What We Ignore, We Empower: Five Decades of Despair Under the Assad Regime

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While March 12th marks fifty years of dictatorship and terror in Syria since Hafez al-Assad's infamous coup d'etat, March 15th is the 10th anniversary of the Syrian revolution against the Assad regime. For most Syrians, since at least 2011, the very idea of home is shifting beneath their feet. A whole nation has gone forcibly homeless during the past ten years. Having fled my hometown, Damascus, in 2005 as a result of direct death threats from Bashar al-Assad, my family and I still continue to struggle to make sense of the idea of home...

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