



## No less than 28 Breaches on the First Day following Ankara Ceasefire Agreement All the Breaches were Committed by the Syrian-Iranian Regime

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### I. Introduction

SNHR documented the breaches that were committed by the parties to the conflict when Mr. Kofi Annan's six-point plan was submitted in April, May, and June 2012 through daily reports. We kept sending daily copies of these reports to Kofi Annan's office in Geneva until the plan was proven to be a failure especially because the Syrian regime continued to commit what were even beyond mere breaches, which manifested in violations that amount to crimes against humanity and war crimes, [as we documented many of these crimes](#).

We did the same with the [two Cessation of Hostiles](#) ceasefires which were established on 27 February 2016 while the second ceasefire was on 12 September 2016 where we documented the breaches committed by the signing parties. The main party to violate to these ceasefires was the Syrian regime and his Iranian ally, and the Russian regime.

On 30 December 2016, a comprehensive ceasefire agreement was announced under a Russian-Turkish sponsorship. The signing parties, the Syrian regime on one side, and armed opposition factions on the other side, pledged to cease all combat offensives including airstrikes, and to cease raids and advancements on the ground. However, military areas under the control of ISIS (Self-proclaimed the Islamic State) were excluded from the agreement.





This report sheds light on every breach committed (Combat operations and arrest operations) by the parties that are bound by the truce agreement (Government forces, Russian forces, and armed opposition factions) in areas under the control of armed opposition factions and areas under a joint control (armed opposition factions and Fateh Al Sham Front). The report doesn't include any combat operations in ISIS-held areas. We have reviewed the pictures and videos we received and verified their authenticity using a private software. Also, we have talked to survivors, victims' families, or eyewitnesses to some of the incidents.

## II. Executive Summary

This report includes the breaches that were documented during the first 24 hours of the ceasefire that went into effect on Friday 30 December 2016. There were 28 breaches between combat operations and arrest operations which were all committed at the hands of the Syrian regime

### **1- Combat operations: we recorded 19 breaches that are distributed across governorates:**

Hama: 6

Homs: 4

Damascus suburbs: 5

Idlib: 4

### **2- Arrest operations:**

SNHR documented the arrest of nine individuals in Khan Al Sheih camp in Damascus suburbs governorate by Syrian regime forces.

## III. Details

### **Damascus suburbs governorate**

#### **Biqeen town**

Around 1:00 AM, a sniper who is an affiliate of the Syrian regime forces and Hezbollah militias opened fire randomly on some of the neighborhoods in the town that is under the control of armed opposition factions where there is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

#### **Douma city**

We recorded four breaches by the Syrian regime forces. The town is under the control of armed opposition factions where there is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS





- First incident: around 14:15, Syrian regime artillery targeted with a number of shells armed opposition factions' battlefronts in Douma city from the side of Damascus-Homs international highway.
- Second incident: around 15:00, Syrian regime artillery targeted with a number of shells armed opposition factions' battlefronts from the side of Damascus-Homs international highway.
- Third incident: around 16:15, Syrian regime artillery targeted with a number of shells armed opposition factions' battlefronts from the side of Damascus-Homs international highway.
- Fourth incident: around 20:00, Syrian regime artillery targeted with a number of shells armed opposition factions' battlefronts from the side of Damascus-Homs international highway.

## **Idlib governorate**

### **Skeik village**

We recorded three breaches by the Syrian regime forces. The village is under the joint control of armed opposition factions and Fateh Al Sham Front with no presence for ISIS.

- First incident: around 13:10, fixed-wing Syrian regime warplanes fired a number of missiles that targeted Al Mazare' area in the village.
- Second incident: around 11:00, Syrian regime artillery stationed in Ma'an town in the northern suburbs of Hama targeted the agricultural lands that are located in the southern parts of Skeik village.
- Third incident: around 12:45, Syrian regime forces used heavy machine guns to target the southern farms in Skeik village.

### **Tal'as village**

Around 13:22, fixed-wing Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles at the western outskirts of Tal'as village in the southern suburbs of Idlib governorate. The village is under the joint control of armed opposition factions and Fateh Al Sham Front with no presence for ISIS.

## **Homs governorate**

### **Al Se'n Al Aswad village**

Around 13:00, government forces used heavy machine guns to target a residential area in Al Se'n Al Aswad village. The village is under the control of armed opposition factions where there is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.





### **Talbisa city**

Around 14:00, government forces fired a number of locally-made rockets targeting a front for armed opposition factions in Talbisa city. The city is under the control of armed opposition factions where there is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

### **Al Raŝtan city**

Around 20:00, government forces used heavy machine guns to target a front for armed opposition factions in Al Raŝtan city. The city is under the control of armed opposition factions where there is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

### **Al Houla area**

Around 20:00, government forces used heavy machine guns to target a front for armed opposition factions in Al Raŝtan city. The area is under the control of armed opposition factions where there is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

## **Hama governorate**

### **Helfaya city**

Around 13:00, fixed-wing Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles at residential neighborhoods in Helfaya city. The city is under the control of armed opposition factions where is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

### **Al Zowar village**

Around 14:00, fixed-wing Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles at a residential area in Al Zowar village. The village is under the control of armed opposition factions where is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

### **Al Latamena town**

Around 14:00, fixed-wing Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles at a residential area in Al Latamena town. The town is under the control of armed opposition factions where is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

### **Kafr Zita city**

Around 15:00, fixed-wing Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles at residential neighborhoods in Kafr Zita city. The city is under the control of armed opposition factions where is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.





### **Jabal Al Arba'een area**

Around 15:00, fixed-wing Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles at Jabal Al Arba'een area. The area is under the control of armed opposition factions where is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

### **Morek city**

Around 15:00, a rocket launcher for Syrian regime forces fired a number of rockets on a residential area in Morek city. The city is under the control of armed opposition factions where is no presence for Fateh Al Sham Front or ISIS.

## **IV. Conclusions and Recommendations**

### **The Russian regime**

Considering that all the first day's breaches were by the Syrian regime and its ally on the ground the Iranian regime, who are most affected by any political agreement that aims towards a comprehensive settlement, the Russian regime, being a primary sponsor of the agreement, must apply pressure on the Syrian-Iranian regime to compel it to seriously commit to the agreement's provisions. Otherwise, the ceasefire will ultimately fail.

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