Turkey’s Military Buildup in Syria’s Idlib
February-March 2020

Territorial Control
- Russia-Iran-Assad Controlled*
- Turkey / Opposition Controlled*
- Al Qaeda Dominated*
- SDF Dominated*
- Concentrated IDP Population

*ISW assesses an area is “controlled” where a group exerts physical/psychological pressure to assure that individuals/groups respond as directed, to the exclusion of competitors

*ISW assesses an area is “dominated” where a group does not have full control but performs governing and security functions to a degree that enables it to constrain the activity of competitive groups

Types of Turkish Units
- Special Forces
- Light Infantry
- Mechanized Infantry
- Heavy Artillery
- Rotary Wing Airbase
- Armor
- Other

- Reinforced Position Established 2017-2019
- Military Position Established Feb-March 2020
- Official Border Crossing
- Significant Urban Center
- Security Corridor to be secured by Turkey
- Security Corridor to be secured by Russia
- Russian-proposed 6km Buffer Zone
- 2018 Turkey-Russia Sochi Agreement Front Lines
- Key Road or Highway
- Planned Russo-Turkish Patrol Route
- International Border

Major Turkish Positions Established 2017-2019
1. Mennagh Airbase
2. Salwah
3. Deir Simeon
4. Jabal Sheikh Aqil
5. Anadan
6. Rashideen
7. al Eis
8. Tel Touqan
9. Surman
10. Ma’ar Hattat
11. Morek
12. Sher Maghar
13. Jisr al Shughur
14. Zaytounah
15. Regiment 111 Base
16. Darat Izza
17. Termelin
18. Bardaqi
19. Tawwamah
20. Kafr Karmin
21. Batabo
22. Kafr Nasih
23. al Jinah
24. Atarib
25. Zardana
26. Ma’arat al Na’asan
27. Taftanaz
28. Sarmin
29. al Duweir
30. East Saraqib
31. South Saraqib
32. Tarnaba
33. Nayrab
34. Qmenas
35. Mastouma Camp
36. Mu’taram
37. Basingoul
38. Nabi Ayoub
39. Bassams
40. Balyoun
41. al Barah
42. Kansafrnah
43. al Ghassiniyah
44. al Najiyah
45. Badama
46. al Za’i’niyah

*This is a partial assessment of Turkish presence in Greater Idlib drawn from publicly available information