

Figure 1: Heat map showing frequency of conflict events per area from June 8-15, 2016.

Intensive fighting and aerial bombardment continued this past week around the town of Kabani and the Jabal al-Akrad area in Latakia governorate near the Turkish border. At the time of this report's publishing, the Syrian Arab Army and National Defense Forces (NDF) took control of large swaths of area in eastern Latakia, resulting in nearly complete control of the governorate by Syrian government forces.

In southern Syria, fighting has continued between opposition forces and the ISIS-affiliated Liwa Shuhada al-Yarmouk near the Jordanian border, though no major territorial changes have occurred. Outside of Damascus, regular airstrikes have continued on the suburbs of Daraya and in Khan al-Shih. Additionally relatively small-scale clashes have occurred along much of the front lines in Eastern Ghouta.

Conclusion:

The continued rise in violence in and around Aleppo is worrying. While the unilateral announcement of a ceasefire is a positive sign, multiple violations have already been