



Map Legend

- Assad-Iran-Russia Control
- ISIS Control
- Opposition Control/ AQ Permissive
- AQ Dependent Frontlines
- AQ Governance/ Religious Outreach 2016 - Present

Assassinations & Targeted Violence

- | <u>ASSASSINATION TYPE</u> | | <u>TARGET TYPE</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Roadside IED | Rebel Commander | |
| IED | U.S.-Backed Rebel Commander | |
| Unidentified Gunmen | Religious / Governance Official | |
| Car Bomb | Media | |
| Suicide Attack | | |

Assassination attempts reported in Dera'a and Quneitra Provinces between August 5 and November 21, 2017

NOTE ON AL QAEDA (AQ) MAPPING: AQ DOES NOT DOMINATE THE OPPOSITION LANDSCAPE IN SOUTHERN SYRIA AS OF NOVEMBER 2017, BUT OPPOSITION-HELD AREAS REMAIN PERMISSIVE TO AQ. AQ HAS CONCENTRATED FIGHTERS ALONG VULNERABLE REBEL FRONTLINES WITH IRAN AND ISIS IN SOUTHERN SYRIA, REPRESENTED BY "FRONTLINES DEPENDENT ON AQ PRESENCE" ON THIS MAP. AQ MAINTAINS ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS IN THE LAJAT AREA OF NORTHERN DERA'A, THE EASTERN DERA'A COUNTRYSIDE, AND AREAS IN QUNEITRA PROVINCE WHERE IT HOUSES SENIOR LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNS THROUGH RELIGIOUS OUTREACH AND SERVICE PROVISION. THESE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS ARE MAPPED APPROXIMATELY.