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WEEKLY CONFLICT SUMMARY | 1 - 7 JULY 2019

WHOLE OF SYRIA SUMMARY

NORTHWEST | For the fourth consecutive week, frontlines between Government of Syria (GoS) forces and Hayyat Tahrir Ash-Sham (HTS)-dominated groups remained static in the Idleb enclave. In Tal Rifaat, there was an increase in conflict between the People's Protection Units (YPG) and Turkish backed forces.

SOUTH & CENTRAL | In addition to low-level attacks against government-aligned personnel in the central and southern areas of the country, a suicide attack was recorded in As Sweida City.

NORTHEAST | Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) continued security operations along the Euphrates River Valley and in Hasakah Governorate. Five explosive attacks against the SDF were recorded in this reporting period. Agricultural fires were also recorded in the week.

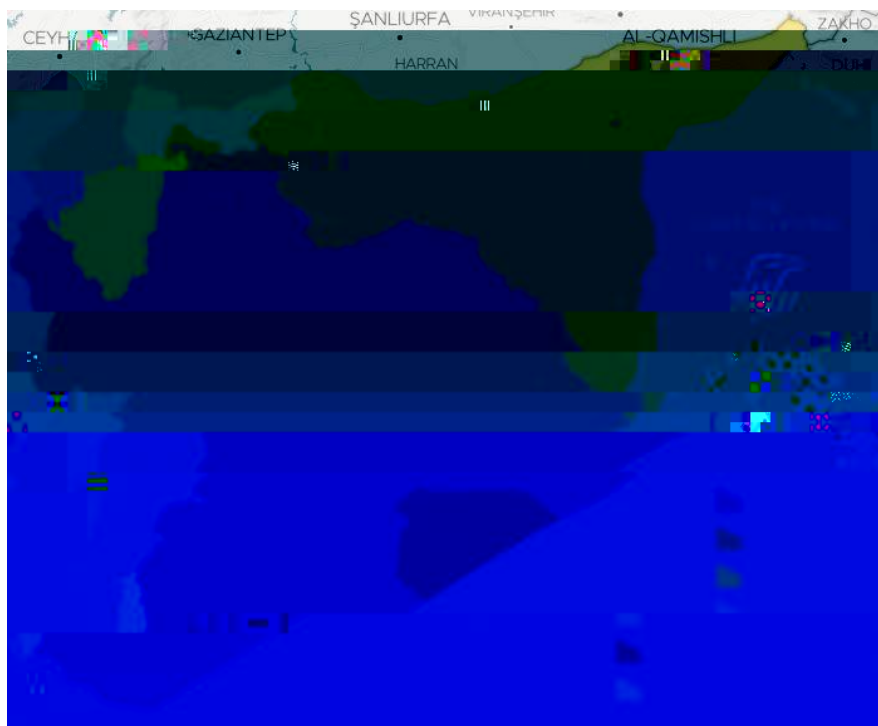


Figure 1: Dominant Actors' Area of Control and Influence in Syria as of 7 July 2019. NSOAG stands for Non-state Organized Armed Groups. For more explanation on our mapping, please see the footnote on page 2.

NORTHWEST SYRIA

Frontlines between Hayyat Tahrir ash Sham (HTS)-dominated Idleb and GOS forces remained static for the fourth consecutive week. HTS and other groups continued to hold the Tal Mallah area, while government forces focused efforts on areas north of Huwayz and east of Kafr Nabuda (Fi000022 12 Tf169e 2ET

Figure 3: Government and NSOAG (including HTS) Conflict Activity in northwest Syria 2019.

Outside of the Idleb pocket, HTS and other groups targeted with rocket bombardments at least 17 GOS-controlled areas in northern Hama,² and an additional [five](#) areas in Latakia Governorate.³ On 6 July, the Muhradah Power Station in Northern Hama was shelled.

Attacks also occurred behind frontlines, including one carried out by Turkish-backed National Liberation Front (NLF) in Tal Abu As'ad in Latakia Governorate that resulted in at least 10 government casualties,

Russian Troops from the pocket in late April (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Conflict Levels in Tal Rifaat Pocket in 2019 & locations of this week's conflict

SOUTH AND CENTRAL SYRIA

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continued this week. Three attacks were recorded in Mzeireb, Daraa, and in Um Walid, where suspected Popular Resistance members opened fire at a government checkpoint. An IED attack against a Syrian military officer was also [reported](#) by pro-government sources on the road between Nawa and Tal Jumu'a. This incident brings the total number of attacks against government-aligned personnel in southern Syria since August 2018 to 155, or three attacks a week on average (Figure 6).

Figure 6: Attacks against government-aligned personnel in Daraa, Quneitra and As Sweida since August 2018.

NORTHEAST SYRIA

Security operations continued in communities along the Euphrates River Valley, as well as in Hasakah Governorate. Four operations were recorded in the vicinity of Jalaa town in Abu Hardoub, Al Izba, Muaayzilah,

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