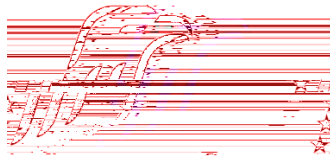


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**Weekly Conflict Summary**  
May 05-10, 2017

During the reporting period, elements of an Astana de-escalation plan were enacted while pro-government forces advanced in Hama and the Eastern Ghouta region of Damascus. Opposition infighting in Eastern Ghouta and Idleb appears to have stopped for the time being. Fighting in and around Daraa city remained high this week, and both opposition and the predominantly Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) continued to take territory from ISIS.

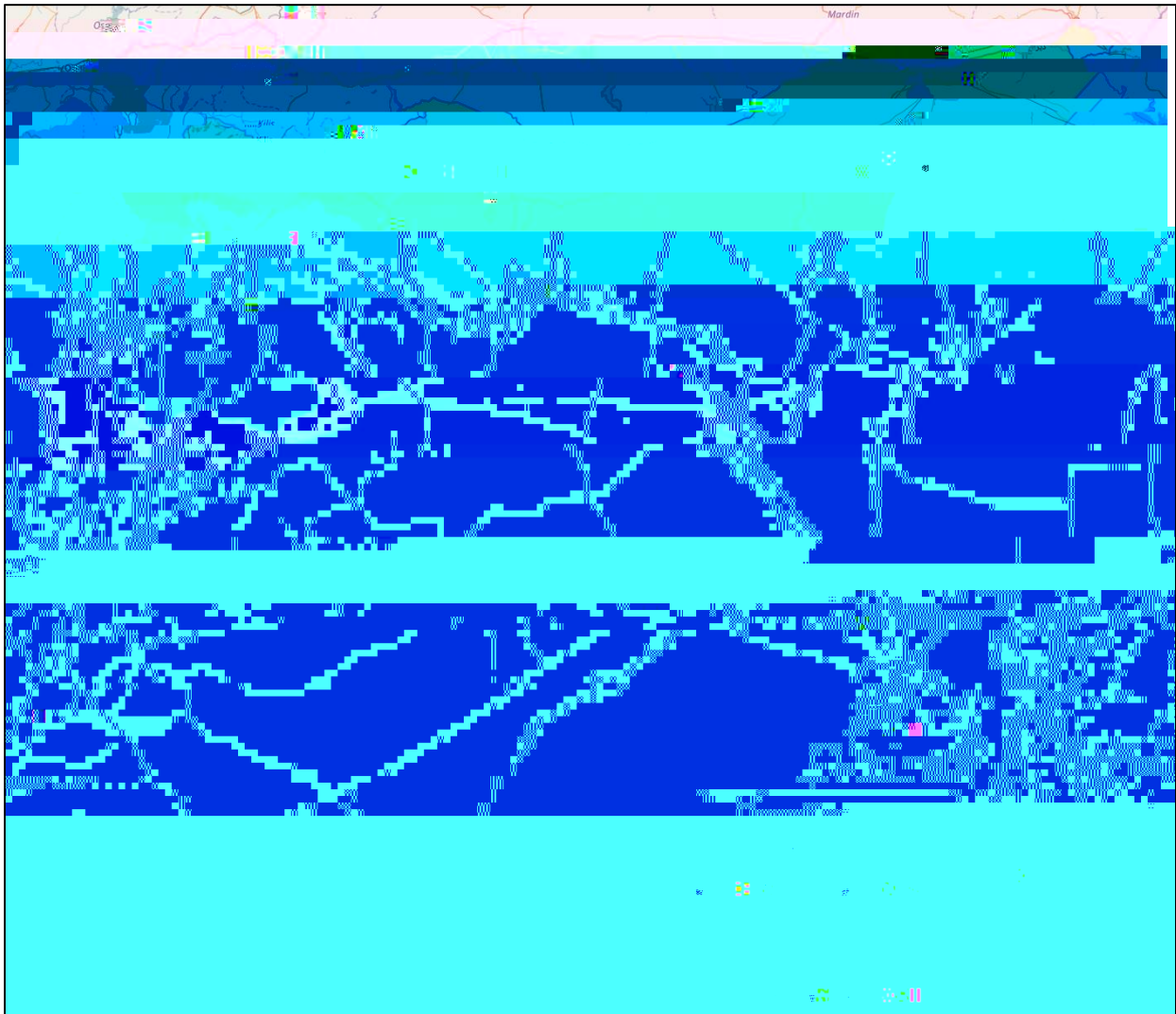


Figure 1 - Areas of control in Syria by May 10



Figure 2 - Map of areas of control in northern Hama by May 10

### **Rural Damascus**

On May 7, an evacuation deal between opposition and pro-government forces in the Qaboun-Barzeh pocket of the capital was reached, ending months of fighting and leading to the transfer of opposition fighters and their families to Idleb. As many as 22 buses arrived in Q

**Daraa and Eastern Desert updates**

Fighting in Daraa city remained high this reporting period, despite minimal changes of control within the city. Bunyan al-Marsous operations room has focused its efforts in Sajneh neighborhood,

Opposition forces advanced in the northern countryside of Daraa, cutting the M5 highway at Mahjeh between Daraa and Damascus. Opposition fighters from Ahrar Nawa continued to target ISIS forces on the

