

## Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

<b>Country/ entity</b>	Syria
<b>Region</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>Agreement name</b>	Deed of Agreement (between the People's Protection Units (YPG) and the Operations Room of Aleppo)
<b>Date</b>	19 Dec 2015
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict ( Syrian Conflicts (1948 - ) (1976 - 2005) (2011 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	Syrian Local Agreements
<b>Parties</b>	People's Protection Units (YPG; Operations Room of Aleppo
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	Short ceasefire agreement between the non-state actors, the People's Protection Units and the Operations Room of Aleppo, including access and mobility provisions and shared sovereignty of areas.

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### Local agreement properties

**Process type** Informal but persistent process

**Rationale** -> Link to national level; no external support mechanism; culture of signing  
There is no formally established mechanism to support the negotiation between Salafi armed groups. 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 the conflicts related to their armed struggle through agreements (see references). 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?**

**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 a "In response to the initiative of the Shura and Reconciliation Council in Aleppo between the two parties."

**Name of Locale** Afrin, Sheikh Maqsoud

**Nature Of Locale** Region

**GPS Lat/Long (DD)** 36.508416, 36.866926

**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)

Page 1, God is the Conciliator.

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. A mutual ceasefire between the two parties.
2. The crossing of civilians to and from Sheikh Maqsoud to Afrin through the safe areas and checkpoints under the control of the Fatah Operations Room of Aleppo in the context of prior coordination.
3. Closure of the crossing in the Sheikh Maqsoud area linking to areas under the control of the [Syrian] regime. A joint committee between the parties [Fatah Operations Room of Aleppo and the People's Protection Units] will monitor the closure.
4. The opening of crossings leading to Afrin.
5. Factions of the Operations Room that liberated Aleppo may access Eastern Sheikh Maqsoud in accordance with the Rebel Army<sup>1</sup> and the People's Protection Units.
6. Possession of Sheikh Maqsoud is shared between the two sides.
7. Form a military commission consisting of both parties to implement this agreement and investigate locations for approval or rejection.

Cattle rustling/  
banditry      No specific mention.

Social cover      No specific mention.

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