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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement on Local Councils between Tribes and Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS)
Date	23 Jul 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Syrian Conflicts (1948 -) (1976 - 2005) (2011 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	Idlib Tribes - six signatories, but all illegible. [Ostensibly with Hayat Tahrir al-Sham organisation as statement is in response to their call]
Third parties	-
Description	Statement issued in response the statement, "The Ongoing Revolution" issued by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham on establishing a civil administration to rule areas under opposition control, the Idlib tribes issue a pre-negotiation document outlining (1) the principle: supporting the formation of civil administration and (2) the process: by establishing a conference between military and civil forces.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Isolated example

Rationale	-> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; no culture of signing The agreement cannot be placed within the context of a systematic process of local agreements. There were no established mechanisms to support the negotiation. Moreover, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham has a Salafist ideology; it opposes the rule of Bashar al-Assad in Syria and rejects the idea of a national negotiation to solve the conflict.
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, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham rejects the national peace process, as it would maintain Bashar al-Assad and the Syrian government in power. Yet, the agreement is related to multiple local level processes in Idlib governorate in July 2017.
Name of Locale	NA
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	35.931901, 36.635741
Participant type	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder
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 1: Praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds and may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon the most honoured of messengers, and upon all his family and companions, and after.
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Grievance List The agreement addresses the call from the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham to establish a local administration in the areas under the control of the opposition factions.

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Due to the urgent need to consolidate the disputes and heal the wounds on the fields of Syria and to continue and preserve the revolution [...]

[In the statement], we saw a blessing step regarding the establishment of a civil administration to rule the liberated areas. It will be involved in all legal, revolutionary, political, tribal and civil affairs. They will also possess the military force of the resistance to the regime of Ward Sayaleh and of liberating the rest of Syria.

Cattle rustling/
banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
