

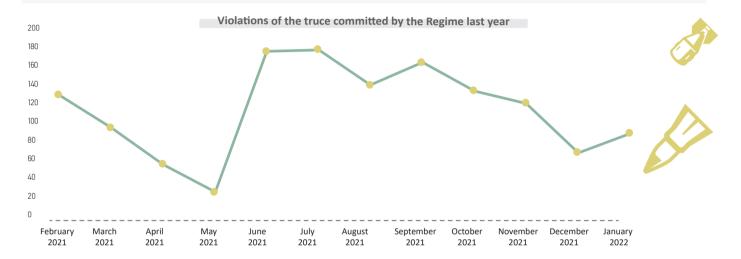


### FIELD DEVELOPMENTS

NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST 15-21 February; 2022

# 3,032 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. 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 3,032 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.

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





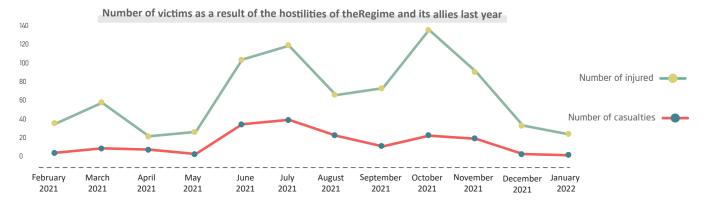






Result of the hostilities of the regime and its allies in northwest Syria

### Controlling Parties 21 February 2022 Al-Hasakeh Aleppo Ar-Ragga Idleh attakia Hama Deir-ez-Zor Homs Regime Rural Damascus Opposition groups neitra Turkey-backed opposition groups Dar'a As-Sweida Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) Conflict zone- frontlines



### **Northwest Syria**

# Violation of Truce - Shelling

## Last week



communities were shelled by artillery and rocket launchers

Civilian casualties as a result of the bombing



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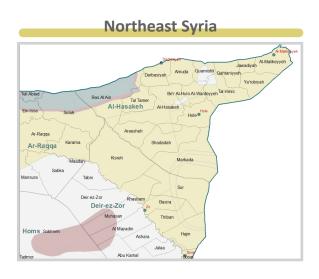
IIn northwest Syria: 6 IEDs exploded, killing 7 civilians and injuring 9.

In northwest Syria camps 11 incidents led to the burning of 11 tents.

western countryside of Aleppo, on 15 February 2022, regime forces shelled Kafr Nuran town with heavy artillery, killing a woman and her child and injuring her husband and four of her children. In the northern countryside of Idlib, on 16 February 2022, regime forces shelled with heavy artillery the road between Dana city and Termanin town (the diesel transportation road), killing four civilians, injuring four others, and causing a huge fire. In the northern countryside of Aleppo, a remnant of war exploded near Jenderes city, injuring three children; the projectile exploded as children were collecting scrap. The so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) shelled Hazwan town with heavy artillery.

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, on 15 February 2022, the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) rocketed Azaz city from ground launchers. The shelling targeted a crowded public park, killing two civilians and injuring four others. An IED planted in a garbage container exploded near the Muasalaat Building in Azaz city, killing 3 civilians and injuring 6 others.

In the northern countryside of Idlib, on 20 February 2022, the Atmeh camps witnessed major protests due to the cancellation of support for a large number of beneficiaries by the World Food Organization (WFP). Two children were abducted in Atmeh camps (a male aged three and a female aged two and a half). A few days later, the bodies of the two children were thrown from a car, strangled to death and with signs of torture. It was later discovered that the children's uncle's wife had killed them. Security forces arrested the criminal and she is being interrogated.



In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, on 15 February 2022, a landmine that is a remnant of war exploded near Sousse city, killing one child. Unidentified individuals riding a motorcycle fired shots at al-Zerr Water Station, which is used as a military point by fighters of the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), which led to killing one unknown individual and injuring two SDF fighters. Russia and Iran are competing to win the loyalty of villages in eastern Syria, in an attempt to link them to their respective areas of influence. The "Cold War" between Moscow and Tehran escalated recently, after the Iranian militias opened a bridge linking the villages of Hatla, Mirat, Mazloum, Khasham, Tabiya, Salhiya, and Husseiniyeh east of the Euphrates River with Iranian areas of influence west of the Euphrates River in the middle of last month. The opening of the bridge provoked the resentment of the Russian forces, which intensified their presence in those areas. Russian forces also distributed clothes for students, carrying the regime and Russian flags, in addition to winter clothes. In addition, the Russian forces attempt to attract the notables of the region to win popular opinion. However, the Iranian militias did not stand still in the face of the Russian attempts, and responded by distributing foodstuffs to the people of these villages. Russian forces continue to try to control and penetrate areas under the influence of Iranian militias in Syria, by attracting people and bringing them closer to them through the delivery of relief assistance, in an attempt to stop Iran's continuous expansion into Syrian territory.

In the northern countryside of al-Hasakah, on 18 February 2022, a fire broke out in a tent in sector 6 of al-Hawl camp, which burned a woman to death. On 21 February 2022, the journalist Ahmad Sufi surrendered to the intelligence services of the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) after SDF raided the journalist's home in the village of Baneh Qasri (in al-Malikiyah countryside) and took his son hostage when he was not found, in an attempt to pressure him to surrender. The armed group that raided the house spread panic among the family members, where it searched the house and confiscated mobile devices and a laptop for the family members, after which the journalist Ahmed Sufi surrendered himself to the SDF-affiliated intelligence services in exchange for the release of his son, who was held hostage. Sufi is a correspondent for ARK, which broadcasts on social media and is affiliated with the Kurdistan Democratic Party-Syria (the largest opposition party of the Kurdish National Council). It is noteworthy that SDF arrested two journalists from al-Qamishli city early this month, Bawar Mulla Ahmed, a reporter for Yekiti Media and Sabri Fakhri, an ARK reporter. A 15-year-old girl was abducted by unknown perpetrators in the al-Kallassa neighborhood in al-Hasakeh city.

# Important links









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