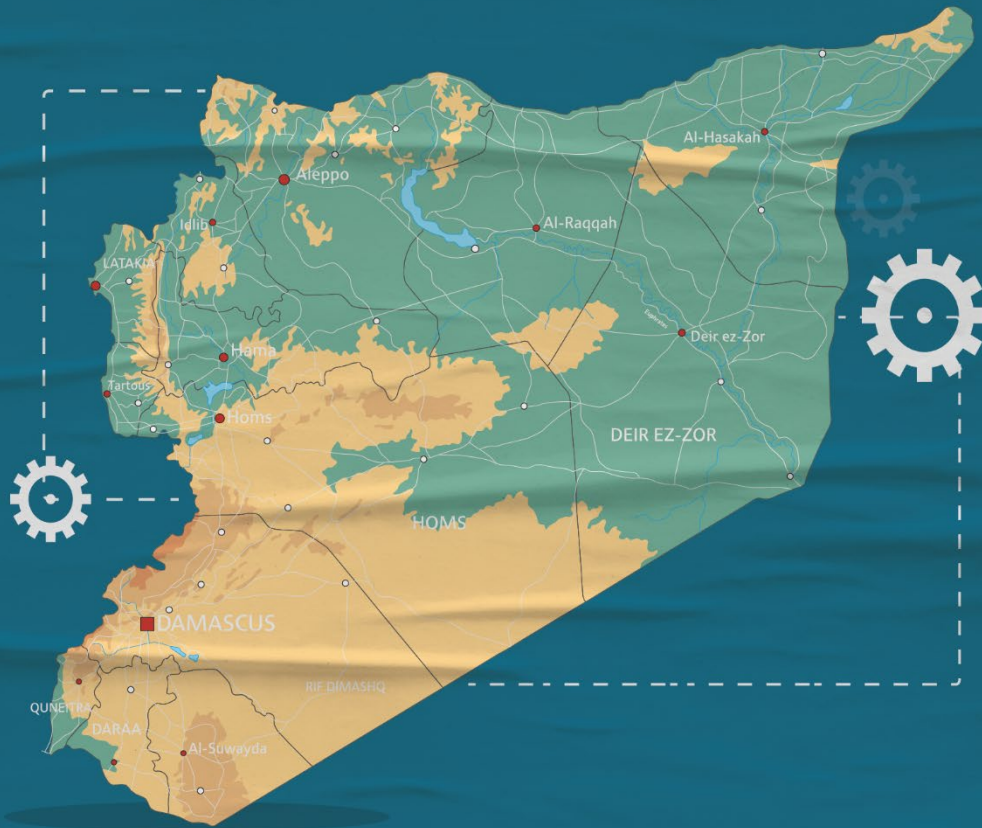


Field Updates in Syria

22- 31 December 2022

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Summary of Events

22- 31 December 2022

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) documented, in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU), 35 violations by the Syrian regime and its Russian ally during the period between 22 – 31 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 22 – 31 December 2022. In the northern countryside of Latakia, on 27 December 2022, regime forces targeted the hill of Kabani village with guided missiles, killing one civilian and injuring another who were gathering firewood. In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, on 26 December 2022, a bakery in the village of Big Maqtaa Elhajar, south of the city of Menbij, caught fire, resulting in the death of a 13-year-old child who was working inside the bakery and the injury of another worker. The explosion of a diesel barrel caused the fire while the workers were heating it due to the poor quality of the diesel.

The World Food Programme (WFP) announced a reduction in the value of food baskets and cash vouchers starting from the beginning of 2023. The statement reads, "Dear beneficiaries of the food assistance from the World Food Programme (WFP) in northwest Syria (Idleb), we would like to inform you that the WFP calculates the value of cash assistance (electronic vouchers) based on several criteria, such as the average rate of food needs and the expenses of a five-member household on a monthly basis, in addition to the

prices of food items in the local market and the available resources of the World Food Programme. Based on these criteria, the World Food Programme (WFP) has recently adjusted the value of its standard food basket to \$40 instead of \$60, starting from January 2023. This adjustment will also be applied to the monthly cash vouchers. Therefore, the last cycle in Idleb in which you will receive \$60 is only in December 2022, while from January 2023, only \$40 will be transferred to your e-vouchers." The Free Civil Defense issued a decision to dissolve 13 centers by the beginning of 2023.

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, on 31 December 2022, the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and the international coalition forces besieged the neighborhood of Al-Sabe'i in Abul Nitel village. They used helicopters and assisted with ground forces from 2:00 AM until 5:00 AM. Two houses belonging to Hassan Al-Aliwi and Abdul-Issa were destroyed. The wanted individuals were demanded to surrender themselves through loudspeakers.

In the northern countryside of Ar-Raqqa, most farmers in the Tell Abiad area have refrained from harvesting their yellow corn crops due to low market prices that do not cover the cost of harvesting. Traders are buying green corn at a price of \$160 per ton, while dried corn is being purchased at prices ranging from \$175 to \$190 per ton.

The Sequence of Events by Date

22- 31 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 towns of Bara and Kansafra. In the southern countryside of Idleb, the opposition forces managed to repel an infiltration attempt by regime forces in the town of Ftireh. The regime forces responded by heavily shelling the battlefronts with artillery. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces heavily shelled the towns of Al-Habbatah and Tadil.

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) targeted the town of Dabeq with missile strikes from ground launchers. SDF forces targeted residential neighborhoods in Mare' with heavy machine gun fire.

Displacement

In the northern countryside of Idleb, a fire broke out in a Muhajireen Camp near the town of Deir Hassan due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in a tent and shelter materials burning, and three displaced individuals were injured. A fire broke out in the AFAD Al-Muhaddath Camp near the town of Mashhad Ruhin for unknown reasons. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials inside without any human casualties.

In the northern Aleppo countryside, a fire broke out in Al-Zuhur Camp near the town of A'zaz 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

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23 December 2022

Northwest

All parties in Idlib governorate and the related countryside of Aleppo and Hama governorates did not violate the ceasefire.

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, clashes occurred between the Syrian government forces and the National Army (opposition forces supported by Turkey) on the fronts of the towns of Basufan and Kabashin. The regime forces stormed several positions held by the National Army in the towns, but the National Army managed to regain control of the positions. The clashes resulted in the death of several members of the Sham Legion, which is affiliated with the National Army.

Displacement

In the western Aleppo countryside, a fire broke out in Al Muhtaseebun Camp near the town of Tuwama 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. A fire broke out in the Qiyam Camp near the town of Deir Hassan due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials and the injury of two IDPs.

In the western countryside of Aleppo, a fire broke out in Al-Akrameen Camp near the town of Mashhad Rouhin due to the misuse of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and the materials inside, and two IDPs were injured.

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, a fire broke out in Harsh Kabula Camp near the town of Khaldiyyet Afrin due to the misuse of a cooking stove. The fire resulted in burning of a tent and the materials inside without any human casualties.

Northeast

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

24 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 towns of Bara. In the southern countryside of Idleb, regime forces shelled the town of Al-Fatira with heavy artillery. In the northern Hama countryside, regime forces shelled the town of Kherbet Elnaqus with heavy artillery.

Displacement

In the northern Idleb countryside, a fire broke out in Al-Salehiyah Camp (Kafr Aruq) near the town of Kafr Aruq due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in burning of a tent and shelter materials without any human casualties. A fire broke out in the Iman Billah 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 within it and the injury of an IDP.

Northeast

In northeast Syria, the Civil Council affiliated with the Self-Administration of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in northern Ar-Raqqa and the al-Jazeera region (Al-Hasakeh governate) has announced the extension of the school closure from 24 December 2022 until 1 January 2023. The extension of the school closure is due to weather conditions and the spread of the flu (acute influenza) among students.

In the northern countryside of Al-Hasakeh, Turkish forces shelled the towns of Al-Al-Qozleyah and Tal Ellaban in Tal Tamer sub-district with heavy artillery. A drone, believed to be Turkish, targeted a poultry farm in the countryside of Quamishli city. The shelling resulted in the injury of three women and a child.

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, the residents staged protests, blocked roads, and set tires on fire in various areas of the western countryside of Kasra sub-district. They were protesting against the killing of two women by members affiliated with the Deir ez-Zor Military Council, led by Ahmed al-Khabil (Abu Khula). They also protested against the killing of a civilian named Mahidi Al-Saleh, known as Daqduq, by the Commandos Forces affiliated with the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). They demanded accountability for those responsible for these crimes.

25 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 Bara and Kansafra. In the southern countryside of Idleb, regime forces shelled the towns of Sfuhen, Ftireh, and Fleifel with heavy artillery.

Livelihood

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26 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 Majdaliya.

Displacement

In the northern Idleb countryside, a fire broke out in Atfaluna Tunashidekum 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 without any human casualties. A fire broke out in Al-Lataminah Camp near the town of Deir Hassan due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of two tents and shelter materials within them without any human casualties. A fire broke out in Al-Andalus 1 Camp near the town of Zardana Mashehad due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials within it without any human casualties. A fire broke out in Umm Al-Shuhada Camp near the town of Atma Mashehad due to the improper use of a heater. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials within it, as well as the injury of an IDP.

Northeast

In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, a bakery in the village of Big Maqtaa Elhajar, south of Menbij city, was burned, killing a 13-year-old child working in the bakery and injuring another worker. The cause of the fire was the explosion of a barrel of diesel while the workers were heating it because the fuel was of poor quality.

27 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 Latakia. In the central area of Idleb governate, regime forces heavily shelled the towns of Majdaliya, Banin, and Kansafra. In the southern countryside of Idleb, regime forces shelled the town of Ftireh with heavy artillery. In the northern

countryside of Latakia, regime forces shelled the hill of Kabani town with guided missiles, killing one civilian and injuring another who were collecting firewood.

Displacement

In northwest Syria, heavy rains fell between 25 - 27 December 2022, leading to flooding in several IDP camps, the complete destruction of 59 tents, and partial damage to 340 tents.

In the northern Aleppo countryside, a fire broke out in the Tarhin Camp near the town of Shabiran due to the misuse of a cooking stove. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials without any human casualties. A fire broke out in Rahmat Camp near the town of Tal Slur due to the misuse of a heating stove. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials within it, as well as the injury of an IDP.

In the northern Idlib countryside, a fire broke out in Tlul Camp near the town of Tlul due to the misuse of a heating stove. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials within it without any human casualties.

28 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. In the southern countryside of Idlib, regime forces shelled the town of Ftireh with heavy artillery. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the town of Kafr Thoran with heavy artillery.

29 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 northern countryside of Idlib governate, regime forces heavily shelled the town of Termanin. In the central area of Idlib governorate, regime forces shelled Sarmin city and the towns of Ruwaiha, Afs, Maaret Elnaasan, and Kansafra with heavy artillery. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the towns of Tadil, Kafr Taal, and Kafr Amma with heavy artillery. There were clashes between the regime and opposition forces near the town of Kafr Thoran, and the clashes and mutual shelling led to the collapse of a building.

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the vicinity of the town of Ghazawiyet Afrin with heavy artillery.

30 December 2022

Northwest

No ceasefire violations have occurred from all parties in Idleb governate and its surrounding countryside areas in Aleppo, Hama, and Latakia governates.

31 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 towns of Maaret Elnaasan and Kansafra. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the towns of Tqad and Kafr Thoran with heavy artillery.

Displacement

In the northern Idleb countryside, a fire broke out in Al Khair Camp near the town of Deir Hassan due to the misuse of a heating stove. The fire resulted in the burning of a tent and shelter materials within it without any human casualties.

Northeast

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and the international coalition forces, using helicopters and ground troops, besieged the Al-Sabee neighborhood in the village of Abul Nitel from 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM. Two houses (belonging to Hassan Al-Aliwi and Abdul Eissa) were destroyed, and the wanted individuals were demanded to surrender themselves through loudspeakers.