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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Damascus Truce I between Bayt Sahem and Babila
Date	17 Feb 2014
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	Leaders of Bayt Sahem and Babila (Syrian Opposition); Syrian Government;
Third parties	-
Description	Short ceasefire negotiated between the Syrian Government and the leaders of Bayt Sahem and Babila in the Damascus Countryside. Provides guarantees of Syrian Army to not enter the towns, re-supply water and electricity, open roads, and allow fighters that wish to surrender to do so, in addition to surrendering heavy weaponry.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Informal but persistent process
Rationale	-> no support mechanism, link to the national peace process, culture of signing No formal mechanism supported the signing of the agreement, which was negotiated by public figures. It is part of a choreography of local agreements signed at that time in the countryside of Aleppo. Indeed, in addition to Babbila and Beit Sahem, similar deals have been struck for Qudsaya, Moadamiyet al-Sham, Barzeh, Yalda and Yarmuk Palestinian refugee camp
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 actor.
Name of Locale	Bayt Sahem, Babila
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	33.471507, 36.339126
Participant type	Central state actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	The agreement was negotiated by public figures (unnamed).
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Local issues

Ritual/
prayer and
process
(including
use of
scripture)

No specific mention.

Grievance
List

Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it lists seven provisions to address local grievances.

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1. Handover of heavy weaponry in the possession of fighters.

2. The option for fighters to either stay within the two regions [of Bayt Sahem and

Babila] or if they wish, to settle in the [Syrian] state and if part of the military, re-

join it.

3. Place a barrier at the entrance to the town of Babila consisting of fighters who will

surrender themselves to the Syrian Army [and the town to] the command of the

Syrian Army.

4. The Syrian Army has not entered Bayt Sahem or Babila and militants maintain their

positions within the two towns under the command of the Syrian Army.

5. Re-supply the towns with water and electricity and re-construct public and private

property.

6. [Undertake] a mutual ceasefire.

7. Open the roads leading to the two areas and introduce various types of assistance to

civilians.

Cattle
rustling/
banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover

No specific mention.