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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Homs Ceasefire
Date	4 Dec 2015
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Syrian Conflicts (1948 -) (1976 - 2005) (2011 -))
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Intra-Syrian Process (state/non-state)
Parties	Government Deeb Zaytūn, head of the Syrian Intelligence Talāl al-Barāzī, Governor of Homs Rebel Groups Faylaq al-Shām: Āhrār al-Shām and Katā'ib al-Jihād al-Islāmī [participants not noted in agreement]
Third parties	International Observers Yaqoub al-Helo, the representative of the United Nations Development Program in Syria Khoula Matar, head of UN and Arab League Envoy to Syria Staffan De Mistura's political office.
Description	A short truce for the city of Homs allowing for the withdrawal of non-state militants, disarmament, relocation of civilians and past provisions for victims.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	-> Link to national level; external support mechanism; culture of signing There was allegedly a formally-establish mechanism to support the negotiation as representatives of the United Nations and the Arab League acted as international observers of the peace process. Moreover, the struggle between the two parties lies at the centre of the Syrian conflict and has been a recurring point of contention ever since 2011. Finally, reports point to previous attempts to reach a reconciliation between the Syrian government and rebel groups in al-Waer neighbourhood. Although those attempts were not successful, they account for a culture of signing agreements as a medium to solve recurring issues in this locale and to reach peace.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	The agreement seems to be linked to the national peace process. The agreement involves national and local governance actors, as well as international observers.
Name of Locale	al-Wa'ir
Nature Of Locale	Smaller
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	34.740963, 36.670947
Participant type	Central state actor Local armed group International or transnational actor
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references)	Two international observers
Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar	International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	No specific mention.
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Grievance List	The agreement addresses local grievances that arose from the clashes between opposition groups and the Syrian government forces in the city of Homs. Those grievances are thought to be addressed by a number of provisions, including a full ceasefire, demilitarisation, opening of humanitarian access, and the return of civilians.
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Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
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Social cover	No specific mention.
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