

Weekly Conflict Summary

June 15-21, 2017

Over the course of this reporting period, the situation in northern Syria continued to grow more complicated. The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) continued to advance in Raqqa city, but came into conflict with advancing pro-government forces to the south of Tabqa city. Conflict in this area led to the International Coalition downing a Syrian jet and warning pro-government forces against threatening SDF positions in the area. New offensives were launched and some advances were made by pro-government forces on fronts in Damascus and Daraa. The tense situation in desert remains, with Iraqi Popular Mobilization Units (PMUs) consolidating their control over the Iraqi side of the border. There were also significant developments among opposition factions this week and newly reported outbreaks of polio in eastern Syria.

Battles in Damascus and Daraa

New offensives in Damascus and its countryside started this reporting period, as pro-government forces restarted an aerial bombardment campaign on Jobar on June 16. The bombing has continued throughout the week, with clashes between pro-government forces and Faylaq al-

Tensions in the Syrian Desert

Conflict continued in Syria's southeastern desert between opposition units, and Iranian-backed pro-government forces near the al-Tanf border crossing. Pro-government forces continue to mass troops and fortify positions leading to the al-

