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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Field Agreement between the Free Syrian Army (FSA) and People's Defence Units (YPG) in the city of Ras al-Ain (Serê Kaniyê)
Date	18 Feb 2013
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict ( Syrian Conflicts (1948 - ) (1976 - 2005) (2011 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - comprehensive
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	The Free Syrian Army (FSA); People's Defence Units (YPG)
Third parties	-
Description	Coordination agreement between the Free Syrian Army and the People's Defence Units in Ras al-Ain. Agreement provides for a military withdrawal, the non-interference in the city council by armed units, joint-checkpoints between FSA/YPG forces until the city can take over, to secure access and mobility in the city, further cooperation between the YPG and FSA to liberate regime-held cities, end hostile media between the two groups.

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## Local agreement properties

Process type	Informal but persistent process
Rationale	-> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; culture of signing There is no formally established mechanism to support the negotiation between the signing parties. Moreover, this agreement cannot be linked to the national peace process. Indeed, both groups oppose the rule of Bashar al-Assad in Syria and reject the idea of a national negotiation to solve the conflict. Yet, it seems that both signing parties choose to solve daily pragmatic issues related to their armed struggle through agreements. Although one cannot speak of a “culture” of signing peace agreements, the parties are involved (in a non-proactive and non-conscious way) in a persistent practice of signing local agreements.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	No link to the national peace process in Syria is mentioned in the agreement, neither it can be inferred from further research. First, the agreement does not involve local governance actors; and the signing parties themselves are not official state representative. Second, all parties to the agreement reject the national peace process, as it would maintain Bashar al-Assad and the Syrian government in power. The agreement is signed "in order to unite all people in the battle of dignity against the bloody authoritarian regime in order to build a free Syria".
Name of Locale	Ras al - Ain
Nature Of Locale	City
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	36.850124, 40.070573
Participant type	Local armed group
Mediator, facilitator or similar	No mention of mediator or similar

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## Local issues

Ritual/  
prayer and  
process  
(including  
use of  
scripture)

No specific mention.

Grievance  
List

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Based on our belief in the unity of a free Syrian land and people, and motivated by the commitment to the principles of peaceful coexistence between all components of the Syrian people and rejection of all sectarian, ethnic, chauvinistic and exclusionary approaches. And in order to unite all people in the battle of dignity against the bloody authoritarian regime in order to build a free Syria where all components enjoy their legitimate rights under the banner of 'Syria for All Syrians' to be a country that can genuinely express the authenticity and the civilization of the coexistence. For all of this, the parties meeting in Ras Al Ain agreed to resolve all the arising conflicts and disagreements according to the following principles:

Cattle  
rustling/  
banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover

No specific mention.

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