

Relatively low levels of fighting continued in Aleppo city, with back-and-forth shelling and aerial bombardments occurring consistently throughout the week.

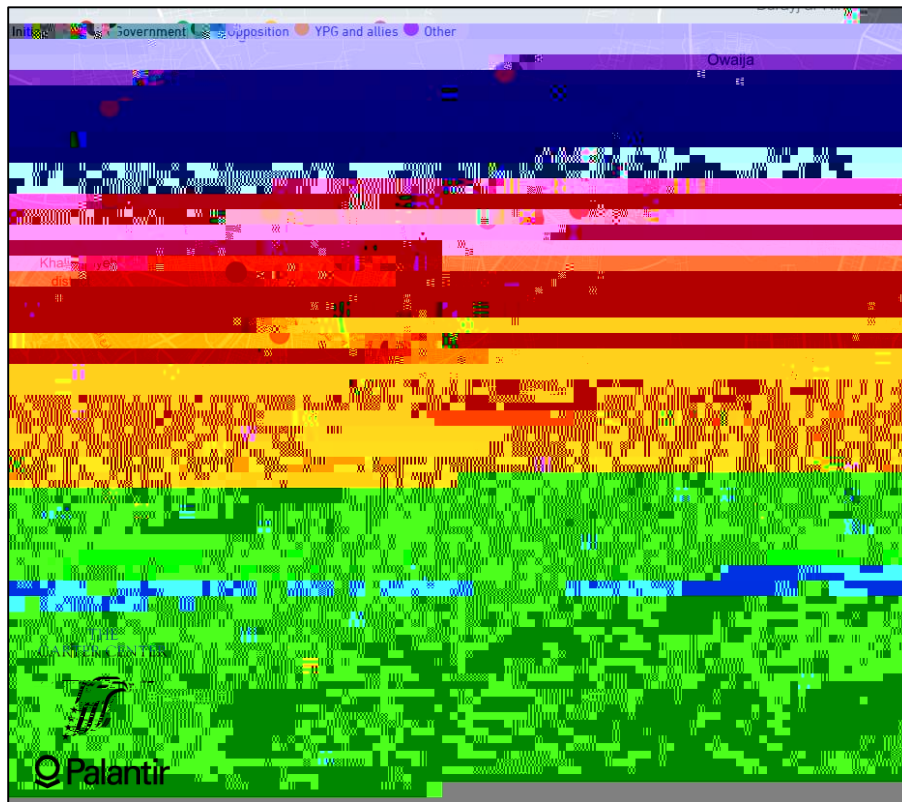


Figure 2: Recorded locations of potential violations of the cessation of hostilities.

Elsewhere in Syria, fighting has continued along front lines in Eastern Ghouta, with aerial bombardments and clashes reported in and around Harasta el-Qantara, and along front lines on the outskirts of Damascus city. In western Damascus, despite the delivery of some humanitarian aid, clashes and shelling was reported in and around Darayya. Further to the west, the opposition-controlled town of Deir Khabiyeh (approximately 10km southwest of Darayya) witnessed a significant spike in violence, with multiple reports of aerial bombardments and clashes throughout the week.

Southern Syria remained relatively quiet during the past week, with only a handful of clashes reported between Jabhat al-Nusra and Shuhada al-Yarmouk in southwestern Daraa, and one reported air raid on opposition positions in Tal Harra.

Conclusion

Following last week's pro-government offensive in rural Damascus, there have been no recorded front line changes between participants of the cessation of hostilities. Unless there have been unreported advances, this marks the first week in nearly a month without any territorial gains by one party or another, offering a glimmer of hope for the continuation of the cessation of hostilities.