**Weekly Conflict Summary**
April 20-26, 2017

During this reporting period, conflict in northern Syria escalated with Turkish airstrikes against Kurdish positions, the opposition expanded operations in southeast Syria, and evacuations under
were completed. Additionally, pro-government forces continued to advance in northern Hama,

**Northern Syria escalation**

On April 25, the Turkish air force struck the predominantly-Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in Derik, Hasakah. Key YPG media activists were in the Radio Rojava Building hit in the strike. An American military representative visited the site hit within hours to survey the damage and show support for the

. On April 20, the group captured the Alyana region from ISIS, forcing the surviving ISIS fighters to flee to Halba and Mahasa. The Alyana region is part of the Palmyra desert in Homs.

Opposition forces in Daraa governorate continued to fight the ISIS-affiliate, Jaysh Khalid Ibn al-Walid, striking positions with anti-tank guided missiles in addition to ongoing clashes.

**Southern Syria battles**

On April 23, Usoud al Sharqiya continued to advance against ISIS towards nearby besieged opposition positions in Eastern Qalamoun (the mountainous region to the east of Damascus). On April 24, pro-government forces launched an attack on Jaysh Usoud al Sharqiya in the countryside of Sweida. The group has been fighting on both the Sweida and Eastern Qalamoun fronts, against the government and ISIS respectively.

The reporting week has seen continued advancement for the opposition s Bunyan al-Marsous operations room in Daraa city. Opposition forces have advanced to fight in both al-Manshiyeh and Sajna neighborhoods amid heavy pro-government airstrikes on opposition-held portions of the city. Opposition forces have also destroyed a large number of pro-government equipment on this front.

Figure 3 - Map of areas of control around Daraa city near the Jordanian border by April 26

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