## Weekly Conflict Summary March 23-29, 2017

During this reporting period, ISIS forces lost significant territory on several fronts. The group is

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advanced east of Raqqa, consolidating more control of areas north of the Euphrates river. Landmines and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) remain a major difficulty for these advances and constitute a significant threat to Kurdish fighters and local populations.

Also during this reporting period, opposition forces in Syria's southeastern desert and mountains made additional progress in their offensive against ISIS. ISIS fighters were completely expelled from their remaining Suweida pocket in the ongoing offensive spearheaded by the opposition's

Opposition units in northern Hama continued their offensive against pro-government forces throughout

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