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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement between People's Protection Units (YPG) and Operations Room 'Libtik ya Ukhtah' on status of Sheikh Maqsoud
Date	3 May 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	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)].
Third parties	- Tajam Fastaqim Kama Umirt [The Fastaqim Kama Umirt Union] - Farqa 16 [Brigade 16]
Description	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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## 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

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, In the name of Allah the Merciful
Grievance 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 rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.

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