

WEEKLY CONFLICT SUMMARY | 22 - 28 March 2021

SYRIA SUMMARY

- Protests were held against a Russian proposal to reopen internal crossings in northwest Syria.
- Government of Syria (GoS) armed forces sent reinforcements as tensions continued in Dara'a Governorate.
- Opposition parties announced the creation of a new political coalition in Damascus.
- The predominantly Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) began a security campaign to arrest ISIS operatives in Al-Hol Camp, Al-Hassakah Governorate.

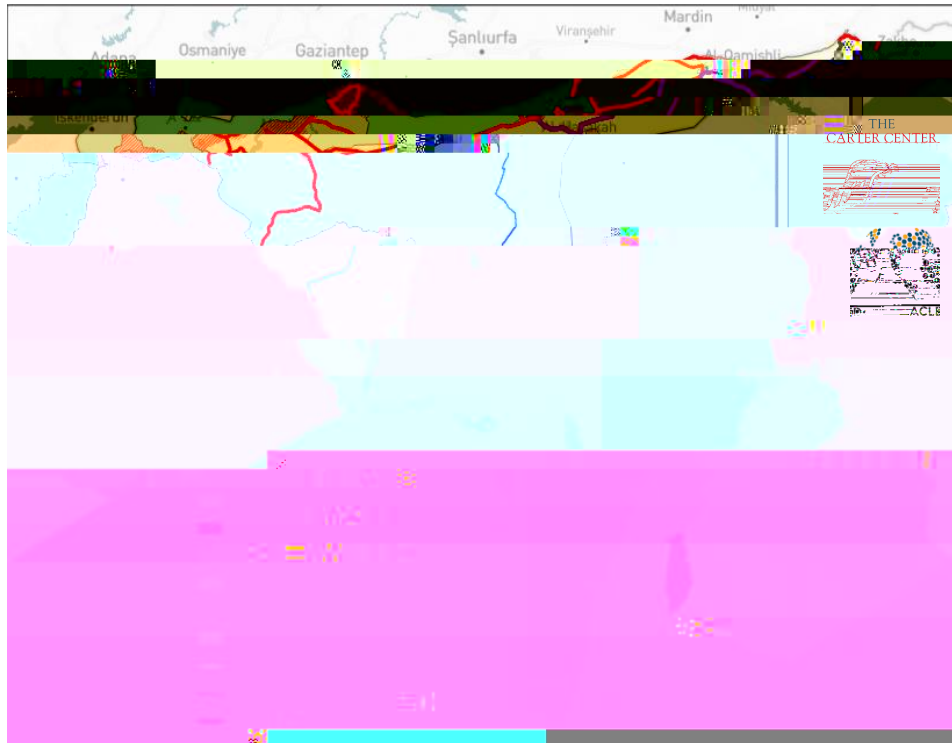


Figure 1: Dominant actors' area of control and influence in Syria as of 28 March 2021. NSOAG stands for Non-state Organized Armed Groups. Also, please see footnote 1.









The same day, unidentified gunmen killed an Iraqi refugee in the camp. It was the second killing of an Iraqi refugees that week.<sup>29</sup>

26 March

The SDF's internal security forces, Asayish found the body of a Syrian man in an education center located in the sixth sector of the al-Hol camp.<sup>30</sup>

28 March

Due to the deteriorating security situation, the SDF and the Asayish launched a new security campaign to clear out ISIS fighters and confiscate any weaponry.<sup>31</sup> The campaign is expected to last 15 days, and would reportedly involve 6,000 fighters including the Asayish, SDF, and Women's Protection Units (YPJ).<sup>32</sup> The SDF justified the extensive security campaign, commenting that the camp had become a