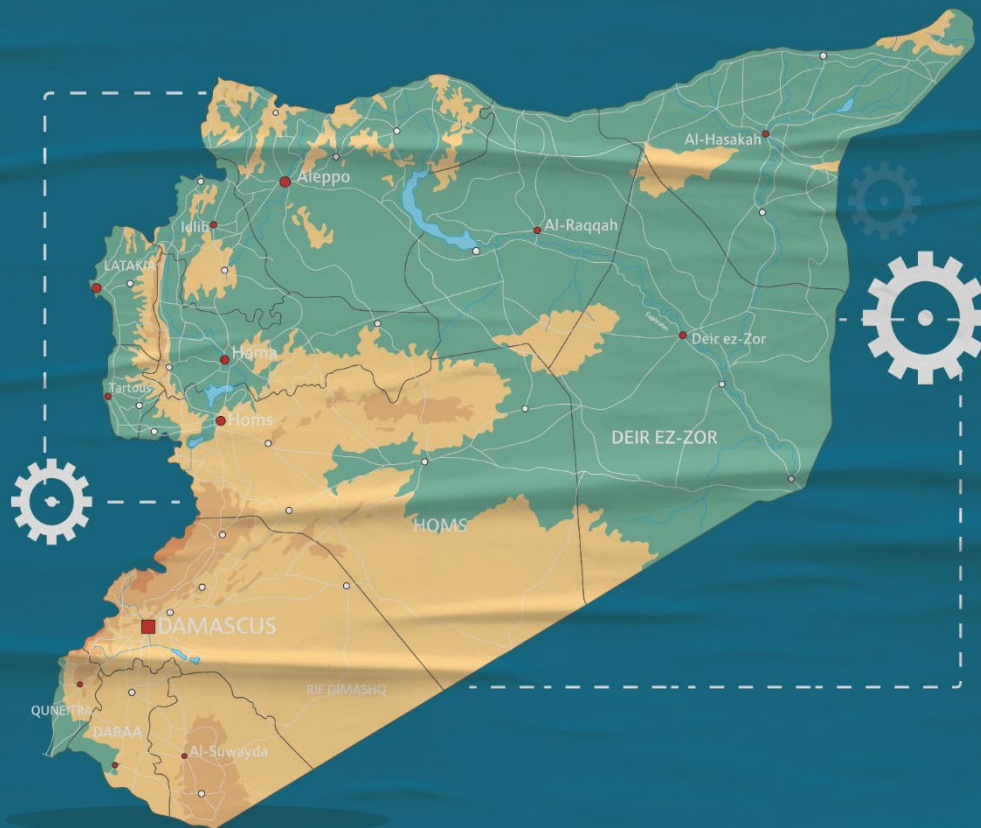


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15 -21 December 2022

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Summary of Events

15 -21 December 2022

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) documented, in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU), 34 violations by the Syrian regime and its Russian ally during the period between 15 -21 December 2022 of the agreed ceasefire between the Turkish and Russian sides in Idleb Governorate and the surrounding countryside of Aleppo, Hama, and Latakia governates.

No joint Turkish-Russian military patrols were conducted between 15 - 21 December 2022. In the northern countryside of Aleppo, on 18 December 2022, an IDP from Deir ez-Zor killed his sister, her husband, and their five children in the city of Ar-Ra'ee. Information sources confirm that the perpetrator was addicted to drugs and was under the influence of drugs at the time of committing the crime. On 20 December 2022, regime forces shelled Al Bab city with heavy artillery, injuring three civilians.

In the northern countryside of Ar-Raqqah, on 16 December 2022, the international coalition forces began preparing a new military base in the city of Ar-Raqqah under the control of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). They started constructing military barracks and a helicopter landing pad within the 17th Division under the control of the SDF. Additionally, the international coalition forces began setting up another base on the southern outskirts of Ar-Raqqah near the Al-Rasheed Bridge. The city of Ar-Raqqah witnessed the presence of international coalition military patrols in its streets and around the central prison, which houses former members of ISIS. It is worth mentioning that the international coalition forces had withdrawn from the city three years ago before the Peace Spring operation carried out by the Turkish forces

and the Syrian National Army. After the Peace Spring operation, the presence of the coalition forces was limited to intelligence operations and training the SDF forces.

In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, on 17 December 2022, the regime forces sent new military reinforcements to the cities of Menbij and Ain Al Arab. On 21 December 2022, the regime forces sent military reinforcements to the outskirts of Menbij, Ain Al Arab, and Tall Refaat. The reinforcements included tanks, artillery, and over 100 fighters from Tiger Militia (Suheil al-Hassan) supported by Russia.

In eastern Syria, the number of children affected by respiratory diseases is increasing due to the medical staff's inability to provide treatment. According to sources, the medical staff has been unable to diagnose the illness, and cases are being referred to Aleppo and Damascus governates. As of the report's preparation date, more than 170 affected children have arrived at the National Hospital in Ar-Raqqa. Meanwhile, school closures continue, and there are expectations of a decision to extend the suspension of schools due to the spread of the virus.

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, on 21 December 2022, the international coalition conducted an airborne operation with the support of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in the town of Sur and arrested four individuals from the town.

The Sequence of Events by Date

15 December 2022

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) within the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in the southern countryside of Idleb. The regime forces shelled the town of Moantaf with heavy artillery.

Displacement

In the northern countryside of Idleb, a fire broke out in Shamna Camp near the town of Babsqa due to the misuse of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials and caused injuries to an IDP. A fire broke out in Mulhaq Mashehad Ruhin Camp near the town of Mashehad Ruhin due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials within it and the injury of an IDP.

16 December 2022

Northwest

There has been no ceasefire breach by all sides in northwest Syria.

Displacement

In the northern countryside of Idleb, a fire broke out in Zaytoun Camp near the town of Tal Elkarameh due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials inside without any human casualties.

Northeast

In the northern countryside of Ar-Raqqa, the international coalition forces have started preparing a new military base in the city of Ar-Raqqa, under the control of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). They have begun constructing military barracks and a helicopter landing pad within the 17th Division controlled by the SDF. The international coalition forces have also started preparing another base on the southern outskirts of Ar-Raqqa near the Al-Rashid Bridge. The city of Ar-Raqqa witnessed the presence of international coalition military patrols in its streets and around the central prison, which houses former members of ISIS. It is worth mentioning that the international coalition forces had withdrawn from the city three years ago, before the start of the Peace Spring Operation, carried out by the Turkish forces and the Syrian National Army. Since the Peace Spring Operation, the presence of the coalition forces has been limited to conducting intelligence operations and training the SDF forces.

A child working in a cotton gin in the city of Tell Abiad was killed by a member of the Syrian National Army (opposition forces supported by Turkey). This incident led the child's relatives to fire the cotton gin. Information sources confirm that the burned cotton in the gin was estimated to be worth 500,000 US dollars. Details of the child's murder have not been disclosed.

17 December 2022

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in Idleb governate and its surrounding countryside of Aleppo. In the central area of Idleb governate, regime forces heavily shelled the town of Kansafra. In the western countryside of Aleppo, the opposition forces managed to repel an infiltration attempt by the regime forces on the axis of Kafr Amma town. The regime forces shelled the location where the clash occurred with heavy artillery.

Displacement

In the northern Idleb countryside, a fire broke out in A'idoun Camp near the town of Big Hir Jamus due to the misuse of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of two tents and the materials inside and causing injuries to an IDP. A fire broke out in Al-Wafa Camp near the town of Atma due to the misuse of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and the materials inside without any human casualties. A fire broke out in Al-Hiba Camp near the town of Atma due to the misuse of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and the materials inside without any human casualties.

Northeast

In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, the regime forces have sent new military reinforcements to the cities of Menbij and Ain Al Arab.

18 December 2022

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in Idlib governate and its surrounding countryside of Aleppo and Hama. In the central area of Idlib governate, regime forces heavily shelled the towns of Bara, Maaret Elnaasan, Teftnaz, Afs, and Majariz. In the southern countryside of Idlib, regime forces shelled the town of Kafr Oweid with heavy artillery. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the towns of Tadil, Kafr Taal, and Kafr Ammah with heavy artillery.

Livelihood

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, an IDP from Deir ez-Zor killed his sister, her husband, and their five children in the city of Ar-Ra'ee. Information sources confirm that the perpetrator was a drug addict and was under the influence of drugs when committing the crime.

Displacement

In the northern countryside of Idlib, a fire broke out in Ikhaa Camp near the town of Atma due to the misuse of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials and caused injuries to an IDP.

Northeast

In the northern countryside of Ar-Raqqa, the Civil Council of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) issued a decision to suspend schools for a week, and the suspension began on 18 December 2022. The suspension came due to the weather conditions and the spread of influenza and crepes among students. Al-Thawra Hospital (Tabaqa City) received dozens of cases of children infected with an unknown lung virus. It was announced that two children died, and their death is believed to be due to the virus.

19 December 2022

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in Idlib governate and its surrounding countryside of Aleppo. In the central area of Idlib governate, regime forces heavily shelled the town of Bara, San, and Maaret Elnaasan. In the western countryside of Aleppo, clashes occurred between regime and opposition forces on the axes of Atareb, Kafr Ammah, Kafr Taal, and Taqad, and regime forces shelled the areas of the clash with heavy artillery.

Displacement

In the northern countryside of Idlib, a fire broke out in the Bhora Camp near the town of Bhora due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and the shelter materials inside it without any human casualties. A fire broke out in the Al-Faraj Camp near the town of Bab Al-Hawa due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and the shelter materials inside it without any human casualties.

20 December 2022

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in Idleb governate and its surrounding countryside of Aleppo and Hama. In the central area of Idleb governate, regime forces heavily shelled the towns of Kansafra, Banin, Bara, and San. In the western countryside of Aleppo, the regime forces shelled the towns of Kafr Taal, Tadil, Abzemo, Wasata, Bahfis, and Taqad with heavy artillery.

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled al-Bab city with heavy artillery, injuring three civilians.

Displacement

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, a fire broke out in the new Bab Al-Hawa Camp near the town of Salama due to an electrical short circuit. The fire resulted in the burning of two tents and the shelter materials inside them without any human casualties.

Northeast

In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, the Education Committee affiliated with the Self-Administration of the SDF issued a circular in Menbij district suspending schools, kindergartens, and institutes from 20 December 2022 until 29 December 2022. According to the statement, school suspensions ensure students' safety.

21 December 2022

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in the central area of Idleb governate, where regime forces heavily shelled the town of Afs, Bara, Banin, and Maaret Elnaasan.

Displacement

In the northern countryside of Idleb, a fire broke out in the First Residential Gathering of Atma Camp near the town of Atma due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and the shelter materials inside it and caused injuries to an IDP. A fire broke out in the camp of Jabal al-Zawiya Gathering near the town of Aqrabat (Atma) in the northern countryside of Idleb due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and the shelter materials inside it without any human casualties. A fire broke out in Atma Camp near the town of Atma due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials and injuries to two IDPs.

Northeast

In the northern countryside of Ar-Raqqa, the number of children suffering from respiratory diseases is increasing due to the medical staff's inability to provide treatment. According to sources, the medical personnel has been

unable to diagnose the illness, and cases are being referred to Aleppo and Damascus governates. As of the report's preparation date, more than 170 affected children have been admitted to the National Hospital in Ar-Raqqa City. Schools remain closed, and there are expectations of extending the suspension due to the spread of the virus.

In the northern countryside of Al-Hasakeh, Turkish forces shelled Al-Kuzliyah, located in Tal Tamer sub-district, using heavy artillery.

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, the international coalition carried out an airborne operation with the support of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in the Sur sub-district, arresting four individuals from the area.

In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, regime forces sent military reinforcements to the suburbs of Menbij, Ain Al Arab, and Tall Refaat, including tanks and artillery, as well as more than 100 fighters from the Russian-backed Tiger Militia (Suhail al-Hassan).

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