

Northwest Syria Update

26-30, November, 2019

Introduction: The Syrian Civic Platform will monitor the situation in the Northwest of Syria from November 2019 – January 2020 and will update the Syrian and international actors on the situation. This is in response to the concerns that the Syrian civilians have in those areas due to the escalation of violence by the Syrian Regime and Russia.

This report monitors the humanitarian and field conditions in the North-West region of Syria during the period of November 26 until November 30, 2019. The areas covered include areas outside of the Syrian regime control (Idlib, Southern and Western Aleppo, the Lattakia countryside and the Western area of the Hama countryside) which encompasses a population of more than 3.5 million people.

Fuel prices continued to rise significantly in the North-West as this process affected the fuel transmission lines from the Eastern regions, where a liter of diesel recorded the price of 750 SP, while the price of domestic gas pipe rose to 7500 SP, in addition to the continued decline of the Syrian pound against the US dollar. The exchange rate of the Syrian pound reached 975 SP per dollar.

This decline in currency has led to an increase in prices of most commodities, weakening in economy, poverty, unemployment and difficulty purchasing heating fuel with the upcoming winter. This has severely impacted the population increasing the suffering of the Syrian population.

Education: The education sector is still suffering from weakness due to security for children, lack of qualified teachers, and a mass exodus of professionals who left the province or country. The formal education process has almost been completely suspended, especially after the European Union stopped their grant to support education in Idlib, which covered 65% of the total grant for education in the region (reference: Manahel project).

Displacement Movement: Rural villages in the southern and eastern areas of the province of Idlib, which are close to regime controlled areas, are still mostly abandoned.

Southern Marret Nuaman Countryside has witnessed a movement towards the Northern areas near the Syrian-Turkish border after the fighting between Opposition Factions and Regime Forces in areas West of Sinjar in the Eastern Countryside of Marret Al-Nuaman. Where the Opposition Factions began an attack against the Regime forces and were able to control four villages (Ejaz - Stablat – Rasm Alward - Stouj). Regime Forces then made several attempts to regain control of these villages but managed to retake only one village (Ejaz).

These events led to a new wave of displacement from areas close to the clashes.

IDPs in the Northern areas suffer from difficult humanitarian conditions, with the upcoming winter and weak responses of organizations to the humanitarian needs of the displaced, especially for shelter, food, education, water, sanitation and heating fuel, many IDPs are still homeless, or live in tents on agricultural land.

Victims

The number of victims during the period from 26/11/2019 to 30/11/2019 are 11 dead and 32 people injured. In some cases, these are serious and deadly injuries in which can impact the number of victims and dead at a later time.

11 Dead		
Men	Women	Children
6	3	2

32 Wounded		
Men	Women	Children
13	9	10

Field Conditions

Southern Idlib: Syrian Regime warplanes targeted the Southern Countryside of Idlib with artillery shelling stationed in the Khan Sheikhoun area.

Southern Idlib Countryside: The Targeted Areas Bombed by Warplanes						
Heesh	KafrNabl	Tehtaya	Kararoma	Kafarsajna	Marret Nuaman	Bsaamis
Tarmala	Eblin	Hass	Benin	Sheikh Mustafa	Marret Hurma	Kursaa
Bsaqla	Maar Zita	Armanaya	Jbala	Hzarin		

The Regime Forces also continued to shell several areas South of Idlib daily.

Southern Idlib Countryside: The Targeted Areas by Regime Ground Forces' Shelling					
Alteh	Armanaya	Kafarsajna	Hzarin	Marret Hurma	Jarjanaz
KafrNabl	Maar Zita	Erinba	Sheik Mustafa		

East of Idlib: Due to the fighting that took place in the Eastern Countryside of Maarat al-Nuaman, the shelling was heavily concentrated on this area. Most of the villages in the Eastern Countryside were also targeted by warplanes, helicopters and rocket shelling.

Eastern Idlib Countryside: The Targeted Areas Bombed by Warplanes					
Hlubba	Alteh	Ejaz	Qatra	Alharaky	Babolin
Alfrija	Rasm Alward	Sheikh Idris	Alghadfa	Alsurman	Abo Makki
Eastern Idlib Countryside: The Targeted Areas by Regime Ground Force Shelling					
Albarsy	Alriffa	Jarjanaz	AlBrissa	Hlubba	Albarsy

West Idlib:

Western Idlib Countryside: The Targeted Areas by Regime Ground Forces' Shelling		
Bdama	Arab Said	Jisr Shughur

North East Lattakia:

Russian warplanes continued their daily shelling of the Kabina area Northeast of Lattakia.

There was mutual ground shelling between Regime forces and the Opposition forces without having any change to the map of control of the land.