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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	East Qalamoun Ceasefire
Date	5 Sep 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	Factions of the opposition in Syrian Qalamoun in East Qalamoun (Dhameer, Raheeba, al-Mansoor, al-Nasriyya, Jibal al-Bitra, Jibal al-'Afr in Raheeba), represented by: Liwa' al-Sanadiyya, Faylaq al-Rahman, Quwat al-Shaheed Ahmad al-'Abdo, Jaysh Aswad al-Sharqiyya, Shuhada' al- Qurateyn, Ahrar al-Sham and Jaysh al-Islam; Russian Federation. Two illegible signatures.
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement between Russia and coalition of opposition groups calling for a ceasefire as part of a political process, that includes a separation of troops as well as the end to attacks. The Syrian opposition may continue to pursue fighters from the Islamic State. Agreement aims to improve humanitarian conditions allowing access to goods and building materials. A local council rules all civic activities. Russia guarantees the agreement and concentrates forces on the separation line.

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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 (under the auspices of Russia) supported the negotiation of the agreement. 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 states of the [national] stabilisation process” in Syria. Furthermore, both parties agree to respect the “principle of the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic as well as its territorial integrity” that lies at the centre of negotiation to bring an end to the Syrian conflict. The signing parties also agree to respect “the necessity of the cease of fighting within a comprehensive solution in Syria”.
Name of Locale	East Qalamoun (Dhameer, Raheeba, al-Mansoor, al-Nasriyya, Jibal al-Bitra, Jibal al-‘Afr in Raheeba)
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	33.871662, 36.815218
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 grievances that arose from the clashes between opposition factions and Syrian government forces in Qalamoun and East Qalamoun.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
