

Company: Rudaw Media Network
Company Description: Rudaw Media Network, under the stewardship of CEO Ako Mohammed, operates from Erbil, Iraq, disseminating content in several languages. Since 2013, it has been at the forefront of multimedia journalism, garnering international credibility through its comprehensive coverage of significant events such as the ISIS conflict and global protests, alongside strategic alliances with prominent agencies.
Nomination Category: Video Categories
Nomination Sub Category: News & Politics
Nomination Title: Unfinished stories: Assad collapsed from within



1. Date this production was first released/publicly viewed:

11 January 2025

2. Briefly describe this entry's communications objectives and how it met those objectives (up to 200 words):

Total 188 words used.

This documentary set out to capture a moment that history was still writing — the days right after the fall of Bashar al-Assad’s regime. The goal was simple but urgent: to show what life looked like on the ground in Damascus, to hear from the people who stayed behind, and to understand what really brought the regime down. We wanted to move beyond war headlines and focus on the deeper story — poverty, corruption, and broken systems that finally collapsed under their own weight.

By arriving in Damascus just days after Assad’s departure, the team was able to document raw, unfiltered scenes that most of the world hadn’t yet seen. We spoke to people who had lost faith, people who had taken power, and people who never left — including Syria’s last prime minister, Mohammed Jalali, and members of HTS now in control. Their words painted a stark picture of a broken state and uncertain future. The film didn't aim to provide answers but to give space to the voices living through it. In doing so, it sparked reflection, conversation, and a deeper understanding of Syria’s next chapter.

3. Provide the applicable creative and production credits for this entry:

Presenter and executive producer: Hevidar Ahmed

Director: Bayar Hakim

Cinematographer: Zhwan Farhad

Video Editor: Brwa Omar

Sound Design: Niyaz Mohammed

Attachments/Videos/Links:

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