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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Wadi Barada Agreement
Date	6 Jan 2017
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	Government
Peace process	Intra-Syrian Process (state/non-state)
Parties	Residents of Wadi Barada. Representative of the Syrian Government
Third parties	-
Description	Short 'surrender' type agreement between the residents of Wadi Barada and the Syrian Government of Bashir al-Asad. Agreement provides for: (1) the avoidance of conscription of military aged males for a 6-month period; (2) handover of medium and heavy weapons; (3) the evacuation of fighters not from Wadi Barada; (4) that the Syrian army will not enter homes but will set up checkpoints; (5) a return of locals to homes and jobs. Agreement does not contain an explicit cessation of hostilities clause, but this is implicated from the other areas of agreement.

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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 was no formally-established mechanism to support the negotiation. Reports point to the fact that the Syrian government and opposition delegations agreed on talks to achieve a ceasefire at Wadi Barada ever since the offensive was launched on 23 December 2016. This agreement is thus part of a series of peace-making efforts that resulted in the signing of several agreements. The fighting revolved around the water supply to Damascus, the capital and headquarters of the Syrian regime.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	The agreement involves a central governance actor, a representative of the Syrian government. The agreement also mentions that the fighters can leave to Idlib where further fighting between the opposing parties then took place.
Name of Locale	Wadi Barada
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	33.615001, 36.181144
Participant type	Central state actor Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	No mention of mediator or similar

## Local issues

Ritual/  
prayer and  
process  
(including  
use of  
scripture)

No specific mention.

Grievance  
List

Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it lists ten provisions to address local grievances.

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1. For those men who avoided army conscription, there will be a 6-month grace period.
2. All medium, heavy and light weapons shall be handed over.
3. The agreement will appear at all security agencies to clarify status.
4. No fighters originally from outside of Wadi Barada may remain.
5. Fighters from outside Wadi Barada can keep their light weapons and move to Idlib.
6. Local fighters can also choose to move to Idlib.
7. The Syrian Army will not enter private homes.
8. The Syrian Army will enter Wadi Barada and set up checkpoints.
9. Those from Wadi Barada may return to their village.
10. Those with jobs may return to their jobs as employees.

Cattle  
rustling/  
banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover

No specific mention.

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