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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Deed of Agreement (between the People's Protection Units (YPG) and the Operations Room of Aleppo)
Date	19 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	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	People's Protection Units (YPG); Operations Room of Aleppo
Third parties	-
Description	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?	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 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

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, God is the Conciliator.
Grievance List	<p>Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it lists seven provisions to address local grievances.</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 Army¹ 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.
