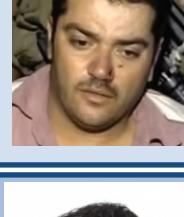
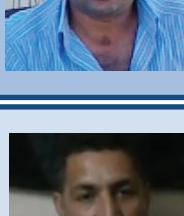
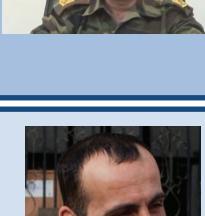
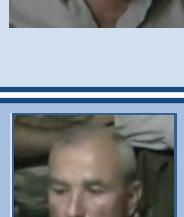
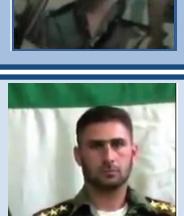
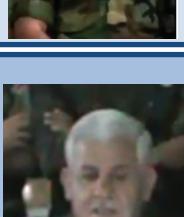
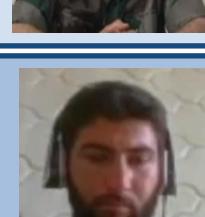
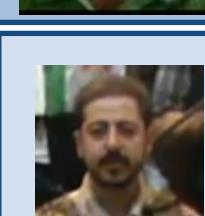
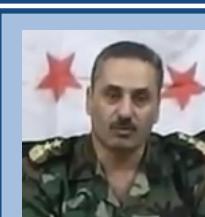
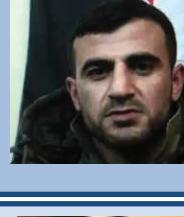
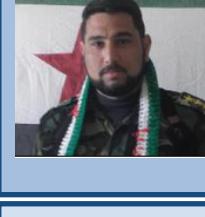
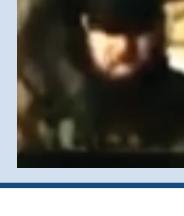
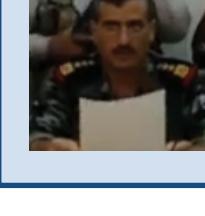


SELECTED SUPREME MILITARY COMMAND MEMBERS

 <p>MAJOR GENERAL SALIM IDRASS</p> <p>Maj. Gen. Salim Idriss is the Chief of Staff for the Supreme Military Council. He previously served on the General Command for the Joint Command Council, and played an important role within the organization until its merger into the SMC in December 2013. He has a reputation for his ability to access resources and distribute them to rebel groups. He also has a close relationship with Syrian National Coalition Secretary-General Mustafa Sabbagh.</p>	 <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADNAN MOHAMMAD AL-KOKIB</p> <p>Area of Operation: Eastern Front Lt. Col. Adnan Mohammad al-Kokib was an intelligence officer prior to his defection in late February 2012. Since then, he has been providing intelligence support to rebel commanders in the eastern region. He also serves on the recently established military court in the Eastern Front. He is a member of the SMC financial committee.</p>
 <p>BASSAM AL-DADA</p> <p>Bassam al-Dada is the spokesman for the Supreme Military Council. Before serving on the Supreme Military Council, al-Dada was the political advisor to the Free Syrian Army. He is most known for accusing Hezbollah of supporting the regime and threatening to retaliate if the support continues.</p>	 <p>SHEIKH AHMED ISSA</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Sheikh Ahmed Issa is the leader of the powerful Suqour al-Sham brigade in Idlib province, and the head of the Syrian Liberation Front. He is one of the most influential rebel commanders in Idlib province, and his brigade is known for being disciplined, trained and well-resourced. Suqour al-Sham is also known as one of the more Islamist brigades operating in northern Syria. His brigade runs three field hospitals, a Sharia court, and a prison. He is also a member of the SMC financial committee.</p>
 <p>FARAJ HAMMOUD AL-FARAJ</p> <p>Area of Operation: Eastern Front Faraj Hammoud al-Faraj is originally from al-Raqqa province and currently a resident of Saudi Arabia. He is a member of the Syrian National Council, formally listed as part of the "Revolutionary Motion" political bloc. Faraj is widely known for his ability to procure funding and supplies.</p>	 <p>JAMAL MAAROUF</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Jamal Maarouf, also known as Abu Khalid, is the leader of the Syrian Martyrs Brigade, formerly known as the Jabal al-Zawiya Martyrs Brigade, in Idlib province. One of the two biggest strongmen in Idlib province, he is known to pay his men a salary and offer them comprehensive training, and he has set up a prison and nascent court system in his village. He is also a member of the SMC arms committee.</p>
 <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL MOHAMMAD AL-ABBOUD</p> <p>Area of Operation: Eastern Front Lt. Col. Mohammad al-Aboud was the head of the Deir ez-Zour Military Council under the Joint Command Council. He is now serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Eastern Front.</p>	 <p>COLONEL MUSTAFA ABDEL KARIM</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Col. Mustafa Abdel Karim is the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Supreme Military Council. He is widely recognized as the operational commander of the SMC and oversees the five fronts, although with limited command and control. He is also the leader of the Dara al-Thawra brigade. Prior to the uprising, Abdel Karim served as a colonel at the University Training Administration.</p>
 <p>MAJOR OMAR TIRAD</p> <p>Area of Operation: Eastern Front Maj. Omar Tirad is the head of the Intelligence department for the Eastern Front. He is the former leader of the Bashar al-Kheir battalion in Abu Kamal. His unit was instrumental in overrunning the air defense base in Abu Kamal.</p>	 <p>COLONEL ABDEL JABAR AL-AQIDI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Col. Abdel Jabar al-Aqidi is the head of the Aleppo Military Council, and former leader of the Amr bin al-Aas brigade in Aleppo. He was also an important member of the Joint Command Council and has played a key role in attempts to unite the armed opposition. Aqidi is associated with the secular and moderate Free Syrian Army forces. He is also a member of the SMC arms committee.</p>
 <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL MUSTAFA IBRAHIM</p> <p>Area of Operation: Eastern Front Lt. Col. Mustafa Ibrahim is the head of the Free Syrian Army Battalions in Hasaka. He has good ties to a number of Kurdish militia units in Hasaka, and has fought alongside these Kurdish units against Jabhat Nusra battalions in the area. He is the head of the Financial and Administrative Affairs department for the Eastern Front.</p>	 <p>ABDEL QADIR SALEH</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Abdel Qadir Saleh, also known as Hajji Marea, is the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for the Northern Front. He is the head of the powerful Tawhid Brigade, the largest brigade operating in Aleppo province. Prior to the uprising, Saleh was an import-export trader. Some fellow rebel commanders suggest that his background is one of the reasons why he is known for being well-resourced and accounts for his ability to access critical supply lines. Despite an open alignment with Jabhat Nusra-associated battalions in Aleppo, Saleh promotes a tolerant, pluralistic vision for Syria and has welcomed Christian and Kurdish units into his brigade.</p>
 <p>COLONEL ABDEL BASSET AL-TAWIL</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Col. Abdel Bassit al-Tawil is the Deputy Chief of Staff for the northern front. Tawil is the head of the Outhayif al-Haq brigade in Idlib province. He is reportedly working with the Salafi-jihadist brigade Ahrar al-Sham, and is viewed with suspicion by some of the more moderate rebel commanders for his Salafist connections.</p>	 <p>BRIGADIER GENERAL ZIAD FAHD</p> <p>Area of Operation: Southern Front Brig. Gen. Ziad Fahd is the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Southern Front. He is also the head of the Damascus Military Council, and a former member of the General Command of the Joint Command Council. He is an influential commander in the southern region, and he has attempted to bolster more moderate forces in the south through outreach with Jordan.</p>
 <p>AHMED OBAID</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Ahmed Obaid is the head of the Martyr Amjad al-Hameed Battalion, named in honor of the former leader of the Khalid bin Walid Brigade in Rastan. He is part of the influential network of rebel commanders who were part of Khalid bin Walid brigade's formative period, and he has ties to the Farouq Battalions in Homs and the Rastan Military Council. He is also the former head of the Zaafaran Military Council's arms committee.</p>	 <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL MAJID AL-SAYID AHMED</p> <p>Area of Operation: Southern Front Lt. Col. Majid al-Sayid Ahmed is the head of Ghouta Commandos Brigade. There are also multiple videos posted on YouTube in which he claims to be the head of the Military Council in Damascus. This has caused some tension between him and Brig. Gen. Ziad Fahd. He is the head of the Operations Department for the Southern Front.</p>
 <p>BRIGADIER GENERAL ABDEL MAJID DABIS</p> <p>Area of Operation: Western/Middle Front Brig. Gen. Abdel Majid Dabis is the former head of the General Command for the Joint Command Council. He has been behind a number of attempts to unify rebel forces. He is also the former leader of the Nasr Brigade in Kafr Nabouda, although his unit remained small and he was never in command of significant ground forces.</p>	 <p>COLONEL KHALID MOHAMMAD HOURANI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Southern Front Col. Khalid Mohammad Hourani is the official spokesman for League for a Free Houran, a civilian-led organization that coordinates anti-regime activity in Houran. Hourani is a member of the SMC arms committee.</p>
 <p>HUTHAYFAH MUSTAFA AL-SHUGHRI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Middle/ Western Front Huthayfa Mustafa al-Shugri is the head of Ahfad Abu Bakr al-Sadiq Battalion in Baniyas. He has played a significant role in operations throughout Syria's coastal region, or Sahel, and has earned a prominent place on the regime's terrorist list for his activities against regime forces in Latakia province. He is also a member of the SMC's arms committee.</p>	 <p>AHMED ABDEL RAHMAN AL-HAMAWI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Ahmed Abdel Rahman al-Hamawi is the departmental head for Financial and Administrative Affairs for the Homs front. He is the head of the Suqour Homs battalion, a sub-unit of the al-Kadid Homs Brigade and a member of the Syrian Liberation Front.</p>
 <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL ABDEL RAZZAQ AL-FAREEJI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Western/Middle Front Lt. Col. Abdel Razzaq al-Fareeqi is the Hama field commander for the Free Syrian Army. He is part of the original Free Syrian Army leadership that took up residence in Turkey, although he remained inside Syria to help conduct operations in the Hama province. He is the head of the Transitional Justice department for the Western/Middle Front.</p>	 <p>COLONEL ABDULLAH AL-RIFAAI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Southern Front Col. Abdullah al-Rifaai is the head of the Qalamoun Military Council and has close ties to Brig. Gen. Ziad Fahd of the Damascus Military Council. He is a member of the SMC arms committee.</p>
 <p>COLONEL MOHAMMAD AUDO</p> <p>Area of Operation: Western/Middle Front Col. Mohammad Audo defected from the Interior Ministry in July 2012, where he served as an intelligence specialist. Since his defection, Audo has been assisting in intelligence support and now serves as the head of the Intelligence department for the Western/Middle Front.</p>	 <p>SHEIKH ZAHRAN ALLOUSH</p> <p>Area of Operation: Southern Front Sheikh Zahran Alloush is the leader of the Islam Brigade (Liwa al-Islam) operating in the vicinity of Damascus. The Islam Brigade is one of the most powerful rebel groups in Damascus. Under his command, the Islam Brigade carried out the attack on the Syrian government's national security headquarters in Damascus on July 18, 2012 that killed Defense Minister Daoud Rajha, Deputy Defense Minister Asef Shawkat, and Assistant Vice President Hassan Turkmani.</p>
 <p>OSAMA SAYEH AL-JOUNEDI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Osama Sayeh al-Jounedi is the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for the Homs Front. He is the head of the Farouq Battalions in Homs, replacing Lt. Abdel Razzaq Tlas after he left his leadership position following allegations of sexual impropriety. Al-Jounedi also sits on the leadership command for the Syrian Liberation Front.</p>	 <p>COLONEL QASSIM SUAD AL-DIN</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Col. Qassim Suad al-Din is the head of the Middle Zone Military Council. He has also served as the spokesman for the joint command of the Free Syrian Army, he was the leader of the Homs Front within the Five Front Command, and he has close ties to Higher Revolutionary Council General Mustafa Sheikh. In the Homs area, he has competed with the Farouq Battalions for influence and authority. He is a member of the SMC arms committee.</p>
 <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL FATHI HASSUN</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Lt. Col. Fatih Hassun is the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Northern Front. He was the head of the Homs Military Council under the Joint Command Council, and has close ties to the Farouq Battalion. He is also connected to the Civilian Protection Committee, funded by the Muslim Brotherhood.</p>	 <p>MAJOR ABDEL HALIM GHANOOM</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Maj. Abdel Halim Ghanoom is the leader of the Ahl al-Athar Battalions in the Homs region, and has served on the development committee for the Homs Revolutionary Council. He is a member of the SMC arms committee.</p>
 <p>LIEUTENANT OMAR SHAMSI</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Lt. Omar Shamsi was an important deputy to former Farouq Battalions Commander Lt. Abdel Razzaq Tlas, and continues to serve as an important commander for the Farouq Battalions. He was also an early member of the Rastan Free Officer's movement and a member of the Khalid bin Walid Brigade before joining the Farouq Battalions. He is the head of the Intelligence department for the Homs Front.</p>	 <p>CAPTAIN ABDULLAH BAHBOUH</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Capt. Abdullah Bahbouh defected from the Syrian 9th Armored Brigade and joined his brother Ahmad Bahbouh during the initial formation of Khalid bin Walid Brigade. He later served on the Rastan Military Council and has played a key role in operations in the Rastan area. He is the head of the Operations department for the Homs Front.</p>
 <p>COLONEL ABDEL RAHMAN SOESS</p> <p>Area of Operation: Homs Front Col. Abdel Rahman Soess is the head of the al-Haq Brigade in Homs, an associate of the Farouq Battalions. He also serves on the command for the Syrian Liberation Front.</p>	 <p>BRIGADIER GENERAL ABDEL RAHMAN HUSSEIN</p> <p>Area of Operation: Northern Front Brig. Gen. Abdel Rahman Hussein is the department head for the office of transitional justice in the northern front. He is the former head of the Military Council for eastern Aleppo, and works closely with Col. Abdal Jabar al-Aqidi from the Aleppo Military Council. He has attempted to maintain close relations to the Kurdish population in Aleppo and has been at the forefront of negotiations with armed Kurdish units in the province.</p>