NORTHWEST SYRIA

Government of Syria (GoS) shelling and aerial activity continued in the Hayyat Tahrir ash Sham (HTS)-dominated Idelb enclave (Figure 2). This included a return

district of northern Aleppo. In Sukkariyah Saghira and Jeb Nassan villages, Ahrar al Sham, Hamza Division, and Ahrar Sharqiya militias opened fire on each other following a personal dispute between members of the three militias. Clashes between militias in the Turkish-backed areas of northern Aleppo Governorate have steadily grown in the last two months, with 43% (17) recorded intergroup clashes (40) occurring in September and October.

SOUTH & CENTRAL SYRIA

Attacks against GoS-aligned personnel and former opposition members continued. In the Daraa Camp area of Daraa City, a former opposition member was shot dead as he left his house, in Ankhel, a Hezbollah member was shot dead as he passed through the town, while in As Sanamayn, at least three small arms fire and RPG attacks were directed at former opposition group members and GoS personnel. Some analysts reported the events as being conducted by former Ahrar al Sham members who surrendered to GoSin 2018. Pro-government sources also reported that ISIS claimed an attack against a GoS convoy near Kherbet Ghazalah town on 23 October. (Figure 4).

Further evidence of criminal activity in southern Syria was reported after last dealer and smuggler in western Daraa Governorate. On 26 October, an unidentified group kidnapped a civilian from Nahta town and contacted the family to pay a ransom for his release.

In central areas of Syria, ISI Sactivity against GoSforces continued. On 25 October, ISI Sambushed a GoSpatrol near Sokhneh. Pro government sources reported that GoS forces stationed in eastern Homs Governorate attacked an ISIS group attempting to cross the border from Iraq. Pro-opposition sources reported two ISISIED attacks against a GoS17

in at least 33 in locations in the northeast.⁷ The National Army made further advances in 13 areas close to Tal Abiad and Ras al Ain on 26 October.⁸ Resistance against the Syrian National Army incursion into northeast Syria were reported this week, with four improvised explosive device (IED) attacks in Suluk town (x2), Hammam al Turkman village, and Tal Abiad.