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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement in East Ghouta and Jubar between the Free Syrian Army (FSA) and Russia
Date	16 Aug 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	Government
Peace process	Intra-Syrian Process (state/non-state)
Parties	Free Syrian Army in Jubar and East Ghouta, represented by Faylaq al-Rahman [Signed by President of the Political Bureau of the Free Syrian Army in Jubar and East Ghouta, [Illegible]]
Third parties	Representative of the Russian Guarantor, [Illegible]
Description	Agreement guaranteed by Russia between the Free Syrian Army/Faylaq al- Rahman Corps and the Syrian Regime providing for a ceasefire; prohibition of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, Islamic State or Jabhat al-Nusra fighters in FSA areas; access to humanitarian aid and goods through various checkpoints; that the area is ruled by a command council, that Russian forces will be a control force and that a committee will be created to release those imprisoned.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale -> Link to national level; external support mechanism; culture of signing A regional mechanism supported the negotiation of the agreement that came as the result of three-day negotiation held in Geneva. Moreover, Russia – one of the signing parties – has quickly assumed a central role in the negotiations between Bashar al-Assad government and the opposition factions, aiming at bringing a definitive end to the Syrian conflict.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

Link to national process: articulated rationale T
It seems difficult to link the agreement to the national peace process, which is not mentioned in the text of the agreement. On the one hand, Russia aims to foster negotiation between al-Assad government and opposition factions to stabilise the country and reach definite peace. On the other side, in the agreement, the Free Syrian Army reaffirms its devotion to the revolution “until the realisation of a free and noble Syria”, which implies that Bashar al-Assad must leave step down.

Name of Locale al-Jobeh [Jobar], Eastern Ghouta

Nature Of Locale Region

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 33.928364, 36.496495

Participant type Central state actor
Local armed group

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 The agreement addresses the grievances that arose from the clashes between the Free Syrian Army and Syrian government forces in Jubar and East Ghouta. Such grievances include 1) the targeting of diplomatic missions in the ground by the Free Syrian Army, especially the Russian embassy in Damascus; 2) the presence of Salafi-jihadi groups in those areas such as Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and Daesh; 3) the humanitarian situation in the contested areas.

Cattle rustling/
banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
