



2.1.2. Other categories of professionals

Sporadic arrests of other categories of professionals by the transitional government forces have been reported. For instance, individuals suspected of having been involved in violations during the Assad regime's rule such as government employees,[235](#) former ministers,[236](#) parliamentarians,[237](#) physicians and military judges[238](#) were arrested throughout the reference period.

Infrequent arrests of former Ba'ath Party members, were previously reported though reasons for these detentions were not provided.[239](#) Mere party membership does not typically trigger targeting, as most Syrians were required to join the Ba'ath Party to access state employment in roles such as teaching, medicine, or administration, making membership largely symbolic.[240](#)

Between December 2024 and October 2025, forced evictions were reportedly carried out by GSS and government-affiliated armed actors in several areas, including Al Somarya in Damascus and Al-Zahryat, where residents of military housing were given short deadlines to vacate their homes. In some cases, evictions reportedly targeted individuals or families based on perceived affiliation with the former government, including collective expulsions of relatives of accused individuals in Idlib.[241](#) Wives of former officers reportedly also lost their public-sector positions, including in the education and health sectors, apparently after being deemed guilty by association. For many affected individuals, the loss of employment also resulted in the loss of government-provided housing.[242](#)

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