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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Statement on behalf of two parties in al-Waer neighbourhood, Homs.
Date	31 Aug 2016
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	43 signatories on behalf of 'two parties in al-Waer neighbourhood, Homs'. According to secondary sources, the representatives are from Jabhat Fatah al-Sham (formerly al-Nusra Front).
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement by 43 'representatives' agreeing to 'accept the political solution within our neighbourhood'. This includes the transfer of a payment from the neighbourhood (unspecified to whom). Although not explicit in text, agreement negotiates the evacuation of 500 opposition fighters and a few civilians from al-Waer to Idlib according to secondary sources.

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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 rebel armed groups and the Syrian government. Yet, the struggle between those two parties lies at the centre of the Syrian conflict and has been a recurring point of contention ever since 2011. Moreover, it seems that the Syrian government agreed to manage its conflict with opposition groups through peace agreements, especially in main cities such as Homs. This is mainly the result of local and international pressure to limit the use of violent mean and protect civilians. Hence, one could argue that this agreement has been signed in the framework of a repeated process - although one cannot speak of a 'culture" of signing peace agreements.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

Link to national process: articulated rationale No
It seems complicated to link this agreement to the national peace process in Syria. The signing parties clearly intend to keep this agreement circumscribed to al-Waer neighbourhood, as they mention; "we declare our decision to accept the political solution within the neighbourhood".

Name of Locale al-Waer neighbourhood

Nature Of Locale Smaller

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 34.742008, 36.663823

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, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Grievance List Page 1,
In order to stop the bloodshed of neighbourhood residences, and to achieve their dignity, we declare our decision to accept the political solution within the neighbourhood.

Cattle rustling/
banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
