

THE
CARTER CENTER



Weekly Conflict Summary
May 25-31, 2017

Over the course of this reporting period, ISIS has continued to lose large swathes of territory, especially to the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and pro-government forces. Conflict around Daraa city and pro-government offensives are slated to start. Intra-opposition strife continued in Aleppo province and in Rural Damascus.



Figure 1 - Areas of control in Syria by May 31, with arrows indicating advances since the start of the reporting period. The underlying map is shaded based upon the density of population centers, with darker areas indicating greater density.

Fight against ISIS

In the eastern Aleppo countryside, pro-government forces advanced south from Jirah Airbase to reach the outskirts of Maskana, the last major ISIS-controlled town in Aleppo governorate. The government's Tiger Forces took control of the Maskana train station to the west of Masakana by May 28 while a pro-government force including elements of the 5th Assault Corps advanced rapidly towards Jaboul Lake, taking control of the entire eastern shoreline by May 29.

After weeks of preparations in Eastern Hama, on May 31 a pro-government offensive against ISIS started. The offensive aims for Oqayribat first, to prevent ISIS from further harassing communities and supply lines. Tf1 0 0 1 537.34

