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Country/

entity

Syria

Region Middle East and North Africa

Agreement

Deal between Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and the Aleppo People's

name

Initiative on power station access

Date 1 Sep 2012

Agreement

Multiparty signed/agreed

status

Interim Yes

arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/local conflict (Syrian Conflicts (1948 -) (1976 - 2005) (2011 -))

conflict level

Stage Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict

Inter-group

nature

Peace Syrian Local Agreements

process

Parties Syrian Army;

Governor of Aleppo;

Islamic State of Iraq and Levant, Willayat Aleppo, Western Division;

Third parties

Aleppo People's Initiative, headed by Tariq 'Aturah.

Description

Humanitarian agreement allowing for the evacuation of a wounded soldier

from the Aleppo power station, agreement also provides for a 48 hour ceasefire to allow farmers to harvest their crops near the station.

Agreement document

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document (original language)

Local agreement properties

Process

Isolated example

type

Rationale

-> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; no culture of signing No formally established-mechanism supported the negotiation between the signing parties. Moreover, this agreement cannot be linked to the national peace process. Indeed, ISIS has a Salafi-Jihadi ideology; it opposes the rule of Bashar al-Assad in Syria and rejects the idea of a national negotiation to solve the conflict. No element can establish a culture solving daily pragmatic issues through agreements. The agreement is related to a highly specific and localised issue. Moreover, the agreement mentions that it aims to "protect the wellbeing of the Muslim employees" and refers to the Syrian army as "the armies of the Apostate State". This agreement is an exception in 2012 as ISIS usually fully reject negotiations with representatives of the Syrian state.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

No

Link to national

process: articulated rationale

It is complicated to link the agreement to the national peace process in Syria, although it involves central and local governance actors. IS and the Syrian government officially do not recognise each other, it seems that the

agreement was pushed by the local community. Also, IS rejects the national peace process, as it would maintain Bashar al-Assad and the Syrian

government in power.

Name of Locale

Nature Of

Hurariyya

Smaller

Locale

GPS Lat/

36.175459, 37.437222

Long (DD)

Participant type

Central state actor Local state actor

Local armed group

Mediator, facilitator or Mediator or similar referred to

similar

Mediator

Aleppo People's Initiative

(references)

Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar

Local armed group Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process Page 1, 2. The Islamic State is exonerated from any responsibility from anyone who reneges on this commitment in front of Allah and the people.

(including use of scripture)

[Summary] use of the term 'apostate' to refer to soldiers of the Syrian regime and the Syrian state.

Page 1, .. and Allah will adjudicate what we say.

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For the world to note that soldiers and armies of the Apostate State captured and detained staff in the Hurruriyya Station in the countryside east of Aleppo. In response, soldiers of the Islamic State sniped two [of them], killing one and wounding another. After these events the existing besieged army [in the station] undertook the capture and detainment of the workers inside the station and exposed them to harassment, insults, swearing and threats, and stating that they would not part with those they captured until the entrance of a doctor [to attend] to the wounded soldier. To protect the wellbeing of the Muslim employees, we granted a doctor access and diagnosed the situation of the wounded opponent. After glimpsing the situation and diagnosing it, it appeared that he was in need of a hospital for his treatment, but they refused to release the staff despite them having no relationship to the fighting between both sides.

Cattle rustling/banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.