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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Qamishlo Agreement
Date	22 Apr 2016
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	Rojava administration, Cizîr Canton Internal Affairs Council Co-President; The Ba'athist regime, Kenan Berekat;
Third parties	Elders of the area; Sheikhs of the clans
Description	Short ceasefire agreement between the Rojava Administration and the Syrian regime, providing for the dismantlement of the NDF paramilitary; an end to threats by the regime; release of prisoners; reparation for civilians; an end to interference by the regime in the town's affairs; an end to martial law; both sides keep the territory they currently own; the Rojava youth will not be forcibly drafted. Agreement does not contain an explicit cessation of hostilities clause, but this is implicated from the other areas of agreement.

**Agreement
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Local agreement properties

Process type Isolated example

Rationale -> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; no culture of signing It seems that no formally established mechanism supported the negotiation. The agreement is circumscribed to a specific event, which is the three-day urban battle between the paramilitary police of the Asayish and the pro-government National Defence Forces in Qashmili. This is the first agreement of its kind signed between the two parties; the Kurdish leadership has always been very reluctant to make peace with the government forces before. There is thus no culture of peace agreement in this instance.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process? No

Link to national process: articulated rationale It seems complicated to link this agreement with the national peace process, although it involves the Syrian government. During a peace conference that announced the agreement, Berekat, the representative of the Kurdish Democratic Self-Administration emphasised that the Kurdish administration would not accept any system in Rojava other than Democratic Autonomy.

Name of Locale Qamsihlo [Qamishli]

Nature Of Locale City

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 37.051975, 41.230019

Participant type Central state actor
Local state actor
Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Mediator, facilitator or similar Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references) A follow-up statement released by one of the parties mentions that the ceasefire was reached "after the involvement of elders of the area and the sheikhs of the clans".

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

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 nine provisions to address local grievances.

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1. Both sides will abide to the ceasefire
2. The paramilitary NDF affiliated with the regime will be reviewed and later dismantled
3. The regime will not force public officials to take up arms and will not threaten them with dismissal or pay cuts
4. Both sides to release those taken captive
5. Material help to civilians who were affected by the attacks on the neighborhoods, in addition to compensation to families of killed civilians.
6. Regime forces will not interfere with people's internal affairs
7. End to martial law in town
8. All forces keep the areas they now have
9. Youth from Rojava is not to be forced into military service in SAA.

Cattle
rustling/
banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover

No specific mention.
