



Country : Syria



General Information

- **Official Name** : Syrian Arab Republic
- **Location** : Middle East
- **Capital** : Damascus
- **Type of government** : presidential republic but highly authoritarian regime - unitary state
- **Current leader** : Bashar al-Assad (president of Syria since 2000)
- **Number of inhabitants** : 28.246 million
- **Secular state** (however Islam is the religion of the President of the Republic of Syria (mentioned in the constitution of Syria))
- **Developing country**
- **Main political beliefs and values** : Islam, one-party state, totalitarian police state
- **Economic situation** : bad

International position

- **Influence on a world scale** : strong regarding the refugee and displacement crisis
- **Major strength** : geostrategic position
- **Major weaknesses** : ailing economy, refugee crisis, International isolation and sanctions, devastated public infrastructure
- **Main allies** : Russia, China, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon (Hezbollah (a terrorist organisation in Lebanon))
- **Main enemies** : Turkey, United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Islamic State of Iraq and Syria ((ISIS) regarding the Government), NATO, EU (especially France), Jordan, Libya, South Korea, Japan, Australia
- **Major conflicts and tensions it is/has been involved in** : Syrian Civil War, Gulf War, Lebanese Civil War, Franco Syrian War



Internal situation

	GOOD	FLAWED	BAD
Press rights			×
Access to education			×
Access to healthcare			×
Women's rights			×
Minorities' rights		×	
Civil/ Justice rights		×	
Ecology			×
Technological situation		×	

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