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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Ceasefire Faylaq al-Rahman (Free Syrian Army - FSA)
Date	21 Aug 2017
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	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	Faylaq al-Rahman
Third parties	-
Description	Unilateral statement by Faylaq al-Rahman agreeing to a ceasefire on 18/08/2017 following three days of negotiations with the Russians. The Agreement "includes breaking the siege of Eastern Ghouta, while keeping to the political process."

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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 a 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?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	It seems that the agreement is directly linked to the national peace process. The document refers to the Russian federation as “one of the guarantor countries for the operation of stability” in Syria. Furthermore, both parties agree to respect the “principle of the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic, the unity of its lands and its regional peace” that lies at the centre of negotiation to bring an end to the Syrian conflict. The signing parties also agree to respect “the necessity to end hostilities within a comprehensive solution in Syria”.
Name of Locale	al-Jobeh, Eastern Ghouta
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	33.905353, 36.479501
Participant type	Local armed group
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Russia seems to have facilitated the negotiations between the signing parties.
Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar	Central state actor

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1: In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
Grievance List	The agreement addresses the grievances that arose from the siege of Eastern Ghouta and clashes between the Free Syrian Army and Syrian government forces.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
