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| Country/<br>entity              | Syria   |
| Region                          | Middle East and North Africa  |
| Agreement<br>name               | Agreement between Ahrar al-Sham (AAS) and Jabhat Fatah al-Sham (JFS)<br>signed by al-Jawlani and al-Hamawi  |
| Date                            | 10 Oct 2016   |
| Agreement<br>status             | Multiparty signed/agreed  |
| Interim<br>arrangement          | Yes   |
| Agreement/<br>conflict<br>level | Intrastate/local conflict ( Syrian Conflicts (1948 - ) (1976 - 2005) (2011 - ) )  |
| Stage                           | Ceasefire/related   |
| Conflict<br>nature              | Inter-group   |
| Peace<br>process                | Syrian Local Agreements   |
| Parties                         | Deputy General Commander, Ahrar al-Sham, al-Hamawi;<br>Official from Jabhat Fatah al-Sham, Abu Sa'ad al-Jawlani   |
| Third<br>parties                | -   |
| Description                     | Ceasefire agreement providing for the opening of roads, release of prisoners, the absorption of Jund al-Aqsa into Jabhat al-Fatah al-Sham; the trial of individuals affiliated with the Syrian regime, Islamic State, and those accused of the murder of Abu Munir Badub, as well as the selection of judges for the court. |

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## Local agreement properties

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| 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 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. Yet, it seems that both signing parties choose to solve daily pragmatic issues related to their armed struggle through agreements. Although one cannot speak of a “culture” of signing peace agreements, the parties are involved (in a non-proactive and non-conscious way) in a persistent practice of signing local 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  | Sarmin   |
| Nature Of Locale  | City   |
| GPS Lat/ Long (DD)                                      | 35.904907, 36.726826   |
| Participant type  | Local armed group  |
| Mediator, facilitator or similar                        | No mention of mediator or similar  |

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## Local issues

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| Ritual/<br>prayer and<br>process<br>(including<br>use of<br>scripture) | Page 1, In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful  |
| Grievance<br>List  | Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it lists three provisions to address local grievances, including an immediate ceasefire, the trial of detainees accused of murder and suspected of being connected with the Islamic State, and the merge between Jund al-Aqsa' and Jabat Fatah al-Sham. |
| Cattle<br>rustling/<br>banditry  | No specific mention.  |
| Social cover   | [Summary] Detainees accused of murder and suspected of being connected with the Islamic State will be brought to an ad hoc court.   |

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