



Regime

Opposition groups

Conflict zone- frontlines

Turkey-backed opposition groups

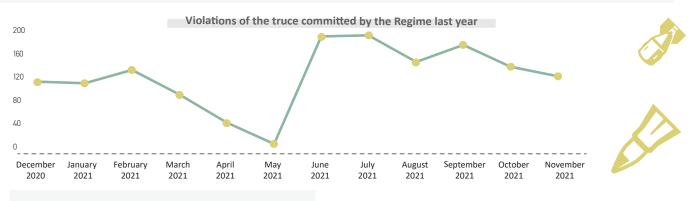
Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)

## FIELD DEVELOPMENTS

NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST 14-21 December; 2021

violations of truce committed by the Regime and its Russian ally

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. 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 2,880 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.

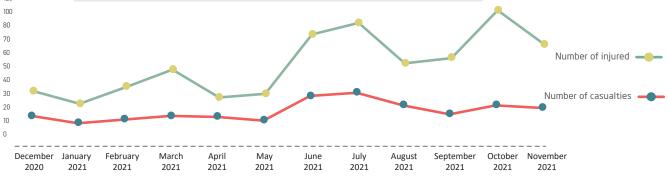


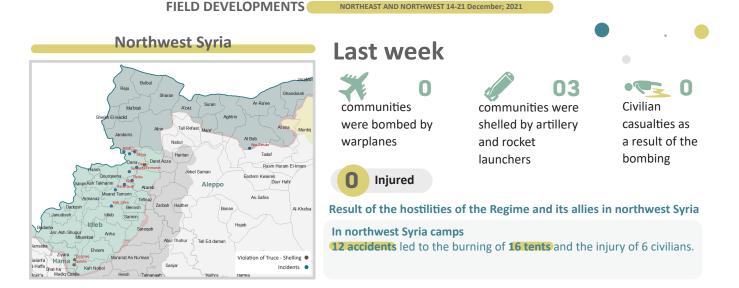
Homs

Controlling Parties 21 December 2021

## Since the beginning of the truce and until this date



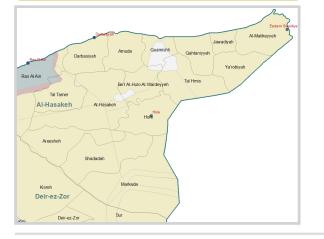




It was noted that the regime's violation of the cease-fire has decreased due to holding the 17th round of the Astana Conference on Syria. In the northern countryside of Aleppo, on December 16, 2021, a prisoner exchange operation took place between the regime forces and the National Army forces (the opposition) at the Abu al-Zindin crossing point. The operation took place with a Turkish-Russian guarantee, where the two sides exchanged 5 prisoners.

In Idlib governorate, the Salvation Government issued a new price for bread, as it set the price of a subsidized bread package weighing 600 grams and containing 7 loaves at 2.5 Turkish liras. The price of a non-subsidized bread package weighing 650 grams and containing 8 loaves was set at 5 Turkish liras. The local council of Azaz city issued a new price for bread, where the price of a subsidized bread package weighing 1 kg was set at 6 Turkish liras.





In the eastern countryside of Damascus, on December 16, 2021, British Forces announced that it shot down a drone after it penetrated the Al-Tanfa base on the Syrian-Jordanian border. The international coalition forces accused Iran and its loyal militias of carrying out the attack.

The Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government closed al-Waleed-Sweidiyye border crossing, which is opposite the eastern Sweidiyye town in the Kojaraat area, which is part of al-Malikiyye city. Al-Waleed Border Crossing was opened several years ago to import food items, humanitarian aid, and construction materials (cement, iron, and others). The Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government submitted a set of demands to the American mediator to reopen the "Feesh Khabur" crossing, known as the "Simalka" crossing, the most important of which is an official apology by the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and promises (with an American guarantee) that the PKK-affiliated Youth of the Revolution would not repeat its violations, where members of the Youth of the Revolution stormed the Simalka crossing several days prior and beat civilians who demonstrated against SDF's and PKK's practices, prompting the crossing administration on the part of the Kurdistan region of Iraq to close it. Also, as one of the basic conditions for reopening the crossing, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq demanded that the Syrian side of the crossing be handed over to a civilian administration. It is worth mentioning that a large part of food items became scarce in eastern Syrian markets after the crossing was closed, while the prices of other items doubled.

In the northern countryside of al-Hasaka, on December 15, 2021, an IDP woman was found shot dead by unknown persons in the fifth sector of Al-Hol camp. On December 19, 2021, the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) conducted a raid campaign in the female migrant sector in Al-Hol camp and took out 30 teenagers of Arab and foreign nationalities because they exceeded the legal age for ISIL men, as SDF determined the age at which children are allowed to stay with their families to be younger than 14 years old. SDF arrested 8 migrant women after a quarrel with them for their refusal to take out their children.

In Ras al-Ain, livestock keepers suffer from a lack of pastures due to drought and high fodder prices. According to estimates, there are 160,000 head of sheep in Ras al-Ain, in addition to 2,000 head of cows. Livestock raising and agriculture are among the main sources of livelihood in the Ras Al-Ain region.

