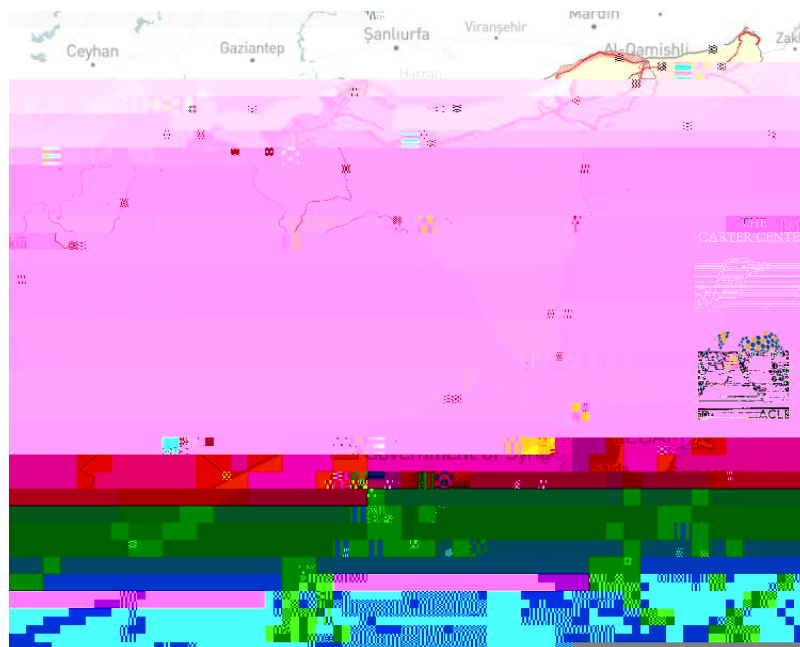




WEEKLY CONFLICT SUMMARY | 1 June - 7 June 2020

SYRIA SUMMARY

- NORTHWEST | Turkish and Russian armed forces continued their joint patrols in Idlib Governorate. Clashes between armed opposition groups and Government of Syria (GoS) armed forces and GoS-backed militias increased during the reporting period. Turkish armed forces expanded their presence in southern Idlib Governorate. There were increased air strikes by Israeli, Russian, and GoS air forces in the region.
- SOUTH & CENTRAL | Unidentified gunmen continued attacks against GoS soldiers and former opposition fighters across Dara'a Governorate. Attacks against civilians continued in Dara'a Governorate. Protests erupted in Dara'a and As-Swedia Governorates against GoS and deteriorating economic conditions.
- NORTHEAST | Russian armed forces attempted to establish a new military base in Al-Hassakah Governorate. Attacks against Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighters continued during the reporting period. The SDF continued its anti-ISIS raids in the region. Turkish-backed armed opposition groups destroyed crops within Turkish-held Operation Peace Spring areas.



Governorates.⁸ Due to the increased air strikes, armed clashes, and shelling exchanges, civilians in southern Idlib Governorate were displaced.⁹

Turkish and Russian armed forces continued their joint patrols in Idlib Governorate. 2 joint patrols were reported during the week. On 2 June, the Turkish-Russian joint patrol along the M4 highway in Idlib Governorate reached Orm Eljoz village in opposition-held territory.¹⁰ On 4 June, the Turkish-Russian joint patrol reached the village of Kafr Shalaya to the southwest of Ariha city. This is the longest distance the joint patrol has covered to date.¹¹ The Turkish-Russian joint patrols were mandated by the 5 March ceasefire agreement and are required to reach Ayn Al Hawr village in opposition-controlled territory (see figure 2). To date, there have been 15 joint patrols in Idlib Governorate.

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SOUTH & CENTRAL SYRIA

Attacks against GoS soldiers and former opposition fighters by unidentified gunmen continued across Dara'a Governorate. On 1 June, unidentified gunmen killed a GoS 4th division soldier on the Nahta – Eastern Maliha road near Nahta city in eastern Dara'a Governorate. The next day, gunmen opened fire on /7 @divisio

