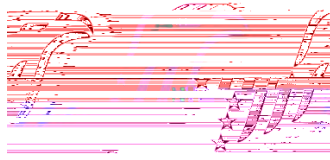


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Weekly Conflict Summary
April 19-25, 2018

During the reporting week, a team from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) gained access to the site of an alleged chemical weapons attack to investigate for evidence of any chemical weapons use in Duma. Pro-government forces during the reporting week took control of opposition-held Eastern Qalamoun and started an offensive for the Yarmouk Camp area south of Damascus. A surprise ISIS

thereafter.



Figure 1 - Areas of control in Syria by April 25. Arrows represent areas of advance during this week.

Figure 3 - Frontlines south of Damascus by April 25

Much of the recent fighting between opposition forces and Jaysh Khalid ibn al-Walid has taken place further to the south, near the opposition-held town of Tafes. The rapid offensive, which involved heavy weaponry, represents an

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