
August 11: IS-Linked Group Detonates SVEST in Eastern Daraa Province: IS affiliate Jaysh Khalid ibn al-Walid detonated an SVEST targeting a training camp belonging to Salafi-Jihadi group Jaysh al-Islam in the town of Naseeb in Eastern Daraa Province on the Syrian-Jordanian Border, killing at least 35 Jaysh al-Islam fighters. The Free Syrian Southern Army (FSA)-affiliated Southern Front issued a new charter on August 9 linked to terms from the covert Jaysh Khalid ibn al-Walid detonated an SVEST targeting a training camp belonging to Salafi-Jihadi group Jaysh al-Islam in the town of Naseeb in Eastern Daraa Province on the Syrian-Jordanian Border, killing at least 35 Jaysh al-Islam fighters. The charter noted the "temporary" de-escalation zone brokered by the U.S., Russia, and Jordan in Southern Syria. Meanwhile, the FSA-affiliated Jaysh Alababil and First Infantry Division formed a new organization called the 'Southern Alliance' on August 15. The merger comes as part of a wider reorganization of the Southern Front allegedly linked to terms from the covert U.S. Military Operations Command (MOC) in Jordan.

August 13: Opposition Factions Form New Group to ‘Liberate’ Deir e-Zor Province: Syrian opposition groups agreed to form a new group to "liberate" Deir e-Zor Province from IS and "prevent any force that is hostile to the Syrian Revolution" from entering Eastern Syria. The group also pledged to seek integration into an opposition "national liberation army." Liwa Tahrir Deir e-Zor General Commander Yasser Izzedine al-Turki welcomed "any communication" with local or international parties but ruled out cooperation with the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).

August 14 - 15: Opposition Forces Agree to Ceasefire Amidst Regional Offensive in Eastern Ghouta: Salafi-Jihadi group Ahrar a-Sham and rival Islamist group Faylaq al-Rahman agreed to a ceasefire in the Eastern Ghouta suburb of Damascus on August 9. The deal – which calls for prisoner releases, the return of seized weapons, and freedom of movement for all sides - temporarily ended a round of clashes that began on July 22. Meanwhile, Faylaq al-Rahman detonated a tunnel bomb amidst an ongoing offensive by pro-regime forces against the Ayn Tarma and Jobar Districts of Eastern Ghouta that began on August 7.

August 12 - 14: Pro-Regime Forces Conduct Russian-Enabled Helicopter Assault in Eastern Homs Province: The Syrian Arab Army 'Tiger Forces' - an elite pro-regime unit - conducted a nighttime helicopter-borne air assault against IS in the village of Kadir in Eastern Homs Province on August 12. The Russian Defense Ministry noted that its military advisors played a "direct role" in planning and leading the operation. Russia also provided air support with attack helicopters based in Eastern Aleppo Province. Pro-regime forces later claimed to seize the nearby Kawm Oasis on August 14. The gains threaten to sever the ground lines of communication between IS in Eastern Hama Province and IS in Deir e-Zor Province in Eastern Syria.

August 10 - 11: SDF Continues Advance in A-Raqqa City: The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) linked their western and eastern axes of advance in Southern A-Raqqa City after seizing the Shahabah and Abdulmalik Districts on the northern bank of the Euphrates River. The U.S. Department of Defense stated that the SDF holds more than 50% of A-Raqqa City as of August 10. The Raqqah Internal Security Force (RISF) - a group of majority-Arab fighters backed by the U.S. - has reportedly begun to assume control over a number of neighborhoods in A-Raqqa City.

August 15: SDF-Affiliated Groups Form New Faction to Fight Turkey in Aleppo Province: Opposition groups affiliated with the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) announced the formation of ‘Qawqal al-Tauwar’ in Afrin Canton in Western Aleppo Province. Their founding statement noted that the primary goal of the new faction is to "fight terrorism" and "expel" the Turkish "occupation" of Northern Aleppo Province.

August 10 - 16: U.S.-Backed Opposition Fighters Prepare for Deir e-Zor Operation: A military convoy of 200 U.S. troops and 100 allied opposition fighters reportedly arrived in the town of Shaddadi in Southern Hasaka Province on August 10. The Syrian Elite Forces - a group of tribal fighters linked to the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) – will also reportedly deploy to Shaddadi in the future for operations against IS in Deir e-Zor Province. 600 fighters later "deserted" the Syrian Elite Forces on August 16 in order to begin operations in Deir e-Zor Province alongside local tribal fighters.

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August 13: Russia and Opposition Agree to Draft New De-Escalation Agreement in Northern Homs Province: Delegations from the opposition and the Russian Armed Forces agreed to draft a new 'de-escalation zone' deal for Northern Homs Province after a meeting in Dar al-Kabirah near Homs City. The new deal will reportedly include a full ceasefire, the entry of humanitarian aid, and the release of all local detainees. The talks come amidst continued regime ceasefire violations including airstrikes and artillery shelling in Northern Homs Province.

Areas of Control

- Pro-Regime Forces
- Opposition Forces
- The Islamic State
- Mixed Control
- Kurdish Forces
- Hay'at Tahrir a-Sham
- (Formerly Jabhat a-Nusra)
- U.S. / Coalition

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