June 10 – 17: Syrian Democratic Forces besiege Manbij. The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces – a coalition consisting of the Syrian Kurdish YPG and allied opposition groups – completely encircled the key IS-held transit hub of Manbij. At least 1,100 civilians have fled the city amidst the ongoing clashes.

June 14: FSA forms military council in Northern Aleppo Province. Free Syrian Army (FSA)-affiliated opposition groups announced the formation of a unified military council to recapture the town of Tel Rifaat from the Syrian Democratic Forces. The SDF seized Tel Rifaat from the opposition in February 2016.

June 16: Russia announces temporary truce in Aleppo City. The Russian Ministry of Defense announced a unilateral forty-eight hour “regime of calm” in Aleppo City, expressing hope for a long-term ceasefire. The announcement follows several weeks of intense pro-regime airstrikes.

June 14 – 17: Jaysh al-Fatah mounts new offensive in Southern Aleppo Province. The Jaysh al-Fatah Operations Room – a coalition that includes Syrian Al-Qaeda affiliate Jabhat a-Nusra and Salafi-Jihadist group Ahrar a-Sham – launched an offensive to seize the regime-held town of Khalasah in Southern Aleppo Province. Heavy clashes remain ongoing amidst reports of high casualties on both sides.

June 14 – 15: Russian and Syrian media claim German Special Forces in Syria. State media in Russia and Syria accused Germany of deploying Special Operations Forces (SOF) alongside the Syrian Democratic Forces near Manbij. Activists also claimed that up to fifty German soldiers are present alongside the U.S. and France in Northern Syria. The German Foreign Ministry issued a statement denying the reports.

June 11 – 12: Jaysh al-Fatah renews local truces in Idlib Province. The Jaysh al-Fatah Operations Room concluded a deal with Iran to resume local ceasefires in the besieged pro-regime towns of Fu’ah and Kefraya near Idlib City as well as the besieged opposition-held towns of Zabadani and Madaya as a goodwill gesture for Ramadan. Suspected Russian warplanes later bombed a market in Idlib City despite the agreement, killing at least forty-one civilians and wounding at least seventy others.

June 13: Alleged IS suicide bomber surrenders in Southern Syria. An alleged IS militant wearing an SVEST surrendered to opposition groups in Nasib in Eastern Daraa Province. The militant claimed to have been dispatched to assassinate the military commander of prominent Free Syrian Army (FSA)-affiliated faction Jaysh al-Yarmouk. Clashes remain ongoing between opposition factions and the IS-affiliated Jaysh Khalid ibn al-Walid in the Yarmouk River Valley of Western Daraa Province.