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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Ceasefire by Jaysh al-Islam
Date	2 May 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	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	Faylaq al-Rahman; Jaysh al-Islam; Jabhat al-Nusra;
Third parties	-
Description	Short ruling by the Syrian Islamic Council announced by Jaysh al-Islam on behalf of the people of Ghouta, Damascus. Ruling provides for the opening of roads; development of food; a return of factions to their previous territorial holdings and a return of possessions; release of prisoners; a committee will be formed to investigate bloodshed and transfer possessions.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Isolated example
Rationale	-> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; no 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 have a Salafist ideology; they oppose the rule of Bashar al-Assad in Syria and reject the idea of a national negotiation to solve the conflict. Although tensions existed between the fighting groups since March 2016, and one agreement had been signed by Haysh al-Islam in the same locale on 19 July 2015, it seems complicated to refer to a culture of signing agreements and to a will to establish a peace process.
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	East Ghouta
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	33.535720, 36.348073
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, In the Name of Allah the Merciful Page 2, Inform the Assad gangs and their allies, that we are capable – Allah willing – to solve our differences and gather our ranks in order to answer to their aggression and overthrow them. Page 2, Allah be behind our intention
Grievance List	Page 1, A response to the will and initiative of the people of East Ghouta which was put forward on Friday 29/4/2016, and in our concern for the right of bloodshed and the redirecting of rifles in the right direction. We have therefore announced to them our consent to this ceasefire initiative. The response of the Legion at the time to the initiative of the people was of indignity and disrespect, by a bloodshed. They were also dedicated to dividing Ghouta and confirmed their hate, as the Leader of Faylaq al-Rahman [The al-Rahman Legion] said: “There is always a lot in Jaysh al-Islam, and we will not accept anything else but the status of al-Rahman, we prove it as it is, because we are against the departure of just some civilians”. Thereafter, the concerned committee made an initiative by making adjustments to the initiative. They provided it to us and we agreed to it again. Jaysh al-Islam do indeed show our people in East Ghouta, and in Syria in general, that Jaysh al-Islam immediately responded to the initiative of the Syrian Islamic Council. It released a statement with the number 6/2016 on 23 Regep 1437, corresponding to 30 April 2016, but we did not hear a response from the other part, except from the answer of a gun in the appearance of Mujahideen and their retreat from the fronts. They cut off the supply routes. They were just absorbed in their aggression and military determination and on their siege of the Mujahideen and their families in cooperation with their allies Jaysh al-Fustat [The Army of Fustat] in addition to Qins al-Muwatineen [The Snipers of the Citizens], without respecting the sacredness of blood. Meanwhile, the brothers in Faylaq al-Rahman announced their preparation for a ceasefire, as this announcement ignored the position of Jabhat al-Nusra [The Nusra Front] and undermined the nation of the two halves in hate. It did not specify details of the solution. Afterwards, factions of the Legion raided the area of al-‘Ab at dawn! Thus, our legal and revolutionary responsibility pledges us to again confirm our agreement to the ceasefire initiative introduced by the people of Ghouta, which listed the following:
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.