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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement between Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and Nour al-Din al-Zenki Movement
Date	13 Aug 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Syrian Conflicts (1948 -) (1976 - 2005) (2011 -))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) Nour al-Din al-Zenki.
	Signed by Abu Ibrahim and Salama Ahmed [illegible] (not certain whom signed on behalf of which party).
Third parties	-
Description	Short statement referring all issues to a legitimate committee, disarming and returning to the previous status quo. No more information is provided.

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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 Salafi armed groups. 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. 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. The agreement is related to multiple local level processes in Idlib and Aleppo governorates in 2017.

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. The agreement stipulates that a joint chamber of operation should be formed to topple the Bashar al-Assad’s regime. Finally, the agreement should be understood in the context of an “intra-religious insurgent groups” conflict where several factions that all oppose Bashar al-Assad engaged in fighting and took some distance from their initial raison d’être in the context of the Syrian civil war.

Name of Locale NA

Nature Of Locale Smaller

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 36.260414, 37.092629

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, With God [...]1 and bounty, the dispute has been resolved between Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and Nour al-Din al-Zenki Movement.
Grievance List	Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it was signed to solve a dispute between Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and Nour al-Din al-Zenki Movement, two Salafi-jihadi groups operating in Aleppo governorate at that time.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
