

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

Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement between Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and Free Idlib Army on the issue of Col. Ali Al Samahi
Date	6 Apr 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Syrian Conflicts (1948 -) (1976 - 2005) (2011 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	Col. Tayseer al-Samahi for the Free Idlib Army [Signed] Abu al-Saad al-Suri for Hayat Tahrir al-Sham [Signed]
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement to form a sharia court and adjudicate on the killing of Col. Ali al-Samahi at the Khan al-Subul checkpoint. Also agrees to release detainees; handover of seized belongings, vehicles, etc. by both sides. Parties further agree to remove checkpoints and other 'manifestations' of tension and hand over wanted members from their groups.

Agreement document [SY_170405_HTS and FSA agreement on al-Samahi, Idlib_EN.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language) [SY_170406_HTS and FSA agreement on al-Samahi, Idlib_AR.pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type Informal but persistent process

Rationale -> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; no culture of signing
This is the only written agreement referenced in the database between a Salafi-jihadi group and the nationalist Syrian group. Moreover, the agreement relates to specific issues that arose in a highly localised context. If one takes Idlib governorate as the unit of reference though, a series of agreements have been signed in the context of infighting between armed groups for control over territories, resources and populations.

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. The agreement does not involve local governance actors, and the signing parties themselves are not official state representative.

Name of Locale Khan Al Subul checkpoint

Nature Of Locale Smaller

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 35.748312, 36.753173

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 Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Grievance List The agreement addresses the grievances that arose from the killing of Colonel Ali al Samahi - the chief of the Free Idlib Army - by the Headquarters for the Liberation of Al-Sham.

Cattle No specific mention.
rustling/
banditry

Social cover No specific mention.
