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Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement between Tahrir al-Sham and Sarmin Shura Council on the raid on the outskirts in the city
Date	29 Jun 2018
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	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	Hay' at Tahrīr al-Shām Sa'ad al-Din al-Sabah [Signature] [Stamp] Sarmin Shura Council Abu Abdo [Signature]
Third parties	Witness Delegate of Ansār al-Tawhīd Hamza [Signature]
Description	Seven point agreement between a local council and military official from Salafi-Jihadi group Tahrir al-Sham that has a presence in the village. The agreement provides for (1) sparing the villages from combat after 48 hours; (2) joint security of the village and its surrounding to face the Islamic State; (3) Local representatives keep control over city administration; (4) forming a local committee to decide on all issues between the locals and armed group.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Isolated example
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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 in the area of Sarmin. Multiple agreements have been signed in the governorate of Idlib - where Sarmin is - but not between those parties.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

No

Link to national process: articulated rationale

The agreement appears independent from the national process but involves local governance actors representing civilian constituencies of Sarmin. Considering the fighters under village control, which include factions of Salafi-Jihadi group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and witness Ansar al-Tahwid, they are not official 'state' representatives.

Name of Locale

Sarmin

Nature Of Locale

City

GPS Lat/ Long (DD)

35.903609, 36.726565

Participant type

Local state actor
Local armed group

Mediator, facilitator or similar

Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references)

NA

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar

Local armed group

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful
Grievance List	The agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict. It seems that the control of Sarmin by an opposition Salafi-Jihadi group is the main bone of contention, in addition to the threat of Islamic State organization's fighters in the outskirts of the village.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
