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WHOLE OF SYRIA SUMMARY

x NORTHWEST | Despite a decrease in Government of Syria (GoS) aerial
bombardment, increased levels of shelling on the Hayyat Tahrir ash Sham
(HTS)-dominated Idleb enclave continued. In the Turkish-backed areas of
northern Aleppo Governorate, improvised explosive device (IED) attacks
and inter-group clashes increased.

x SOUTH & CENTRAL | Attacks against GoS-aligned personnel continued in
southern Syria and included a ISIS-claimed IED attack. ISIS activity also
resumed in central areas of the country after the completion of a GoS ISIS
clearance operation last week. In Quneitra Governorate, an uncommon
inter-GoS groups clash occurred in Jbhat al Khashab town.

x NORTHEAST | Widespread civilian

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NORTHWEST SYRIA1
Government of Syria (GoS) aerial activity declined in the northwest during the
week, with just one event in Kabani Town, compared to 23 events the previous
period. However, GoS shelling continued to target communities in the Hayyat
Tahrir ash Sham (HTS)-dominated northwest, with 139 events in 77 locations
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recorded during the week. There has been a steady growth of such activity since a
GoS announced ceasefire on 31 August (Figure 2).

Figure 2: GoS Aerial Activity (Blue) and Shelling (Red) in Northwest Syria Since August 2019. Data
from ACLED and The Carter Center.
HTS and other opposition groups shelling on GoS-dominated areas continued at
low levels. Three events occurred in Shalaf town, in northern Latakia Governorate,
and near GoS/HTS frontlines in Madiq Castle sub-district (x2). An HTS sniper also
killed a GoS soldier near frontlines in Hakora town in north Hama Governorate.
There has been a decrease in HTS and other opposition groups shelling on GoS-dominated areas in the northwest since late August (Figure 3).

1 Figure 1 denotes dominant actors’ control and influence. Russia, Iran, Hezbollah and Iraqi militias
maintain a presence in Syrian government-dominated territory. Non-state organized armed
groups (NSOAG), including the Kurdish dominated, US backed SDF and a variety of other groups
operate in areas not under Syrian
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against a bus transporting 52 nd Armoured Brigade

8 personnel between Darah

village and Skaka village, near Thalaa Airbase in As Sweida Governorat e.

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Homs Governorate.
On 17 September, a suspected ISIS planted IED detonated against a GoS military
convoy to the southeast of Tadmor City. On 22 September, pro-government
sources also reported an ISIS attack against a National Defence Force (NDF)
position in Sabikhan town (Deir Ez Zor Governorate). In addition,

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Figure 7 : At tacks aga inst SDF forces in Northeas t Syr ia i n 2 019 w ith areas 0.41 rg 0.0941 0.21 0.41 RG (w)-(i)(t)-3(h)3(a