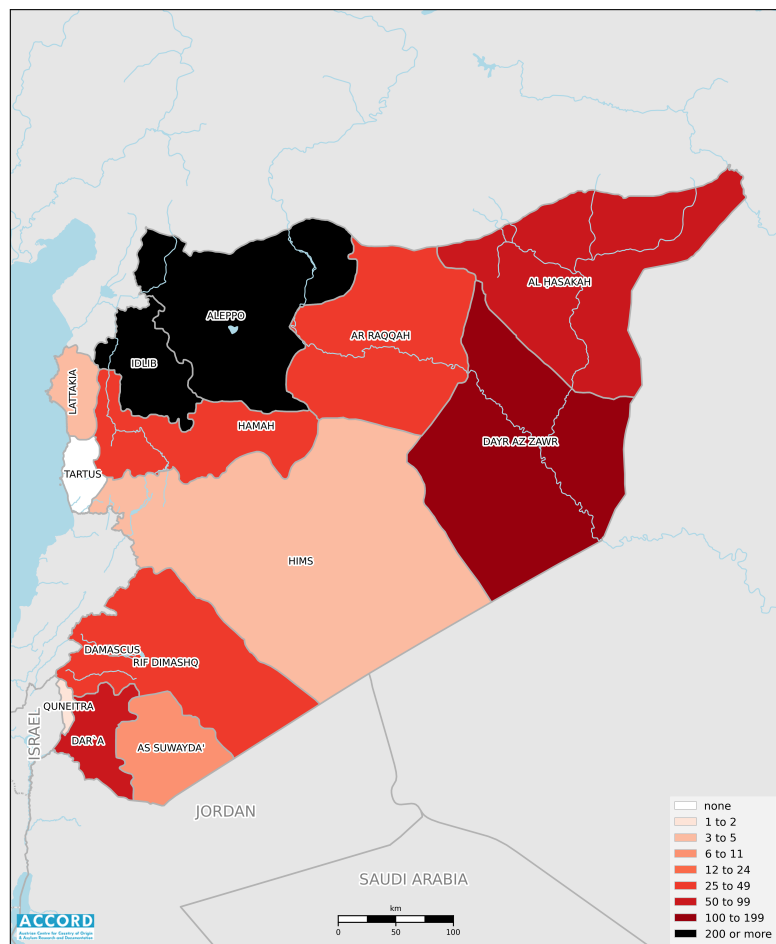# SYRIA, FIRST QUARTER 2020:
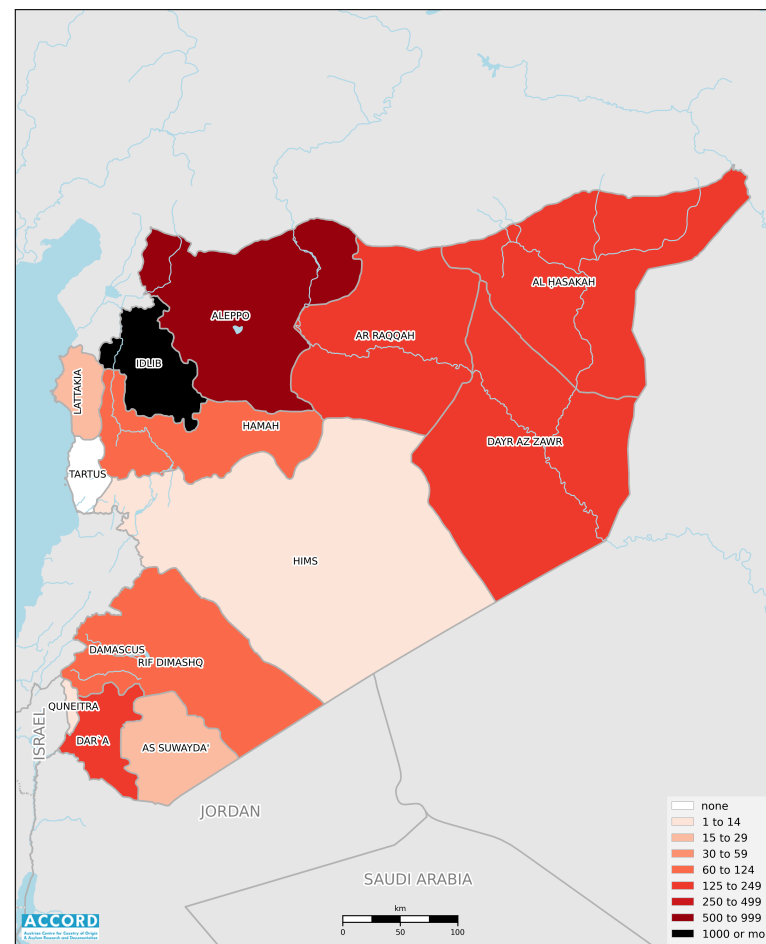## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 23 June 2020

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- 6 to 11
- 12 to 24
- 25 to 49
- 50 to 99
- 100 to 199
- 200 or more

Number of reported fatalities

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 14
- 15 to 29
- 30 to 59
- 60 to 124
- 125 to 249
- 250 to 499
- 500 to 999
- 1000 or more

National borders: GADM, November 2015a; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015b; incident data: ACLED, 20 June 2020; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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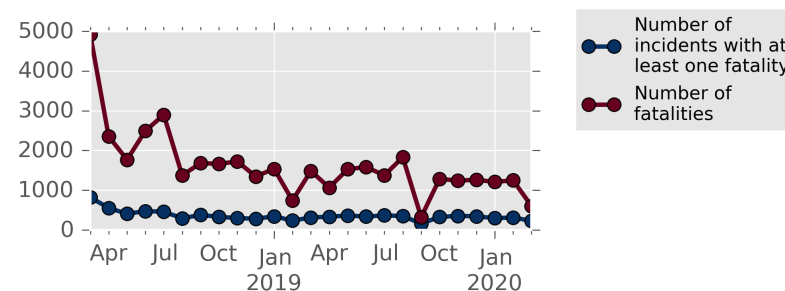## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Explosions / Remote violence	2213	324	1109
Battles	859	354	1699
Strategic developments	340	0	0
Violence against civilians	256	163	252
Protests	63	0	0
Riots	9	2	4
Total	3740	843	3064

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 20 June 2020).

Development of conflict incidents from March 2018 to March 2020

This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 20 June 2020).

Methodology

The data used in this report was collected by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED). ACLED collects data on reported conflict events in selected African and Asian countries, Syria being among them. ACLED researchers collect event data from a variety of sources and code them by date, location, agent, and event type.

Most of the data collected by ACLED is gathered based on publicly available, secondary reports. It may therefore underestimate the volume of events. Fatality data particularly is vulnerable to bias and inaccurate reporting, and ACLED states to use the most conservative estimate available. ACLED uses the reports' context to estimate fatalities for events with reported fatalities for which the exact number is unknown ("10" for plural fatalities, "100" if "hundreds" are mentioned, etc.). For further details on ACLED and for the full data, see www.acleddata.com and Raleigh; Linke; Hegre, and Karlsen, 2010.

Based on this data, the Austrian Centre for Country of Origin & Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD) compiles updates on conflict incidents and publishes them on ecoi.net to offer another access point to the ACLED datasets.

It is advised to employ extreme caution when using fatality numbers.

Assessments of the security situation should not be based solely on quantitative analysis of event data.

Please see ACLED's additional methodological paper for Syria: ACLED, 16 April 2019

Geographic map data is primarily based on GADM, complemented with other sources if necessary. Incidents are mapped to GADM provinces using the provinces in ACLED data. Province names and borders may differ between ACLED and GADM. Incidents that could not be located are ignored. The numbers included in this overview might therefore differ from the original ACLED data. ACLED uses varying degrees of geographic precision for the individual incidents, depending on what level of detail is reported. Thus, towns may represent the wider region in which an incident occured, or the provincial capital may be used if only the province is known. Erroneous location data, especially due to identical place names, cannot be fully excluded.

Incidents comprise the following categories: battles, headquarters or bases established, non-violent strategic activities, riots/protests, violence against civilians, non-violent transfer of territory, remote violence. For details on these categories, please see

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Conflict incidents per province

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Al Hasakah	275	69	178
Aleppo	1090	214	692
Ar Raqqah	192	45	168
As Suwayda'	23	6	26
Damascus	16	11	14
Dar'a	138	62	135
Dayr Az Zawr	236	123	207
Hamah	237	31	115
Hims	26	5	13
Idlib	1379	239	1399
Lattakia	54	4	19
Quneitra	12	2	2
Rif Dimashq	62	32	96

Localization of conflict incidents

Note: The following list is an overview of the incident data included in the ACLED dataset. More details are available in the actual dataset (date, location data, event type, involved actors, information sources, etc.). The data's precision varies among the incidents: a town may represent a region, or the provincial capital may be used if the precise location of an incident is unkown. In the following list, the names of event locations are taken from ACLED, while the administrative region names are taken from GADM data which serves as the basis for the maps above.

In **Al Hasakah**, **275** incidents killing **178** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Rasin, Al Assadiyah, Al-Amirat, Al-Arbain, Al-Hasakeh, Al-Hasakeh - Al Kallaseh, Al-Hasakeh - Al Mufti, Al-Hasakeh - Ghoweran, Al-Hasakeh - Msheirfeh, Al-Malikeyyeh, Al-Nasriyah, Al-Suwaydiyah Sharqi, Alia, Amuda, Aniq El Hawa, Areesheh, Arshet Ras El Ein, Bab al Faraj, Bab al Kheir, Daoudiyeh, Darbasiyah, Dardara, Dashishah, Dwerah, Habb al Shawk, Harir, Hdadiyeh, Hole, Hole Camp, Jabal Abdulaziz, Jan Tamr, Khadrawi, Kharita, Kherber Hamu, Kherbet Al Sha'er, Leylan, Madhba'a, Manajir, Markada, Mashrafah, Mjeibreh, Muraykiz, Qahtaniyyah, Qasemiyeh, Quamishli, Ras Al Ain, Rawya, Rihaniya, Rmelan, Rubay'at, Sarajiya, Semalka Border Crossing, Shadadah, Tal Baydar Haskeh, Tal Brak, Tal Hmis, Tal Mohammad, Tal Tamer, Tall Tawil, Tall Ward Sharqi, Tawileh, Tell Halaf, Um Harmala, Umm Al-Kayf, Umm Al-Khair, Umm Ashba, Umm Sulaybah**.

In **Aleppo**, **1090** incidents killing **692** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **A'rima, A'wejel, Abyan Saman, Abzemo, Afrin, Ahras, Ain Al Arab, Ain al Arab, Ajil, Al Amin Association, Al Bab, Al Dasimah, Al Habata, Al Hussyah, Al Kawukli, Al Safira Military Base and Defence Factories, Al Salloum, Al Shamiko, Al-Alqamiyyeh, Al-Baylonah, Al-Bohouth al-Elmia, Al-Eis, Al-Khaldiyah, Al-Klariyah, Al-Malikeyyeh, Al-Qasmiyeh, Al-Rahal Associationa, Al-Rashdeen, Al-Salihiyyah, Al-Yalni, Aleppo, Aleppo - Al-Khaldiya, Aleppo - Al-Layramoun, Aleppo - Al-Nile, Aleppo - Al-Sabeel, Aleppo - Al-Sukari, Aleppo - Al-Zahraa, Aleppo - Halab Al-Jadida, Aleppo - Hamadaniyeh, Aleppo - Sakhour, Aleppo - Shahabaa, Andan, Anjara, Anqalah, Aqibah, Ar-Ra'ee, Arab Hassan Kabeer, Arab Hassan Saghir, Arada, Arnaz, As-Safira, Atareb, Azaz, Bab Al Salameh, Babis, Bablit, Barad, Barna, Barqum, Bashmra, Bastron, Basuta, Batabu, Baytarun, Beit Ghazi, Bene, Big Osajli, Big Othmaniya, Big Sukariyeh, Bir Tafreeah, Bishqatine, Biyanoun, Blinta, Bshantra, Bulbul, Burj Haydar, Buwaybiyah, Dabiq, Daghelbash, Dana, Dandaniya, Daret Azza, Deir Jamal, Deir Sawan, Ein Daqneh, Electricity Association Suburb, Fafin, Farat,**

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Ghandorah, Hadher, Hadi Association, Halisa, Harbal, Haritan, Hayamli, Hayyan, Hazwan, Hmeira, Hoteh, Hur, ICARDA Research Facility, Ibbin, Jandairis, Jarablus, Jazraya, Jeineh, Jub al Hamir, Kabashin, Kafr Aleppo, Kafr Amma, Kafr Antoun, Kafr Bssin, Kafr Dael, Kafr Hamra, Kafr Kalbein, Kafr Karmin, Kafr Naha, Kafr Naseh Elatareb, Kafr Noran, Kafr Rum, Kafr Taal, Kafrantin, Kafrnaya, Kaljibrin, Kashtaar, Kassibeh, Khalidiyah, Khalsa, Khan Al-Asal, Khan Tuman, Khanaser, Kharabishah, Khirbat Jazraya, Khirbat Ma'rata, Kobla, Kurke Al-Fawkaniyah, Kusniya, Kwaires Military Airport, Ma'btali, Maamal Ushagi, Maaret Elartiq, Maarrata, Mahna Housing, Mansoura, Mansura, Manyan, Maraanaz, Maratet Um Hosh, Mare', Maryuda, Mayasa, Menagh, Menagh - Military Airport, Menbij, Mirkan, Miznaz, Muhsinli, Nabul, Nayrab Air Base, Oqayba, Qabasin, Qalaajiyah, Qamari, Qanater, Qarrasi, Qebtan al Jabal, Radwan Association, Raju, Rasm Al Sahreej, Rasm Eliss, Regiment 111 Army Base, Regiment 46 - Military Base, Rif al-Mohandessin al-Awal, Rif al-Mohandessin al-Thani, Sad Al-Shahba, Sadiyah, Sahafiyeen, Sahara, Samouqa, Sayada, Second Electricty Association, Semalka, Shaalah, Shankal, Sharan, Shawarighat al Arz, Shaykh Sulayman, Sheikh Ali, Sheikh Aqil, Sheikh Helal, Sheikh Isa, Sheikh Reh, Sheikh al-Hadid, Shughaydilah, Shuwayhanah, Sorhane, Tadaf, Tadil, Tal Ajar, Tal Bajer, Tal Heddiyeh, Tal Jijin, Tal Madeeq, Tal Msebin, Talafeh, Tall Ed-Daman, Tall Nabi Noman, Tall Rahal, Tall Refaat, Tall Shuwayhanah, Tamura, Taqad, Tatemrash, Tel Battal, Turandah, Tuwama, Um Adae Ajami, Um Adase, Um Atba, Um Jlud, Urum al-Kubra, Urum al-Sughra, Wdeihi, Western Kafr Jum, Yaqed Eladas, Zahraa, Zahrat Al Madaen, Zarbah, Zarzita, Zeitan, Ziyara Afrin, Zmar, Zur Maghar.

In **Ar Raqqah**, 192 incidents killing **168** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **93rd Brigade Army Base, Abdi Koy, Abu Hammad, Abu Khurayza, Al Tabqa, Al Zaidi, Al-Hurriyeh, Al-Khalidiyah, Al-Rasafah, Ali Bajliyah, Ar-Raqqa, Ar-Raqqa - Amin, Ar-Raqqa - Wihdeh, Arida Abu Jarada, Artawaziya, Baroudeh, Bir Tamah, Division 17, Ein Issa, Ghanim al-Ali, Hammam al Turkman, Hamrat Jumaysah, Hoshan, Hulw Abd,**

Jazrah, Jurn Aswad, Karama, Khayala, Kherbet Elroz, Khirbat Al-Baqr, Khirbat Karm, Kor Hassan, Kuramaza, Maadan, Mab'oujeh, Qantari, Qazali, Sabka, Saida, Sefsafa, Sharkrak, Shuwayhan, Sukaryu, Suluk, Tell Abiad, Western Salhabiyeh, Zunnar.

In **As Suwayda'**, 23 incidents killing **26** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al-Thaala, As-Sweida, Barek, Dama, Dweira, Qarayya, Samma al Hneidat, Shahba**.

In **Damascus**, 16 incidents killing **14** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Damascus, Damascus - Dummar, Damascus - Mazzeh, Damascus - Qanawat, Mazzeh Military Air Base**.

In **Dar'a**, 138 incidents killing **135** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alma, Ankhel, As-Sanamayn, Ash-Shajara, Bisr Elharir, Busra Esh-Sham, Da'el, Dar'a, Dar'a - Arbaine, Dar'a - Karak, Dar'a - Shuhada, Eastern Ghariyeh, Hit, Hrak, Izra', Jasim, Jbab, Jlein, Kahil, Karak, Kherbet Ghazala, Koya, Maaraba, Masikeh, Mseifra, Mzeireb, Nahta, Nasib, Nawa, Qayta, Sahm El Golan, Sahwa, Sayda, Shaara, Sheikh Saed, Tafas, Tassil, Um Elmayathen, Western Maliha, Yadudeh**.

In **Dayr Az Zawr**, 236 incidents killing **207** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abbas, Abu Hamam, Abu Hardoub, Abu Khashab, Al Mayadin, Al Sabkhah, Al-Asbah farms, Al-Bahra, Al-Bukamal, Al-Bukamal Border Crossing, Al-Hawayij, Al-Heri, Al-Hussainiyah, Al-Jurdi al-Gharbi, Al-Kubar, Ash Shula, Ayyash, Baghuz, Barr al Sham, Basira, Bishri Mountain - Deir-ez-Zor, Breiha, Dahleh, Daman, Darnaj, Deir-ez-Zor, Deir-ez-Zor - Al-Joura-Al-Thawra, Deir-ez-Zor - Industrial Zone, Dweir, Elhisan, Fajjarat al Shuwayl, Gharanij, Hajin, Harbisha, Hawayij Thiban, Hejneh, Jadid Bakkara, Jalaa, Jdid Ekeidat, Kaba Jeb, Kasra, Khasham, Kishkiyeh, Koniko Gas Field, Maadan 'Atiq, Mahkan, Mashekh, Mhemideh, Mrat, Muhasan, Omar - Oil Fields, Qetet Elbuleil, Sbeikhan, Shafa, Shiheil,**

Sosa, Sur, Sweidan Jazira, Sweiyeh, T2 Pumping Station, Tabiyet Jazira, Tabni, Takihi, Tayyana, Thiban, Zir, Zughyer.

In **Hamah**, **237** incidents killing **115** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **47th Brigade Army Base, Al Aziziyeh, Al Ghab Plain, Al Qarutiyah, Al Uraymah, Al-Hamidiah, Al-Haweeja, Al-Mashiak, Al-Qahera, Al-Sirmaniyah, Amqiyah, Ankawi, Aqrab, Ar Rasif, Arbain, As-Suqaylabiyah, Baath Vanguards Camp, Dayr Sunbul, Doqmaq, Halfaya, Hama, Hama - Airbase, Hardana, Hawarte, Hawash, Hmeirat, Horriyeh, Huweiz, Hweijeh, Jabal Shashabo, Jbine, Jeb Ramleh, Jirn, Jisr Beit Ras, Jub Suleiman, Jurin, Kafr Zeita, Kherbet Elnaqus, Kirkat, Lower Amiqa, Maan, Madiq Castle, Mansura, Midan Ghazal, Muhradah, Murak, Na'urat Shathah, Qa'urah, Qamhana, Qarqur, Qastun, Qirata, Qulaydin, Sahab, Sehriyeh, Shahranaz, Sheikh Hadid, Shir Maghar, Suran, Tal Salhab, Tal Wassit, Tanjarah, Zakoom, Zayzun, Ziyara.**

In **Hims**, **26** incidents killing **13** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Qusayr, Al-Houla, Homs, Kafr Laha, Rashwani, Shayrat Air Base, Sokhneh, Tal Dahab, Talbiseh, Tall Shihab, Third Station, Tiyas - Airport, Um Sharshouh.**

In **Idlib**, **1379** incidents killing **1399** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abdeta, Abu Dafn, Abu Jurayf, Abu Kansah, Abul Thohur, Afes, Air Defence Base - Defunct, Al Burayj, Al Burnas, Al Duweir, Al Hallubah, Al Hanboushiyeh, Al Mushayrifah, Al Salihiyah, Al Serj, Al Wasita, Al-'Amiriyah, Al-Bardakli, Al-Dana, Al-Mushayrifah, Al-Sawami, Al-Z'einiyeh, Ariha, Armanaya, Armanaz, Arnaba, Atmah, Baarbu, Bab El Hawa, Babilla, Babisqa, Babuline, Badama, Ballisa, Balyun, Banin, Bara, Baragethi, Baris, Barsa, Batenta, Bazabur, Bennsh, Breiseh, Bsames, Bsanqul, Bsaqla, Bsida, Dadikh, Dana, Dar Al-Kabira, Dar Es-Salaam, Darkosh, Deir Hassan, Deir Lozeh, Deir Sharqi, Deir Sunbul, Delim, Dhahabiyah, Eblin, Ehsem, Ein El-Bayda, Eshtabraq, Falyun, Ferwan, Fleifel, Foah, Ftireh, Ghadqa,** Ghassaniyeh, Haimaymat, Halban, Hamdieh, Hantutin, Harim, Harmala, Harsh Basanqul, Has, Hatamiyeh, Hazano, Hazarin, Heish, Hersh Banin, Idleb, Idleb Central Prison, Jabal Al Tawil, Jabal Arba'in, Jabal al-Zawiya, Jadraya, Jallas, Janudiyeh, Jarada, Jarjnaz, Jbala, Jeb Kas, Jisr-Ash-Shugur, Jobas, Joseph, Kadoura, Kafir, Kafr Aruq, Kafr Basin, Kafr Battikh, Kafr Lata, Kafr Lusin, Kafr Musa, Kafr Nabi, Kafr Nobol, Kafr Omeim, Kafr Oweid, Kafr Takharim, Kafraya, Kafrsajna, Kafruma, Kanayis, Kansafra, Kawkabah, Kelly, Ketyan, Khan al-Sabeel, Kherbet Eljoz, Kherbet Ma'azyan, Kuwayris, Luf, Ma'aratah, Ma'arrat An Nu'man, Ma'arrat Mukhus, Ma'arrat Tamasrin, Ma'arrat Tayrah, Ma'rrabaya, Maar Dibsi, Maar Hattat, Maar Shamarin, Maar Shamsheh, Maar Shurin, Maar Tamater, Maarat Sin, Maarbalit, Maaret Al Naasan, Maaret Alia, Maaret Harma, Maarzita, Maasaran, Madaya, Maghara, Mantaf, Maraand, Marayan, Mardikh, Marj Elzohur, Mastomeh - Military Camp, Mastumeh, Mejazir, Meshmeshan, Mhambal, Milaja, Moqa, Mozra, Mseibin, Nahliya, Najiyeh, Nawhia Gharbia, Nawhia Sharqiya, Nayrab, Niha, Nqeir, Odwan, Orm Eljoz, Qasabiyeh, Qminas, Qoqfin, Qumhana, Ram Hamdan, Rami, Rasafa, Rayan, Ruwaiha, Sahyan, Salamin, Salihiyeh, Sallah Al Zuhur, Salqin, Samkeh, San, Saraqab, Sarja, Sarmada, Sarmin, Sayadi, Sfuhen, Shabour, Shallakh, Sheikh Ahmad, Sheikh Dames, Sheikh Idris, Sheikh Mustafa, Shinan, Suth al Deir, Tabish, Tah, Tal Dibis, Tal Elaghar, Tal Elkaramej, Tal Kersyan, Tal Sultan, Tal Tuqan, Talhiyeh, Tall Al Nar, Tall Al Sheikh, Tall Khatra, Tall Mustayfi, Tall al Nabi Ayoub, Taqana, Tawil al-Halib, Teftnaz, Teftnaz - Military Air Base, Telamnas, Tell al-Ruman, Termala, Termanin, Toum, Tuffahiyeh, Turnabah, Um Nir, Wadi al-Dayf Army Base, Western Deir, Wiramba, Zardana Mashehad.

In **Lattakia**, **54** incidents killing **19** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al-Qardaha, Ein Elhur, Ein Issa, Haddada, Hmeimim Air Base, Jabal al-Akrad, Jabal al-Turkman, Jablah, Kabani, Kansaba, Khadraa, Lattakia, Nawwara-Klz, Salma, Saraf, Tardeen.**

In **Quneitra**, **12** incidents killing **2** people were reported. The following locations

were among the affected: **Al Qahtaniyah, Baath, Ein Eltineh, Hadar, Hurriyeh, Kodneh, Quneitra**.

In **Rif Dimashq**, **62** incidents killing **96** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al-Muqaylabiyah, Arbin, At Tall, Bala, Damascus - International Airport, Duma, Ein Terma, Felita, Hezzeh, Jabal al-Sheikh, Jamraya, Jaramana, Jisrein, Kanaker, Khan Elshih, Kisweh, Marj Sultan, Qalamoun, Qatana, Qodsayya, Rankus, Sahnaya, Saqba, Sayyeda Zeinab, Sidnaya Military Prison, Talfita, Wadi Barada, Yalda, Zakiyeh, Zamalka**.

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