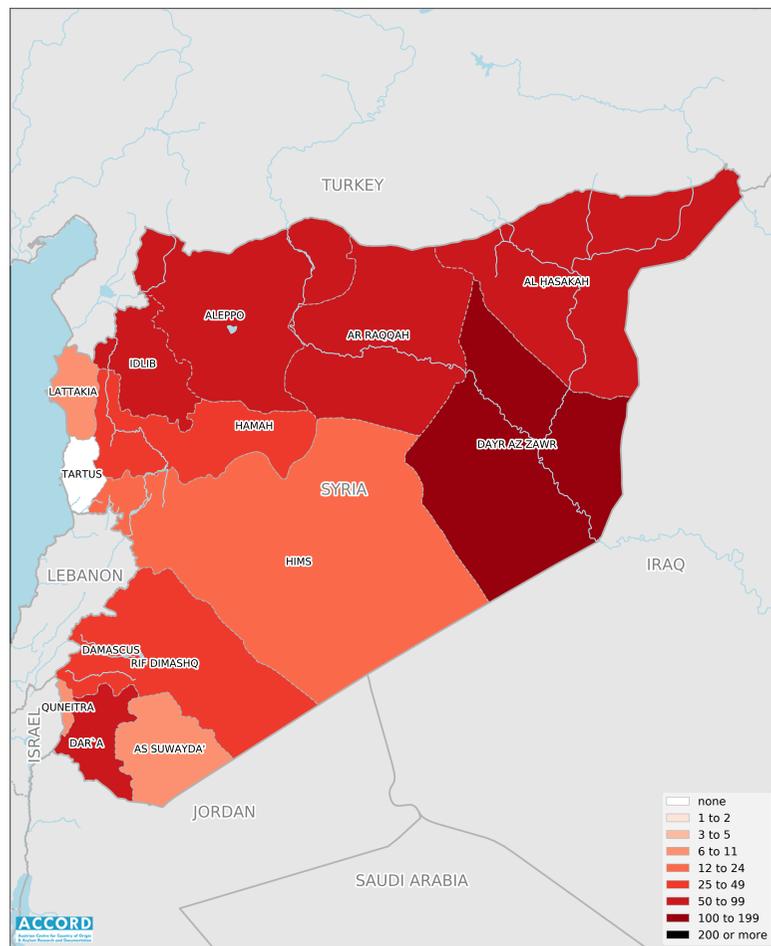


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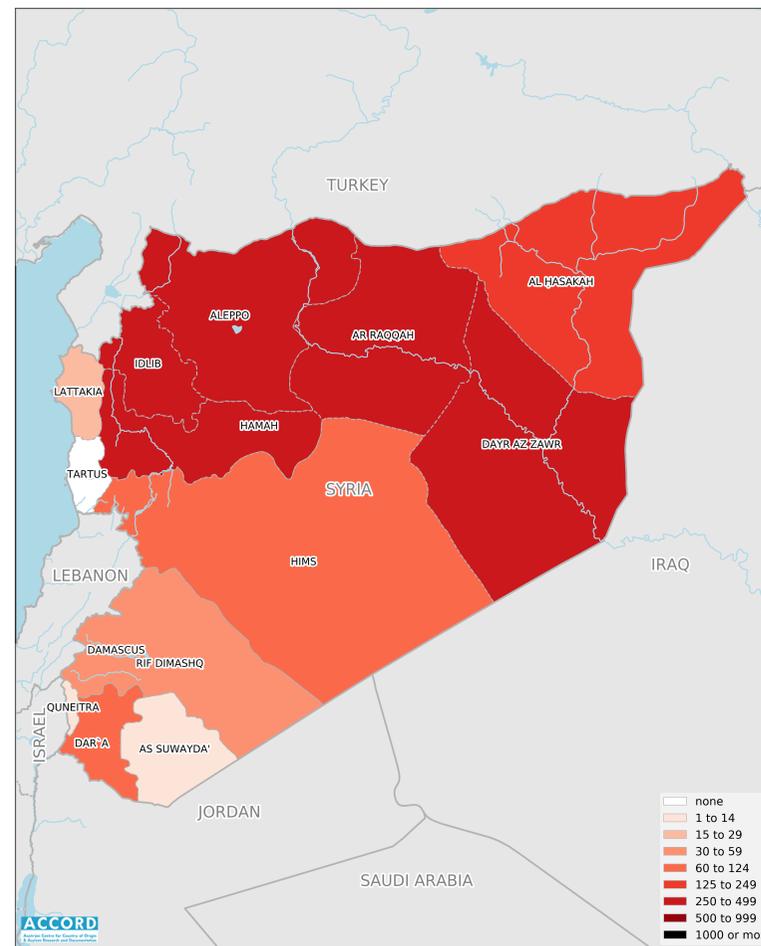
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 25 March 2021

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality



Number of reported fatalities



National borders: [GADM, 6 May 2018a](#); administrative divisions: [GADM, 6 May 2018b](#); incident data: [ACLED, 12 March 2021](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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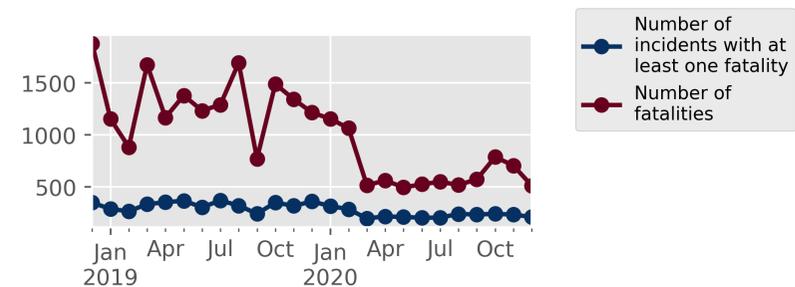
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Conflict incidents by category

| Category | Number of incidents | Number of incidents with at least one fatality | Number of fatalities |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| Explosions / Remote violence | 1539 | 195 | 615 |
| Battles | 650 | 308 | 1174 |
| Violence against civilians | 394 | 185 | 218 |
| Strategic developments | 364 | 1 | 1 |
| Protests | 158 | 0 | 0 |
| Riots | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3114 | 689 | 2008 |

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 12 March 2021](#)).

Development of conflict incidents from December 2018 to December 2020



This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 12 March 2021](#)).

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 occurred, 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

- ACLED – Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project: Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) Codebook (2019), 10 April 2019a https://www.acleddata.com/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2017/10/ACLED_Codebook_2019FINAL_pbl.pdf
- ACLED – Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project: Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) User Quick Guide, April 2019b https://www.acleddata.com/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2019/04/General-User-Guide_FINAL.pdf
- ACLED – Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project: FAQs: ACLED Fatality Methodology, 27 January 2020 <https://www.acleddata.com/download/17979/>

Conflict incidents per province

| Province | Number of incidents | Number of incidents with fatalities | Number of fatalities |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Al Hasakah | 442 | 85 | 169 |
| Aleppo | 481 | 92 | 276 |
| Ar Raqqa | 403 | 97 | 276 |
| As Suwayda' | 13 | 7 | 11 |
| Damascus | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| Dar'a | 180 | 85 | 112 |
| Dayr Az Zawr | 409 | 124 | 326 |
| Hamah | 218 | 47 | 374 |
| Hims | 31 | 19 | 108 |
| Idlib | 797 | 75 | 264 |
| Lattakia | 65 | 7 | 20 |
| Quneitra | 9 | 6 | 11 |
| Rif Dimashq | 57 | 38 | 54 |

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 unknown. 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**, 442 incidents killing 169 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Abu Rasin, Ain Diwar, Al Asadiyah, Al Awadat, Al Jawadiyah, Al Mustareha, Al Sa'diya, Al-Hasakeh, Al-Hasakeh - Al Rusafa, Al-Hasakeh - Ghoweran, Al-Hasakeh - Msheirfeh, Al-Hasakeh - Salhiyeh, Al-Malikeyyeh, Al-Yarubiyah, Alia, Amuda, Aniq El Hawa, Areesheh, Areshet Ras El Ein, As-Safeh, Aziziyeh, Bab al Kheir, Big Damkhiyeh, Bir Kanis, Buhayra, Dada Abdal, Daoudiyeh, Darbasiyah, Dardara, Dashishah, Eastern Tall Ward, Hamu, Hamza Bek, Hliwah, Hole, Hole Camp, Jabisah Oil Fields, Jan Tamr, Jirmaz, Kashqa, Khadrawi, Kherbet Al Sha'er, Kherbet Hamu, Khirab Rashik, Khirbat Al-Naimah, Kishkish Jabbur, Laylan, Leylan, Mabrouka Camp, Madinah, Mahmudiyeh, Manajir, Markada, Mjeibreh, Qahtaniyyah, Qasemiyeh, Qermanye, Quamishli, Quamishli Airbase, Raja'an, Ras Al Ain, Ras al-Ain, Rashidiya, Rihaniya, Rmelan, Rmelan Al Basha, Rubay'at, Safa, Sekar, Semalka Border Crossing, Shadadah, Tal Al-Laban, Tal Baydar, Tal Baydar Haskeh, Tal Brak, Tal Hmis, Tal Jammeh, Tal Mohammad, Tal Nasri, Tal Shayr, Tal Tamer, Tall Tawil, Tawileh, Tell Halaf, Tuwaymin, Um Harmala, Umm Al-Kayf, Umm Al-Khair, Umm Ashba.

In **Aleppo**, 481 incidents killing 276 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: A'rima, Abyan Saman, Abzemo, Afrin, Ain al Arab, Al Bab, Al Baylouniyeh, Al Kawukli, Al Safira Military Base and Defence Factories, Al Salameh, Al-Alqamiyyeh, Al-Baylonah, Al-Bughaz, Al-Malikeyyeh, Al-Rashdeen, Al-Seflania, Al-Yalni, Aleppo, Aleppo - Al-Khalidiya, Aleppo - Al-Layramoun, Aleppo - Al-Nile, Aleppo - Al-Sabeel, Aleppo - Halab Al-Jadida, Aleppo - Sakhour, Aleppo - Shahabaa, Amarnah, Andan, Anqalah, Aqibah, Ar-Ra'ee, Arab Hassan Kabeer, Arada, Arhab, Arnaz, Atareb, Awshariyah, Azaz, Baadinli, Bab Al Salameh, Bak Ubasi, Bala, Barad, Bashmra, Bastron, Basufan, Basuta, Baza'a, Bene, Big Sukariyeh, Bir Tafreeah, Bughaz, Bulbul, Burj Al-Qas, Buwaybiyah, Dadat, Daghelbash, Daret Azza, Deir Jamal, Ein Daqneh, Electricity Association Suburb, Fafin, Ghazawiyah, Halawanji, Harbal, Hawshariya, Hayyan, Hazwan, Hmeira, Ibbin, Ihtaymilat, Jamus Wiran, Jandairis, Jarablus, Jazraya, Jdideh, Jeineh,

Jubb al Kusa, Kafr Aleppo, Kafr Amma, Kafr Antoun, Kafr Ghan, Kafr Hamra, Kafr Kalbein, Kafr Khasher, Kafr Naha, Kafr Naseh Elatareb, Kafr Noran, Kafr Safra, Kafr Shil, Kafr Taal, Kalouta, Kashtaar, Kassibeh, Khalsa, Khan Al-Asal, Khan Tuman, Khirbat Jazraya, Korhyok, Ma'btali, Maaret Elartiq, Maarrata, Mansoura, Manyan, Maraanaz, Maratet Um Hosh, Mare', Mayasa, Menagh, Menagh - Military Airport, Menbij, Miznaz, Muhsinli, Nabul, Nayrab Air Base, Nisriyeh, Oqayba, Qanater, Qarah Baba, Qebtan al Jabal, Raju, Rasm Elbokhar, Regiment 46 - Military Base, Rif al-Mohandessin al-Awal, Rif al-Mohandessin al-Thani, Sad Al-Shahba, Sahafiyeen, Saidiyeh, Sajur, Samouqa, Sayada, Shamarin, Shawarighat al Arz, Shaykh Sulayman, Sheikh Ali, Sheikh Aqil, Sheikh Helal, Sheikh Isa, Sheikh Nasser, Sheikh al-Hadid, Shekhotka, Shweiha, Sorhane, Suran, Tadaf, Tadil, Tal Madeeq, Tall Refaat, Tanab, Taqad, Tatemrash, Tel Battal, Terhin, Tokhar, Turandah, Um Jلود, Urum al-Kubra, Urum al-Sughra, Yalishli, Zarbah, Ziyara Afrin.

In Ar Raqqa, 403 incidents killing 276 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Abbara, Abdi Koy, Abu Hammad, Abu Khurayza, Abu Serra, Abu Wahl, Al Jahbal, Al Mu'allaq, Al Tabqa, Al Zaidi, Al-Hamam, Al-Hurriyeh, Al-Khaldiyah, Al-Khalidiyah, Al-Rasafah, Al-Shridah, Ar-Raqqa, Ar-Raqqa - Al-Dar'eyah, Ar-Raqqa - Al-Mansour, Ar-Raqqa - Al-Rasheed, Ar-Raqqa - Amin, Ar-Raqqa - Andalus, Ar-Raqqa - Hisham Bin Abdul Malik, Ar-Raqqa - Maamoun, Arida Abu Jarada, Artawaziya, Assadiya, Ayed, Bir Rahum, Debsi Afnan, Division 17, Ein Al-Arus, Ein Issa, Fatsa, Hadl, Hammam al Turkman, Hamrat Jumaysah, Hamrat Nasir, Hazimeh, Hoshan, Jazrah, Jurn Aswad, Jurneyyeh, Karama, Khayala, Khirbat Al-Baqr, Khneiz, Kobarlik, Kor Hassan, Krein, Kuramaza, Maadan, Mahmudli, Mansura, Mazra'at Tishrin, Mushayrifah, Qahtaniyyeh, Qaranfil Foqani, Qaysariyeh, Qazali, Raqqet Samra, Rashid, Sabka, Safyan, Sahlat al Banat, Saida, Sakoura, Saronj, Shanina, Sharkrak, Sheikh Hasan, Sukariyeh Tal Elsamn, Sukaryu, Suluk, Tal Samn, Tawi Al-Ruman, Tell Abiad, Tinah, Wasta, Western Abu Qbei', Western Kabsh, Western Salhabyeh, Zamlah, Zur Shummar.

In As Suwayda', 13 incidents killing 11 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Al-Thaala, As-Sweida, Kafr, Mazra'a, Shahba, Tal Saad.

In Damascus, 9 incidents killing 7 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Damascus, Damascus - Mazzeh, Damascus - Soumariyyeh.

In Dar'a, 180 incidents killing 112 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Adwan, Al-Harra, Al-Na'ema, Al-Qanniyeh, Ankhel, As-Sanamayn, Ash-Shajara, Atman, Busra Esh-Sham, Da'el, Dar'a, Dar'a - Al-Mansheyyi, Dar'a - Al-Sabeel, Dar'a - Al-Sad, Dar'a - Arbaine, Dar'a - Shuhada, Deir Eladas, Deir al-Adas, Eastern Ghariyeh, Hit, Hrak, Izra', Jasim, Jizeh, Jlein, Kafr Nassij, Karak, Kharab Shahem, Kherbet Ghazala, Koya, Lajat, Mahjeh, Mataeiyeh, Mseifra, Mzeireb, Nahj, Nahta, Namar, Nasib, Nawa, Sahm El Golan, Sahwa, Sayda, Sheikh Miskine, Smad, Tafas, Tal Shihab, Tassil, Um Elmayathen, Western Maliha, Yadudeh.

In Dayr Az Zawr, 409 incidents killing 326 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Abbas, Abu Hamam, Abu Khashab, Abul Nitel, Al Hamdan, Al Jamah, Al Mayadin, Al Sabkhah, Al Salhiyyah, Al Shanan, Al-Asbah farms, Al-Bahra, Al-Bukamal, Al-Hawayij, Al-Hawi, Al-Heri, Al-Hessan, Al-Kubar, Al-Sayyal, Al-Tank Field, Al-Teem - Oil Field, Al-Zabari, Albu Badran, As Sukkariyah, Ash Shula, Ayyash, Baghuz, Basira, Bishri Mountain - Deir-ez-Zor, Bogeleyyeh, Breiha, Dahleh, Daman, Darnaj, Deir-ez-Zor, Deir-ez-Zor - Al-Joura-Al-Thawra, Deir-ez-Zor - Al-Qosor, Deir-ez-Zor - Industrial Zone, Deir-ez-Zor - Military Airport, Deir-ez-Zor Cemetary, Eastern Jurdi, Fajjarat al Shuwayl, Gharanij, Gharibah, Hajin, Hamdan Military Air Base, Harbisha, Harmushiyah, Hasiyat, Hawayej Bumasaa, Hejne, Hssein, Jadid Bakkara, Jalaa, Jazaret Elbuhmeid, Jdid Ekeidat, Kaba Jeb, Kasra, Kassar, Khasham, Kishkiyeh, Koniko Gas Field, Maadan 'Atiq, Mashekh, Masrab, Mhemideh, Moezleh, Muaayzilah,

Muhasan, Namliyah, Omar - Oil Fields, Quriyeh, Ruwayshid, Saalu, Sabah al Khayr, Sajjar, Salhiyeh, Sawa, Sbeikhan, Shafa, Shiheil, Sosa, Sur, Sweidan Jazira, Sweiyeh, Tabiyet Jazira, Tabni, Takihi, Tayyana, Thiban, Tuwamiyeh, Upper Safira, Zir.

In Hamah, 218 incidents killing 374 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Abu Fayyad Dam, Abu Hurayj, Abu Laffah, Al Ghab Plain, Al Uraymah, Al-Hamidiah, Al-Haweeja, Al-Mashiak, Al-Qahera, Al-Sirmaniyah, Amqiyah, Ankawi, Ar Rasif, As-Saan, As-Salamiyeh, As-Suqaylabiyah, Bahsa, Barakeh, Dayr Sunbul, Dweir Elakrad, Fawru, Hakora, Halfaya, Hama, Hasnawi, Hasu Elablawi, Hawash, Ithariyah, Jana al-Elbawi, Jeb Khsara, Jeb Ramleh, Jisr Beit Ras, Jub Suleiman, Jurin, Karnaz, Khattab, Kherbet Elnaqus, Kirkat, Lower Amiqqa, Mabuja, Madiq Castle, Mansura, Masyaf, Masyaf Defence Factories, Midan Ghazal, Mubattan Tahmaz, Murak, Mustariha, Oqeirbat, Qalat Mirza, Qamhana, Qarqur, Qastun, Qulaydin, Rahjan, Ruwaida, Sahab, Shakkushiyyah, Sheikh Hilal, Shir Maghar, Sifsafiyeh, Southern Jadoiyeh, Suran, Tal Wassit, Tanjarah, Tehmaz, Tell el-Albawi, Tiba Elemam, Um Hartein, Zakoom, Zawi - Zawyeh, Zayzun, Ziyara.

In Hims, 31 incidents killing 108 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Ar-Rastan, Homs, Kafr Laha, Shin, Sokhneh, Tadmor, Tadmor - Airbase, Talbiseh, Third Station.

In Idlib, 797 incidents killing 264 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Afes, Al Burayj, Al Hallubah, Al Serj, Al-Dana, Ariha, Atmah, Baarbu, Bab El Hawa, Babilla, Balshun, Balyun, Banin, Bara, Barisha, Bennsh, Dadikh, Dana, Dar Al-Kabira, Deir Hassan, Deir Sharqi, Deir Sunbul, Dweila, Ehsem, Ein Laruz, Ein al Hamra, Eshtabraaq, Falyun, Fleifel, Foah, Frikeh, Ftireh, Ghaniyah, Hamdieh, Hammam al Sheikh Isa, Hantutin, Haranbush, Harmala, Has, Hazarin, Heish, Hersh Banin, Idleb, Jabal Arba'in, Jabal al-Zawiya, Jadraya, Jakarah, Jarada, Jarjnaz, Jbala, Jisr-Ash-Shugur,

Jobas, Joseph, Kadoura, Kafr Aruq, Kafr Basin, Kafr Battikh, Kafr Lusin, Kafr Nobol, Kafr Oweid, Kafr Takharim, Kafraya, Kafrsajna, Kafruma, Kansafra, Kawkabah, Kelly, Khan Shaykun, Khan al-Sabeel, Kherbet Eljoz, Ma'arrat An Nu'man, Ma'arrat Mukhus, Ma'arrat Tamasrin, Ma'arrat Tayrah, Ma'arrat al Ikhwan, Ma'rribaya, Maar Dibsi, Maar Hattat, Maar Shamarin, Maar Shamsheh, Maar Shurin, Maar Tamater, Maarbalit, Maaret Al Naasan, Maaret Alia, Maarzita, Maasaran, Maghar al-Hammam, Maghara, Majdaliya, Mantaf, Mastomeh - Military Camp, Mastumeh, Mejazir, Mhambal, Milaja, Mozra, Mseibin, Nahleh, Nahliya, Nayrab, Qah, Qminas, Qoqfin, Rami, Ruwaiha, Sallah Al Zuhur, Salqin, San, Saraqab, Sarja, Sarmada, Sarmin, Sayadi, Sfuhen, Shallakh, Sheikh Dames, Sheikh Yousef, Shinan, Sukayk, Tah, Tal 'Adah, Tal Tuqan, Talhiyeh, Taltuneh, Taqana, Teftnaz, Teftnaz - Military Air Base, Telamnas, Termala, Termanin, Turnabah, Western Deir, Yakoubia, Zardana Mashehad.

In Lattakia, 65 incidents killing 20 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Al-Murayj, Al-Qardaha, Ein Elhur, Ein Issa, Ein al Qantara, Haddada, Hmeimim Air Base, Jabal al-Akrad, Jabal al-Turkman, Kabani, Kellez, Lattakia, Salanfa, Sallur, Salma, Saraf, Shalaf, Shambar, Yamdiyeh.

In Quneitra, 9 incidents killing 11 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Al-Ajraf, Hurriyeh, Jaba, Katzrin, Khan Arnaba, Rweheineh, Sayda, Western Tall al Ahmar.

In Rif Dimashq, 57 incidents killing 54 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Adra, Arbin, Az-Zabdani, Babella, Beit Sahn, Damascus - International Airport, Duma, Ein Terma, Harasta, Hezzeh, Jabal Al Mani, Jaramana, Jisrein, Kafr Batna, Kisweh, Qalamoun, Qodsayya, Rankus, Sayyeda Zeinab, Sidnaya Military Prison, Tanf, Tanf Border Crossing, Yabroud, Zamalka.

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