

Weekly Conflict Summary

June 30 - July 6, 2016

The conflict events in Syria between 30 June - 6 July again focused primarily on the governorate of Aleppo, where about half of recorded instances of conflict occurred. Most conflict in the governorate happened in the cities of Menbij and Aleppo.

On 6 July, the Syrian government announced a nationwide 72-hour ceasefire for Eid al-Fitr. Just hours after the Syrian Arab Army (SAA) declared a ceasefire for Eid al-

Elsewhere in eastern Syria, a suicide attack on a bakery in a Kurdish market in Hasakah killed 16 on July 5. The attack targeted civilians buying food in preparation for Eid and has not yet been claimed.

Figure 1: Map of NSyA retreat from Abu Kamal to al-Tanfif since last week

Over the past week, several government planes and helicopters were shot down, primarily in areas controlled by Jaysh al-Islam in Damascus and its countryside. A Syrian Air Force pilot was executed by Jabhat al-Nusra after ejecting from his warplane on 2 July near Jayrud, 60km northeast of Damascus. The day after the killing, Syrian government airstrikes hit Jayrud, ending a two-year local truce. The truce had been agreed upon by local leaders and Syrian government forces.

Conclusion