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| Country/<br>entity              | Syria   |
| Region                          | Middle East and North Africa  |
| Agreement<br>name               | Decree of the civil administration in the villages of Jbala and Ma'aratamatar   |
| Date                            | 28 Feb 2018   |
| Agreement<br>status             | Multiparty signed/agreed  |
| Interim<br>arrangement          | Yes   |
| Agreement/<br>conflict<br>level | Intrastate/local conflict ( Syrian Conflicts (1948 - ) (1976 - 2005) (2011 - ) )  |
| Stage                           | Ceasefire/related   |
| Conflict<br>nature              | Inter-group   |
| Peace<br>process                | Syrian Local Agreements   |
| Parties                         | Head of the Jbala Local Council [Signed];<br>Head of the Ma'aratamatar Local Council [Signed];<br>"military officials from all of the groups that have a presence in the village"   |
| Third<br>parties                | -   |
| Description                     | 5 point agreement between two local councils and military officials from all groups that have a presence in the village. Agreement provides for (1) sparing the villages from combat; (2) that all fighters are on one side and operate under the command of the councils; (3) the armed groups may not use the roads in the villages; (4) that they will not barrack there; (5) that justice is individual and not collective. |

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## Local agreement properties

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| Process type  | Isolated example   |
| Rationale   | -> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; no culture of signing (ad hoc) The document is a once-off declaration that relates to a specific and localised series of clashes and its consequences. It does not appear that any national or regional mechanism was established to support the negotiation. Finally, the declaration does not seem to relate to a persistent practice or culture of signing agreements. |
| Is there a documented link to a national peace process? | No   |
| Link to national process: articulated rationale         | [Summary] Agreement appears independent from the national process but involves local governance actors representing civilian constituencies. Considering the fighters under village control, which appear to include factions of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and Harikat Tahrir Suriyya, they are not official 'state' representatives.   |
| Name of Locale  | Jbala [Jabal], Ma'aratamatar [Maar Tamater]  |
| Nature Of Locale  | Region   |
| GPS Lat/ Long (DD)                                      | 35.573888, 36.556102   |
| Participant type  | Local state actor<br>Local armed group   |
| Mediator, facilitator or similar                        | No mention of mediator or similar  |

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## Local issues

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| Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture) | Page 1, In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful |
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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- Completely sparing the villages of Jbala and Ma'aratamatar from this fighting

2- All of the fighters, from all groups, that are in the two villages are on the same side and

operate under the local councils of the two villages

3- Armed groups are not allowed to use roads in the two villages

4- There are no military bases in the two villages

5- Any person that violates any of the provisions of this agreement is treated as an individual

and does not represent the villages

Cattle rustling/  
banditry      No specific mention.

Social cover      No specific mention.

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