military bases and deployed 5000 US troops in parts of Syria occupied mainly by Kurdish-led militias. Turkey has responded by attacking the Syrian Kurds in Afrin and heading east towards Manbij, a town that the US has declared a “no-fly” zone. US forces have killed Syrian soldiers with impunity while Israel has launched missiles into Syria without provocation. Several overlapping wars bring together multiple armies operating at cross purposes in a very small space. It is a very dangerous situation for the region and a continuing nightmare for the Syrian people.

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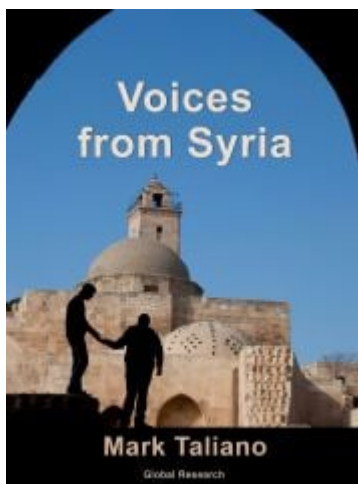
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