



FIELD DEVELOPMENTS

NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST 15-21 January; 2022

violations of truce committed by the Regime and its Russian ally

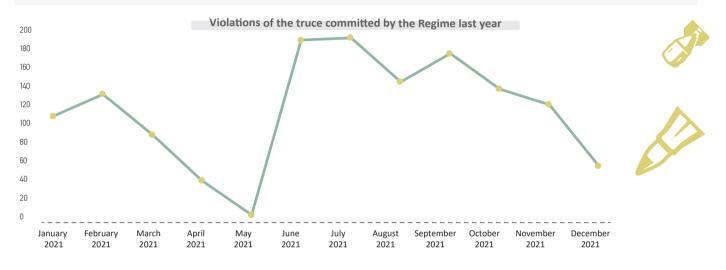
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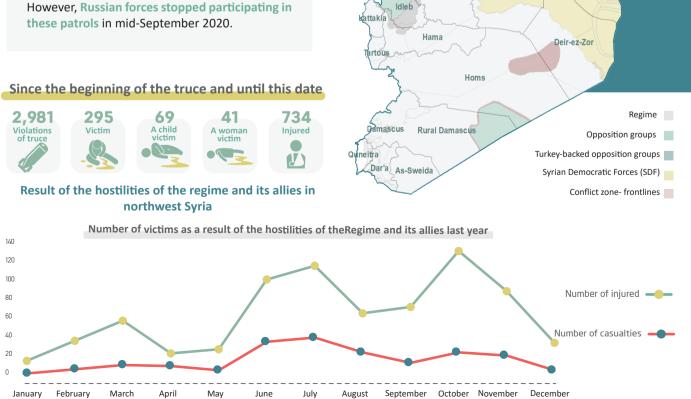
Aleppo

Al-Hasakeh

After the Turkey and Russia reached a **ceasefire agreement** in Idlib governorate on March 5, 2020, the Syrian regime and its Russian ally did not bomb northwest Syria with warplanes. However, the **regime continued to bomb** these cities and towns **with heavy artillery and rockets** from ground launchers. On June 2, 2020, **Russian warplanes resumed bombing** cities and towns in northwest Syria, and the regime continued to bombard them with heavy artillery and rockets from ground launchers. Through its network of enumerators, **ACU worked on documenting the regime's breach of the ceasefire.** As of the date of preparing this report, the Syrian regime and its Russian ally have violated the ceasefire **2,981 times**.



After the ceasefire came into effect, **Turkish and Russian forces began conducting joint military patrols** on the contact lines between the regime forces and the opposition forces, as these patrols run along the M4 international road. These joint forces aim to monitor the implementation of the ceasefire and de-escalation on the contact lines. However, **Russian forces stopped participating in these patrols** in mid-September 2020.



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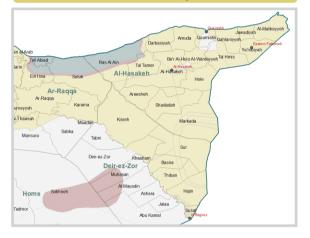
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In the central region of Idlib governorate, Russian warplanes bombed al-Bara town with several airstrikes for three consecutive days. In the southern countryside of Idlib, on January 16, 2022, Russian warplanes bombed al-Fatirah town with several airstrikes. On January 21, 2022, Russian warplanes bombed the outskirts of Ma'arrat Misrin city and Kefraya town with several airstrikes. In the northern countryside of Aleppo, on January 20, 2022, the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) bombed the town of Maryamin Afrin with missiles, killing a woman and injuring 3 civilians. Also, SDF bombed Afrin city and Ghazawiya Afrin town with missiles, killing 4 civilians and injuring 24 others. In addition, SDF bombed Azaz city with heavy artillery and machine guns. In northwest Syria, during the period between January 15-19, 2022, rain and snow storms damaged 72 camps, which led to the complete destruction of 920 tents and partial destruction of 1,900 others, in addition to the destruction of shelter and food items within all the damaged tents. The number of affected families reached 2,820, in addition to road blockages to dozens of camps.

Northeast Syria



In Al-Hol camp, in al-Hasakah governorate, on January 17, 2022, a group of forcibly displaced families left al-Hol camp; the group consists of 50 families and headed towards their cities and towns in the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor. On January 20, 2022, another group of 40 families left the camp.

In the northern countryside of al-Hasaka, on January 15, 2022, the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) arrested 7 regime fighters. The arrest came after an SDF member was shot by the regime's National Defense Forces. The Revolutionary Youth of the Democratic Union Party (PYD), one of SDF's components, kidnapped a 15-year-old girl from the eastern town of Fattume Sharqiyye to be recruited into the compulsory conscription camps. On January 20, 2022, a car bomb exploded in front of the Ghweran prison gate in al-Hasakah city, which holds ISIS detainees. After that, clashes began between ISIS fighters on one side and SDF forces and the coalition forces on the other. ISIS fighters tried to storm the prison and free the detainees. The clashes were accompanied with a rebellion by the group's detainees inside the prison, and the international coalition used helicopters to bombard the prison, the Sadcop Petroleum Company, the Faculty of Economics, as well as a large number of civilian buildings in the neighborhood. The clashes continued for ten days, which led to a mass exodus of the residents of Ghweran neighborhood, all of whom were of the Arab ethnicity. The clashes ended with SDF and the international coalition taking control of Ghweran prison.

In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, on January 19, 2022, SDF raided the house of a resident of Madna Kabir town, and clashes took place between the owners of the house and SDF fighters, ending with the death of the house owner. SDF arrested the residents of the house, confiscated their weapons, and charged them with collaborating with ISIS.

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, on January 20, 2022, a water crossing was opened, linking the regime-controlled areas in al-Bukamal city with the SDF-controlled areas in al-Baghouz town. The Russian forces are supervising the work of the crossing on the regime's side. The crossing is currently used to exchange commercial goods, and there are promises to open the crossing to people.

