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| Name (English) | Rouhia, er Rouhia, Ar-Rawhiyah |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, transcription) | ar-Rūḥīya |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, Arabic) | الروحية |
| Name in local variety (in transcription) | ir-Rūḥīya |
| Geo location | 35.65, 9.05 |
| Typology (Local) | West (Maghreb) > Tunisia > North Western Tunisia |
| Typology (General) | Bedouin-type dialect |
| General | ir-Rūḥīya is a small town (with about 4,000 inhabitants) and district capital (*muʕtamadīya*) in the [Silyǟna Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siliana_Governorate). According to local sources, its original population was formed by the Arabic tribes Ūlǟd Mǟžir and Ūlǟd ʕAyyāṛ. Due to its location in the transition area of three governorates, it belonged to il-Kǟf first, later became a part of il-Gaṣrīn and as Silyǟna became a governorate of its own, it became a part of Silyǟna. Within the municipality of ir-Rūḥīya the dialect of is-Skārna is famous for its unique lexical expressions.  Folk etymology has it that the name of the town is derived from *ar-rūḥ hīya* “It is the spirit”. ir-Rūḥīya used to be a vivid center of spiritual life, famous for its *zrid*-ceremonies (singular *zarda* “feast celebrated in honour of a saint”), in the course of which the local population as well as people from other parts of Tunisia visited the saints’ tombs (e.g. Umm id-Dlǟl, Sīdi l-Hǟdi, Ḥmid Bū ʕĪn, Sīdi ʕAlī). After the revolution in 2011 these activities stopped and have shown a slow revival within the last years. |
| Research history | To the best of our knowledge hitherto no research has been done on the dialect of ir-Rūḥīya, however this dialect is linguistically investigated within the TUNOCENT project. |
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