

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

Country/ entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Houran Ceasefire
Date	23 Dec 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	Inter-group
Peace process	Syrian Local Agreements
Parties	House of Justice in Houran
Third parties	al-Muthanna Islamic Movement
Description	Four point-agreement providing for a ceasefire between armed factions in Houran, southern Syria.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Isolated example

Rationale	The dispute was settled by a pre-established and structured judicial body (house of justice in Houran). According to source, the dispute was mediated by an independant Islamist faction. Yet, this is an isolated example of local peace process between the two belligerents (Jabhat al Nusra and Liwa Shuhada al-Yarmouk).
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 two disputing factions are Salafist groups opposed to the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad and reject the national peace process that would maintain the Syrian president in power.
Name of Locale	Houran
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	32.823701, 35.931560
Participant type	Other
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Page 1, This is the best and fairest resolution) and after the conflicting parties in the Yarmouk river region approved the initiative presented by the al-Muthanna Islamic Movement
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
Praise be to God and prayers and peace be upon Messenger of God, and after:
According to the words of the Almighty: (O believers! Obey Allah and obey the
Messenger and those in authority among you. Should you disagree on
anything, then refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you truly believe in
Allah and the Last Day.

Page 1, God is the Arbiter of Success

Grievance
List

Although the agreement does not refer to specific causes of the conflict, it
lists four provisions to address local grievances between armed factions
around Yarmouk river. It seems that the confrontation between Jabhat al-
Nusra and Liwa Shuhada al-Yarmouk lies at the centre of the dispute.

Cattle
rustling/
banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
