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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement between Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and Ahrar al-Sham, Aleppo
Date	7 Jan 2014
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	Other
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	Omar al-Shishani, the representative of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; Abu Khalid al-Suri the representative of the Ahrar al-Sham Islamic Movement.
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement aims to defuse tensions between ISIS and HTS regarding which areas to take. In effect the agreement splits territory between the two groups, including roads and checkpoints, whereby both sides agree to not fight each other.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Informal but persistent process
Rationale	-> Local issues only; no external support mechanism; culture of signing No formally-established mechanism supported the negotiation between the Salafi-Jihadi 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. Indeed, before the declaration of the Islamic State in late-June 2014, ISIS had a less radical stance on other jihadi groups and was inclined to negotiate or even ally with them. 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.
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	al-Sukkar, al-Abqar
Nature Of Locale	Smaller
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	36.098961, 37.943556
Participant type	Local armed group International or transnational actor
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 Page 1, All praise be to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon our master, Muhammad, His Messenger.
Grievance List	Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it seems that the confrontation between the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and Ahrar al-Sham for the control of an airport lies at the centre of the dispute. It lists five provisions to address local grievances. Page 1, 1. It was agreed that not a single shot would be fired in the direction of the Islamic State, and this agreement includes the road to the end of the airport on the main road only. 2. Omar al-Shishani, the representative of the Islamic State, pledges to not conduct strikes against the airport at all. 3. Omar al-Shishani pledges to take the Abqar Road and not the public airport road. 4. The barrier in front of the Abqar Fork shall be lifted on both sides, and Ahrar al-Sham will move their barrier to directly in front of the Airport Road Fork. 5. The detainees on both sides shall be released [ILLEGIBLE] al-Sukkar and al-Abqar, and all of the barriers in these areas.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
