

Weekly Conflict Summary

November 10-16, 2016

This week, pro-government forces cleared opposition forces from Dahiyat al-Assad, pushing front lines beyond the western edge of Aleppo city and consolidating gains made over the past two weeks. As pro-government forces advanced, the governor of Aleppo announced plans to create a patrol to stop high level looting in areas retaken from opposition forces. Sometimes of this sort have been difficult to manage as the frontline forces in the war-torn city rely increasingly on foreign militia, weakening centralized control over pro-government forces.

On November 13, pro-government forces issued a 24-hour ultimatum calling for opposition fighters to lay down their arms and for civilians to leave opposition-held areas before airstrikes resume. High intensity strikes resumed after the 24-hour period elapsed, striking three hospitals in East Aleppo on November 16 and 17.

As the situation in East Aleppo continues to deteriorate, civilians have protested corruption among opposition leaders and demanded their removal. Demonstrators also stormed the opposition-led center for aid distribution of Asbat al-Bani, distributing the supplies to the people.

