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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Untitled Agreement [between the People's Protection Units (YPG) and Free Syrian Army (FSA) Mara'a Operations Room, Afrin, Aleppo]
Date	3 Dec 2015
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	People's Protection Units (YPG) and Free Syrian Army (FSA) Maraa Operation's Room.
Third parties	-
Description	Short ceasefire agreement between the YPG and the Maraa Operations Room faction of the FSA in Afrin, Aleppo, providing for: (1) a mutual ceasefire; (2) withdrawal of fighters and return of civilians to the area; (3) formation of a committee to solve remaining security issues.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Informal but persistent process

Rationale -> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; culture of signing There is no formally established mechanism to support the negotiation between the signing parties. Moreover, this agreement cannot be linked to the national peace process. Indeed, both groups 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?

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 Afrin

Nature Of Locale Region

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 36.510554, 36.866326

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) Page 1, In the name of God, most Gracious, most Compassionate

Grievance List Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it lists three provisions to address local grievances.

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1. A mutual ceasefire between the two parties will begin at 8.00 am on Thursday 3/12/2015.

2. A withdrawal of military forces from both sides [to] outside of the battle zone and the return of [civilians from] both sides to the area.

3. To form a committee consisting of [members from] the two parties to resolve all existing security [issues].

Cattle rustling/
banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
