

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

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| <b>Country/<br/>entity</b>           | Syria                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Region</b>                        | Middle East and North Africa                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Agreement<br/>name</b>            | Agreement between People's Protection Units (YPG) and Operations Room 'Libtik ya Ukhtah' on status of Sheikh Maqsoud                                                 |
| <b>Date</b>                          | 3 May 2015                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Agreement<br/>status</b>          | Multiparty signed/agreed                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Interim<br/>arrangement</b>       | Yes                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Agreement/<br/>conflict level</b> | Intrastate/local conflict ( Syrian Conflicts (1948 - ) (1976 - 2005) (2011 - ) )                                                                                     |
| <b>Stage</b>                         | Ceasefire/related                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Conflict<br/>nature</b>           | Inter-group                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Peace process</b>                 | Syrian Local Agreements                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Parties</b>                       | These terms are the terms which were agreed on between the Ghurfa 'Amliat "Libik Ya Ukhtah" and Wahadat Himayya al-Sha'ab [The People's Protection Unit (YPG)].      |
| <b>Third parties</b>                 | - Tajam Fastaqim Kama Umirt [The Fastaqim Kama Umirt Union]<br>- Farqa 16 [Brigade 16]                                                                               |
| <b>Description</b>                   | Agreement between YPG and opposition faction 'Libtik ya Ukhtah' to extradite offender to Shari'ah court; prisoner release, and a prohibition on harassment of women. |

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**Agreement document** [SY\\_150504\\_Agreement between YPG and FSA on status of Sheikh Maqsoud\\_EN.pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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### Local agreement properties

**Process type** Formal structured process

**Rationale** -> Local issues only; external support mechanism; culture of signing A formally-established mechanism apparently supported the negotiation between the signing groups, as the negotiation was mediated by two third 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 (especially the YPG) choose to solve the conflicts related to their armed struggle through 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.

**Name of Locale** Sheikh Maqsud

**Nature Of Locale** Smaller

**GPS Lat/Long (DD)** 36.233387, 37.150269

**Participant type** Local armed group

**Mediator, facilitator or similar** Mediator or similar referred to

**Mediator (references)** Tajam Fastaqim Kama Umirt and Farqa 16

**Type of mediator/facilitator/similar** Local armed group

## Local issues

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| Ritual/<br>prayer and<br>process<br>(including<br>use of<br>scripture) | Page 1, In the name of Allah the Merciful                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Grievance<br>List                                                      | Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it lists six provisions to address local grievances. It seems that the confrontation between the Ghurfa 'Amliat "Libik Ya Ukhtah" and the People's Protection Unit in the area of Sheikh Maqsud lies at the centre of the dispute. |
| Cattle<br>rustling/<br>banditry                                        | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Social cover                                                           | No specific mention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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