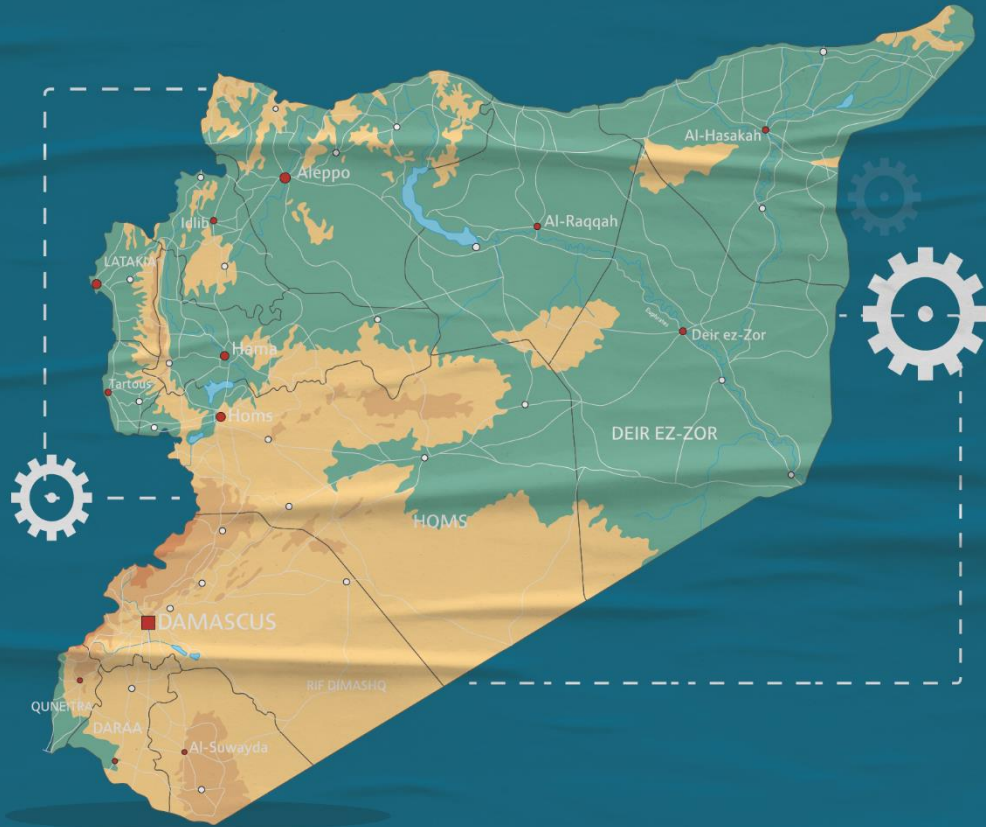


Field Updates in Syria

22-31 January 2023

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Summary of Events

22-31 January 2023

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented 47 violations by the Syrian regime and its Russian ally of the agreed ceasefire between the Turkish and Russian sides in Idlib governorate and its surrounding countryside, including Aleppo, Hama, and Latakia governorates, during the period between 22 - 31 January 2023.

There were no joint Turkish-Russian military patrols between 22 - 31 January 2023. In the western countryside of Aleppo, on 23 January 2023, regime forces shelled the town of Kafr Thoran with heavy artillery, killing one woman and injuring her child.

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, on 25 January 2023, the Interim Syrian Government announced the opening of Auwn Al-Dadadat crossing, which connects areas controlled by the National Army in the town of Big Baldaq (Hadra) in Jarablus with areas controlled by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in the town of Auwn in the Menbij. The Interim Government justified the opening of the crossing to prevent human trafficking and exploitation of civilians. The crossing was opened only for civilian movement and humanitarian reasons. Registration for crossings is done through the authorized authorities in the Military Police Administration affiliated with the opposition government.

On 27 January 2023, the city of Menbij witnessed a general strike in its markets in the eastern countryside of Aleppo. Most of the commercial shops were closed in protest against the policies of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) regarding forced conscription, corruption, and difficult living conditions. The military police affiliated with the SDF stormed Ibn Khaldun Institute for educational courses and arrested

nine students, taking them for forced conscription. They also arrested 16 young men from Menbij Eastren Camp and took them for forced conscription.

In the countryside of Ar-Raqqa governate, on 22 January 2023, the residents of the city of Ar-Raqqa, under the control of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), staged a protest against the killing of a woman and her daughter and the lack of accountability for the criminals. The incident involved a school teacher and her 8-year-old daughter returning to their home in Mashlab neighborhood only to find four burglars inside. The burglars stabbed the teacher and suffocated her daughter to death. SDF confirmed that they apprehended the suspects who confessed to their crime. However, SDF described the civilian demonstrations as disruptive and imposed a curfew in the city, arresting 50 individuals who participated in the protests.

In the northern countryside of Al-Hasakeh governate, on 24 January 2023, France reclaimed 15 women and 32 children holding French nationality who were detained by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in the camps of northeastern Syria.

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, on 29 January 2023, unidentified aircraft bombed several locations belonging to Iranian-backed militias affiliated with the regime in the outskirts of Abu Kamal city. It has also bombed Iranian militia positions near the Syrian-Iraqi border. On 30 January 2023, civilians took to the streets in protest and blocked the roads at the entrance of Basira city, demanding that the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) release their detainees. Unknown aircraft targeted several airstrikes on a tanker loaded with weapons and ammunition of the Iranian militias near the town of Sweiyeh in Abu Kamal sub-district.

The Sequence of Events by Date

22 January 2023

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 Maaret Elnaasan and Banin. In the southern countryside of Idlib, regime forces shelled the towns of Sfuhen and Ftireh with heavy artillery. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the city of Daret Azza and the town of Kafr Thoran with heavy artillery. In the northern countryside of Hama, regime forces shelled the towns of Qalidin, Qahera, Mansura, and Ankawi with heavy artillery.

Northeast

In the countryside of Ar-Raqqa governate, the residents of the city of Ar-Raqqa, under the control of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), staged a protest against the killing of a woman and her daughter and the lack of accountability for the criminals. The incident involved a school teacher and her 8-year-old daughter returning to their home in Mashlab neighborhood only to find four burglars inside. The burglars stabbed the teacher and

suffocated her daughter to death. SDF confirmed that they apprehended the suspects who confessed to their crime. However, SDF described the civilian demonstrations as disruptive and imposed a curfew in the city, arresting 50 individuals who participated in the protests.

23 January 2023

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented violations of the ceasefire by the regime in the governate of Idleb and its surrounding countryside, including areas in Aleppo, Hama, and Latakia governorates. In the central region of Idleb province, the regime forces shelled Kansafra, Bara, and Banin towns with heavy artillery. In the southern countryside of Idleb, regime forces shelled the town of Ftireh with heavy artillery. In the western countryside of Aleppo, the regime forces bombed the town of Kafr Thoran with heavy artillery, killing a woman and injuring her child. In the northern countryside of Latakia, regime forces shelled the hill town of Kabani with heavy artillery. In the northern countryside of Hama, regime forces shelled Ankawi town with heavy artillery.

24 January 2023

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 town of Maaret Elnaasan. 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 town of Kabani with heavy artillery.

Northeast

In the northern countryside of Al-Hasakeh governate, France reclaimed 15 women and 32 children holding French nationality who were detained by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in the camps of northeastern Syria.

25 January 2023

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 Ruwayiha. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the town of Wasatah with heavy artillery.

Livelihood

In the northern countryside of Aleppo, the Interim Syrian Government announced the opening of Auwn Al-Dadadat crossing, which connects areas controlled by the National Army in the town of Big Baldaq (Hadra) in Jarablus with areas controlled by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in the town of Auwn in the Manbij. The Interim Government justified the opening of the crossing to prevent human trafficking and exploitation of civilians. The crossing was opened only for civilian movement and humanitarian reasons. Registration for crossings is done through the authorized authorities in the Military Police Administration affiliated with the opposition government.

26 January 2023

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 Idlib governate, where regime forces heavily shelled the town of Maaret Elnaasan.

27 January 2023

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 Hama. In the western countryside of Idlib governate, regime forces heavily shelled the town of Halluz in Jisr-Ash-Shugur sub-district. In the northern countryside of Hama, regime forces shelled the towns of Ankawi and Qahera with heavy artillery.

Northeast

In the eastern countryside of Aleppo, the city of Manbij witnessed a general strike in its markets. Most of the commercial shops were closed in protest against the policies of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) regarding forced conscription, corruption, and difficult living conditions. The military police affiliated with the SDF stormed Ibn Khaldun Institute for educational courses and arrested nine students, taking them for forced conscription. They also arrested 16 young men from Manbij Eastren Camp and took them for forced conscription.

28 January 2023

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 Latakia. In the central area of Idlib governate, regime forces heavily shelled the towns of Bara and Banin. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the city of Atareb and the towns of Kafr Amma, Taqad, Qasr, and Kafr Thoran with heavy artillery and tank shells. In the northern countryside of Latakia, regime forces fired rockets from ground launchers at the hill town of Kabani.

Livelihood

In the western countryside of Aleppo, employees of the Aleppo Education Directorate and several educational staff participated in a protest against the decision of the Ministry of Education, affiliated with the Salvation Government, to abolish the Aleppo Education Directorate. The schools that were under the jurisdiction of the Aleppo Education Directorate were transferred to Termanin Education Complex. According to information sources, the aim of abolishing the Aleppo Education Directorate is to strengthen the authority of the Ministry of Education, which is affiliated with the Salvation Government, and force organizations and supporting entities to coordinate with it. There is unconfirmed information about abolishing the Coast Education Directorate as well, with its schools being transferred to the Jisr-Ash-Shugur Education Complex.

29 January 2023

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 town of Bara. In the southern countryside of Idlib, regime forces shelled the town of Fleifel with heavy artillery. In the western countryside of Aleppo, regime forces shelled the city of Atareb and the towns of Kafr Amma, Taqad, and Qasr with heavy artillery. In the northern countryside of Hama, regime forces shelled Ankawi town with heavy artillery. A civilian lost his life due to a landmine explosion in his agricultural land in the town of Kherbet Elnaqus. The landmine detonated while the civilian was working on his farm.

Northeast

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, unidentified aircraft bombed several Iranian pro-regime militia positions in the countryside of Abu Kamal city with airstrikes. It also bombed Iranian militia positions near the Syrian-Iraqi border.

30 January 2023

Northwest

Enumerators from the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in the northern Hama countryside. Regime forces heavily shelled the towns of Sarmaniya and Dweir Elakrad.

Livelihood

In the western countryside of Idlib, employees of the Latakia Education Directorate and several educational staff staged a protest against the decision of the Ministry of Education, affiliated with the Salvation Government, to abolish Latakia Education Directorate. Schools that were under the jurisdiction of the Latakia Education Directorate were transferred to the Jisr-Ash-Shugur Education Complex.

Northeast

In the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor, civilians went out in demonstrations. They blocked roads at the entrance to the city of Basira, demanding that the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) release its detainees. Unknown aircraft targeted several airstrikes on a tanker loaded with weapons and ammunition of the Iranian militias near the town of Sweiyeh in Abu Kamal sub-district.

31 January 2023

Northwest

Enumerators of the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) documented ceasefire violations by the regime in the northern countryside of Hama. Regime forces bombarded the city of Ziyara and the towns of Kherbet Elnaqus and Ankawi with heavy artillery.

In the central region of Idlib governate, a projectile from an old regime shelling exploded in the town of Balyun, killing one civilian and injuring two others. The projectile detonated while they were attempting to dismantle it.

Displacement

In the northern Aleppo countryside, an armed family clash occurred in Al-Qatari Camp in the town of Shamarin, resulting in the death of three individuals and injuring four others.