

# Twelve Years To The Protracted War In Syria

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15th March, 2023, marks the 12 years to the protracted war in Syria. Syrian protestors first dared to come to the streets to express their frustration with the government and president, Bashar al-Assad, twelve years ago. The demonstrations swiftly evolved into a revolution, calling for the “fall of the dictatorship,” but as the government responded violently, the uprising turned into a war, enlisting the help of many foreign countries, uprooting millions of people, and killing hundreds of thousands.

According to the World Food Programme, Syria’s economy has worsened, and 90% of the country’s people are now living below the poverty line. More than 306,000 people have been murdered in the nation since March 2011 according to UN estimates, or around 1.5% of the total population. An estimated 610,000 people have died in total, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitoring organization. The UN had estimated that 14.6 million Syrians needed humanitarian help before the earthquakes that wreaked havoc on northwest Syria in February, with 6.9 million people internally displaced and more than 5.4 million Syrian refugees residing in neighbouring countries. Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands applied for refuge in Germany and other countries throughout the EU.



### **Effects of the prolonged conflict in a region:**

The war in Syria, which began in 2011, has resulted in a humanitarian crisis that has left millions of people displaced and devastated the country's infrastructure. The prolonged war has had far-reaching effects on Syria and its people, with many experts warning that the consequences of the conflict could be felt for generations.

One of the most significant effects of the war in Syria has been the displacement of millions of people. According to the United Nations, more than 13 million Syrians have been displaced since the conflict began. This has led to a massive refugee crisis, with many Syrians fleeing the country to seek refuge in neighboring countries and beyond. The displacement of so many people has had a profound impact on Syria's social fabric, with communities being uprooted and families being separated. The war in Syria has also had a devastating impact on the country's infrastructure. Hospitals, schools, and other essential facilities have been destroyed, leaving many Syrians without access to basic services. The destruction of infrastructure has also made it challenging for humanitarian organizations to provide aid to those in need, exacerbating the already dire situation.

Another significant effect of the war in Syria has been the loss of life. According to the United Nations, over 400,000 people have been killed since the conflict began. The loss of so many lives has had a profound impact on Syrian society, with families being torn apart and communities being decimated. The long-term effects of this loss of life are difficult to quantify, but it is clear that the impact will be felt for generations. The war in Syria has also had a significant economic impact. The conflict has disrupted trade and commerce, resulting in a decline in economic activity. The destruction of infrastructure has also made it challenging for businesses to operate, further exacerbating the economic situation. The decline in economic activity has led to high unemployment rates and increased poverty, further compounding the humanitarian crisis.



Finally, the war in Syria has had an impact on regional stability. The conflict has spilled over into neighboring countries, with many Syrians seeking refuge in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan. The influx of refugees has put a strain on these countries' resources and has led to social tensions. The conflict has also created opportunities for extremist groups to gain a foothold in the region, further destabilizing the area.

In conclusion, the war in Syria has had far-reaching effects on the country and its people. The displacement of millions of people, the destruction of infrastructure, the loss of life, the economic impact, and the impact on regional stability are just some of the consequences of this prolonged conflict. It is clear that the effects of the war in Syria will be felt for generations, and the international community must continue to work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict.