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## Weekly Conflict Summary October 20-26, 2016

The partial ceasefire over East Aleppo continued into the start of this week, as the Russian military extended their cessation of air strikes for another 24 hours. The goal of the ceasefire was to allow the civilian population to evacuate East Aleppo before continuing the offensive into besieged opposition-held territory. However, due to sniper fire from pro-government forces and anti-government shelling on the evacuation routes, evacuation was impossible. Protests broke out in East Aleppo during the ceasefire.

After the ceasefire broke down, pro-government forces advanced in the northern neighborhood of al- and southern front lines of East Aleppo remained high this week.

An opposition offensive to break the siege, dubbed the Mother of All Battles began at the end of the week.



Figure 1 - Map of conflict events in Aleppo, 20-26 October, 2016

