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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement between Ahrar al-Sham (AAS) and Jund al-Aqsa, al-Fua'a, Idlib
Date	22 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	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	1 – Harakat Ahrar al-Sham al-Islamiyya [Signed] 2 – Former Jund al-Aqsa [Signed]
Third parties	Page 1, The following terms: ... 6 – Jabhat al-Nusra will be the guarantors for implementing the decisions of the unison Judicial Committee in this agreement.
Description	Short ceasefire agreement between two opposition groups and guaranteed by Jabhat al-Nusra calling for a ceasefire; prisoner release; a return of captured territory; the formation of a judicial committee and a return of captured items.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Informal but persistent process

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. 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

NA

Nature Of Locale

Region

GPS Lat/Long (DD)

35.814065, 36.318833

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)	<p>Page 1, In the name of Allah the Merciful</p> <p>Page 1, But no, by your Lord, they will not believe until they make you judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in submission. Sura an-Nisa 65.</p> <p>Page 1, God is the Arbiter of Success</p> <p>Page 1, May Prayers and Peace be upon Prophet Muhammad</p>
Grievance List	<p>Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it lists five provisions to address local grievances.</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 – There will be an immediate ceasefire between the two sides.2 – Both sides will hand over all the detainees of Jabhat al-Nusra [Al-Nusra Front] imprisoned during the last fighting and release them directly.3 – All the areas will return to whom they belonged before the last fighting.4 – The formation of the Judicial Committee, consisting of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Chairman Sheikh Abu Majid. Member ‘Abd al-Razaq al-Mahdi. Member Abu Yousaf al-Hamawi <p>Have decided to file all the past detainees and those who took them from both sides.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5 – Both sides will hand over to their owners all the equipment, tools, weapons and headquarters they took during the last [round of] fighting.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
