Kurdish forces. As a result of these new tensions, on September 2, Liwa-al-Tahrir defected from the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) to join OES following tensions with the SDF. Immediately following the defection, they clashed with YPG forces.!

Turkish artillery units, tanks, and armored personnel carriers were deployed to the Turkish town of Islahiye, near Kurdish-controlled Afrin in northwestern Aleppo countryside. Turkish artillery began a new round of shelling against YPG positions in Afrin. Afrin has until now served as a safe haven for many IDPs from other areas in Aleppo, and any escalation could lead to another round of large-scale displacement.!

In central Syria, ISIS attacked pro-government forces near the village of Huwaysis, and captured territory between Huwaysis and the AI-Sha'er gas fields. Pro-government forces then restored control over many points near Huwaysis.!

On September 2, Russian jets dropped incendiary and cluster munitions in western Aleppo and rural Idleb, hitting Masrit, Saraqab, Binesh, Bseida, Khan Sobol, Maarat al-Nu'man, Ma'arat Masrin, Tamana'a, and Ram Hamdan. On September 6, more cluster bombs were dropped on Khan Sheikhoun. On September 6, yet another instance of chlorine gas use by the government was reported in Aleppo.!

Warplanes (allegedly from the Syrian air force) struck Ma' er Debsie, killing 8 people. They also struck a sheep market in Sheikh Mustafa, killing a child. The only remaining hospital in Khan Sheikhoun was also struck by aerial bombardment, putting it out of service. Over 150 shells struck areas in the only two government-held towns in Idleb province, Kefraya and al-Fo'ah, hitting the only water tanks of the towns.

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