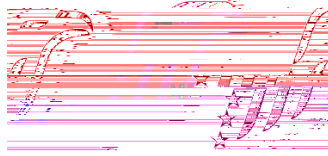


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Government of Syria (GoS) shelling in northwest Syria continued despite a ceasefire on 12 January. HTS and other opposition groups captured two locations in southwest Idlib from GoS forces. In the Turkish-occupied areas of northern Aleppo Governorate, opposition armed groups continued looting and extortion.

Attacks against GoS-aligned personnel in Daraa Governorate continued. Kidnapping activity targeted civilians west of Daraa City. Widespread civilian demonstrations returned to southern Syria, including As Sweida City. ISIS attacks against GoS forces continued in central Syria. Suspected Israeli airstrikes targeted the T4 Airbase and locations near Abu Kamal.

Conflict between Turkish-backed opposition armed groups and the US-supported Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) continued around Operation Peace Spring areas. In the Euphrates and Khabour River Valley, attacks against SDF personnel continued. The US and Russian militaries conducted patrols and re-enforced several locations in the northeast.



Sultan Mohammad al Fatih kidnapped 10 civilians, and in Jabal Qashr and Turandah, Levant Front members looted farms. Unidentified Turkish-backed groups also kidnapped a child in Afrin City, a civilian in Jandairis, a woman in Ma'arkasa, and a local police officer in Jazer, who was later found dead.

Attacks against GoS

Arbaine area of Daraa City and Um Mayatheen–Daraa City Highway, two civilians, who had previously been kidnapped, were

(x1 event).

For a second consecutive week, car bombs struck Turkish-backed opposition groups within Operation Peace Spring areas. In Hwiesh al Nassr in the Ras al Ain