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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Follow up on the implementation of the Previous Agreement in al-Waer, Homs
Date	31 Aug 2016
Agreement status	Unilateral document
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	Syrian government
Third parties	-
Description	Ceasefire agreement in return for the withdrawal of opposition fighters from al-Waer, Damascus. Agreement calls for goods to enter into the neighbourhood; prisoner release; the entrance of police and Syrian regime security into the neighbourhood to re-open the office of population record and environment; allow civilians to return home; and the withdrawal of opposition fighters with their families and light weapons in four rounds.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Informal but persistent process
Rationale	-> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; culture of signing There is no formally established mechanism to support the negotiation between rebel armed groups and the Syrian government. Yet, the struggle between those two parties lies at the centre of the Syrian conflict and has been a recurring point of contention ever since 2011. Moreover, it seems that the Syrian government agreed to manage its conflict with opposition groups through peace agreements, especially in main cities such as Homs. This is mainly the result of local and international pressure to limit the use of violent mean and protect civilians. Hence, one could argue that this agreement has been signed in the framework of a repeated process - although one cannot speak of a 'culture" of signing peace agreements.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	No link to the national peace process in Syria is mentioned in the agreement, but it can be inferred from further research. The agreement is an unilateral declaration made by representatives of the Syrian government to regain control over al-Waer neighbourhood.
Name of Locale	al-Waer neighbourhood
Nature Of Locale	Smaller
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	34.743349, 36.674552
Participant type	Central state actor
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 seems that it addresses the grievances that arose from clashes in the neighbourhood of al-Waer, which resulted in a number of detainees and disappeared, interrupted supplies and militarisation.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
