

## Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

<b>Country/ entity</b>	Syria
<b>Region</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>Agreement name</b>	Untitled Agreement [between Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and Northern Storm Brigade]
<b>Date</b>	19 Sep 2013
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict ( Syrian Conflicts (1948 - ) (1976 - 2005) (2011 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	Syrian Local Agreements
<b>Parties</b>	Capt Ahmad Ghazalah [Signed] Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIS; ISIL); Abu Abdulrahman al-Kuwaiti [Signed] Northern Storm Front
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnesses: Abu Tawfiq [signed] (Al-Tawhid Brigade) Abu Ibrahim al-Shishani (ISIS)  [Note] a brigade is specified to operate as the barrier between the two parties, but the name is illegible.
<b>Description</b>	Short ceasefire between ISIS and Northern Storm Brigade

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### Local agreement properties

**Process type** Isolated example

**Rationale** -> Local issues only; external support mechanism; no culture of signing It is unclear whether a formally-established mechanism supported the negotiation - two witnesses were present. Moreover, this agreement cannot be linked to the national peace process. Indeed, both groups have a Salafist ideology; they oppose the rule of Bashar al-Assad in Syria and reject the idea of a national negotiation to solve the conflict. Finally, nothing supports the claim that the signing parties engaged in a culture of signing agreements in this locale. Tensions between the two groups increase only in September 2013, that is, 4 months after the agreement.

**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, 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** NA

**Nature Of Locale** City

**GPS Lat/Long (DD)** 36.586775, 37.046692

**Participant type** Local armed group

**Mediator, facilitator or similar** No mention of mediator or similar

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## Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture) Page 1, In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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

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1. Implementing an immediate ceasefire

2. Releasing all detainees who were detained because of the problems within 24 hours from

the date of the agreement

3. Returning all of the property taken by both sides

4. The [ILLEGIBLE] Brigade shall be a barrier between the two sides until the problem in Aghraz

ends.

5. The reference for any dispute between them will be a Shariah Board [illegible1] of both sides.

Cattle rustling/  
banditry      No specific mention.

Social cover      No specific mention.

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