



The Free Syrian Army destroyed 14 tanks, shot down three aircraft in a week

The FSA blew up a regime barricade in Damascus

FSA revolutionaries in Dara'a launched two battles, blew up two barricades, and seized five others

The Free Syrian Army and civil activists in Deir Ezzor declared the city as a red line and called for unity against the regime and ISIS

Regime forces attack a field hospital killing many civilians

The number of civilian deaths by regime forces during the past week is 559 people, including 70 children, 36 women, and 84 tortured to death

Weekly Summary
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DAMASCUS

The military situation

Fierce clashes broke out, during the past week, in different neighbourhoods of the Syrian capital between the Free Syrian Army and regime troops most notably in Jobar, Tishreen, al-Assali, al-Hajar al-Aswad, and al-Tadamon; several regime soldiers were reportedly killed in the fighting. FSA revolutionaries carried out an outstanding operation against a regime's barricade in the Republican Guard housing area causing casualties among regime soldiers. Fierce clashes broke out between the Free Syrian Army and regime forces at the entrance of al-Yarmouk camp following the killing of a civilian by regime snipers while receiving food rations. The FSA destroyed a regime tank during clashes in Jobar.

The Free Syrian Army blow up regime barricade and destroyed a tank



The Local Situation

Regime forces attacked Jobar with surface-to-surface missiles, heavy artillery, mortars, along with several air strikes causing significant damages to residential areas. Regime troops used tanks and heavy weapons to bombard al-Assali, al-Hajar al-Aswad, and al-Qadam neighbourhoods as well al-Yarmouk camp. Regime troops carried out a search raid in Ruken el-Din neighbourhood and arrested a number of young people.

Regime forces used surface-to-surface and vacuum missiles, along with heavy artillery, barrel bombs, and mortars to attack different areas of Damascus countryside leading to significant human and material losses. The attacked areas included Douma, Zibdeen, Daraya, Khan al-Sheih, al-Zabadani, Zamalka, Harasta, Drousha, and al-Nashabia. The town of al-Moleha was violently attacked by regime forces with different kinds of weapons in addition to numerous air strikes. Regime troops carried out arrest campaign on the towns of Shora and Herima of the western countryside.

The number of civilian deaths in Damascus and its countryside during the past week is: 143

DAMASCUS COUNTRYSIDE

The military situation

Clashes continued in al-Moleha between the Free Syrian Army and regime forces reinforced by Iraqi and Lebanese pro-regime militias. FSA revolutionaries seized control of several regime-held areas and destroyed two T72- tanks along with damaging a number of military vehicles. In addition, the FSA attacked regime aircraft with anti-aircraft machineguns. Several regime soldiers were killed by the FSA during sporadic clashes in the fronts of Daraya, al-Dumayr, Adra, Zamalka. The FSA targeted

regime troops in the surroundings of Jaramana with Katyusha rockets achieving direct hits. FSA revolutionaries bombed regime troops in Tal Kawkab with Zubair1- locally made rockets. The FSA shelled al-Dumayr military airport with Grad missiles destroying an aircraft on the

The Free Syrian Army and destroyed two tanks and an aircraft in al-Moleha and al-Dumayr



ground. regime troops reinforced by the Lebanese Hezbollah militia in Daraya; several soldiers were killed.

DARA'A

The military situation

The Free Syrian Army started a new battle named al-Khandaq Martyrs aimed at taking control over the al-Manshiya neighbourhood that is the only regime premises left in Dara'a Al Balad. The battle started late in the week with fierce clashes in the vicinity of the neighbourhood causing casualties among regime soldiers while also targeting regime military points with tank and mortar shelling prior to blowing up regime bases after having dug tunnels and filling them with explosives. The significance of the al-Manshiya neighbourhood lays in the fact that it overlooks Brigade 132 separated from it only by Wadi Al Zaidy area. Thus, by taking control over this neighbourhood, Dara'a al-Balad becomes completely freed opening the road to Dara'a al-Mahatta. Earlier in the week, the Free Syrian

The Free Syrian Army launched two battles

FSA revolutionaries blew up two regime barricades

Army blew up the building of the al-Hamra establishment barricade located in Dara'a al-Mahatta. The building is considered one of the biggest barricades in the area endangering people's lives. Numerous regime soldiers were killed in the operation along with destroying several military vehicles. Sporadic clashes were reported in al-Manshiya neighbourhood of Dara'a al-Balad and the outskirts of Tariq al-Sad neighbourhood of Dara'a al-Mahatta. On the other hand, FSA started a new battle in the city of Nawa named al-Fatihein. The objective of this operation is to open the road to Nawa city by



taking control of Tal Um Horan, the Tank battalion of al-Hajjajiya and the al-Madakha barricade. The FSA mortared regime military points in Tal Um Horan achieving direct hits and declaring capture of the Tank Battalion following fierce clashes. Fierce clashes were reported in the surroundings of Nawa; the FSA killed several regime soldiers and destroyed a tank. FSA revolutionaries targeted regime troops in Bosra square along with artillery shelling on regime bases in al-Sheikh Miskeen, and seized a tank in Enkhil.

The Local Situation

Numerous civilians were killed and wounded following regime's attacks on different areas of the city and countryside. Regime helicopters dropped barrel bombs on Nawa, Enkkhil, Nafia, Saida, Um al-Miazan, Bosra al-Sham, and Tafas, Sahm al-Jawlan, al-Mseifra, al-Nouaima. Regime forces bombed Dara'a al-Balad, Nahta with artillery and used tanks to shell the western plains of Ataman town setting fire to trees. Regime aircraft launched several air strikes on Dara'a al-Balad, Da'ael, al-Bahar and Sahem al-Joulani neighbourhoods. Regime forces perpetrated a massacre in the city of Jasim by targeting the field hospital in the city with vacuum missiles leading to the complete destruction of the building. Numerous people were killed in addition to many wounded, mostly in critical condition. It is worth mentioning that the field hospital of Jasim is the only place that provides medical services to the people in the city. Regime forces have either seized or destroyed all medical facilities in the city since the beginning of the revolution.

The number of civilian deaths in Dara'a during the past week is: 66

QUNEITRA

The military situation

FSA revolutionaries shelled regime forces and National Defence militia bases in Khan Arnaba with Grad missiles and mortars. The FSA destroyed a tank in al-Qahtanyia village amid clashes against regime troops.



The Local Situation

Regime troops stormed Msehara village, arrested dozens of civilians including women and elderly people, and opened fire on students at the local school. Regime forces tightened their siege on civilians in the town of Hamidiya preventing them from leaving the town, in addition, National Defence militia and the Popular Committees carried out a search and arrest raid in al-Koum town. Regime forces used heavy artillery to shell al-Qahtanyia village. Regime aircraft launched an air strike on the village of Ghadir al-Bustan.

The number of civilian deaths in Quneitra during the past week is: 5

HOMS

The military situation

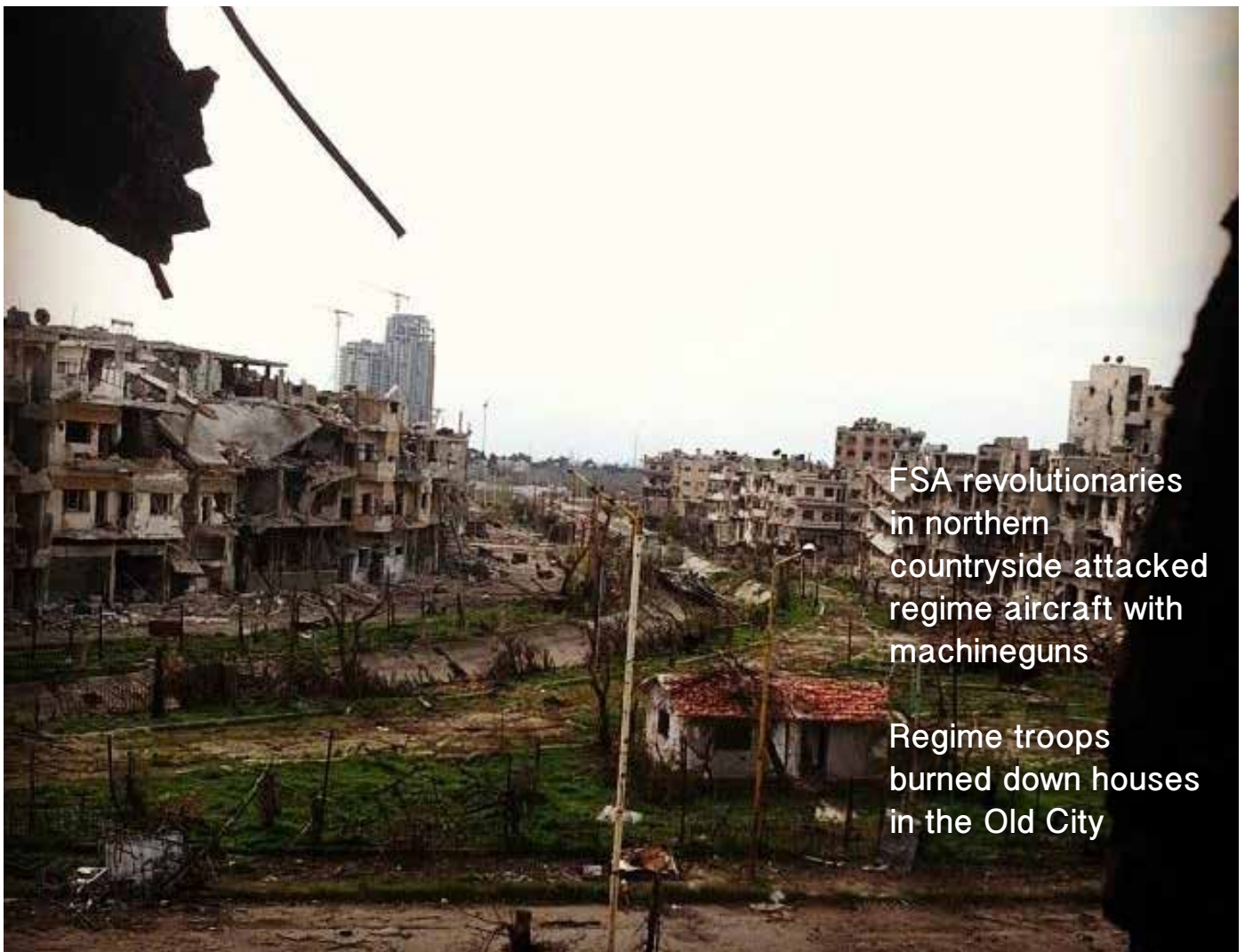
Fierce clashes took place between the Free Syrian Army and regime troops in the city of al-Rastan; a number of soldiers were reportedly killed. FSA revolutionaries attacked regime aircraft in Talbisa, Darat Ezza, and al-Dar al-Kabira in the northern countryside with anti-aircraft machineguns



The Local Situation

Regime troops continued to burn down houses in the Old City following the withdrawal of FSA from the area. Regime forces used heavy machineguns and mortars to attack al-Waer neighbourhood along with shelling the surroundings of al-Omari Mosque in the area with tanks, Shilka vehicles and mortars. Regime troops attacked the city of al-Rastan with artillery, heavy machineguns and mortars in addition to several air strikes leading to casualties among civilians, in addition heavy artillery was reported on the city of al-Houla

The number of civilian deaths in Homs during the past week is: 14



FSA revolutionaries in northern countryside attacked regime aircraft with machineguns

Regime troops burned down houses in the Old City

HAMA

The military situation

The Free Syrian Army launched a new battle titled "Revenge to Homs" to seize control of Khatab military repair unit, al-Shir barricade, Dhrat Awad area, and Arza village. FSA revolutionaries took control of the weapons warehouses of Khatab military repair unit, destroyed two tanks, and damaged a tank, a BMP vehicle, and 23mm cannon amidst fierce clashes in the surroundings of Khatab town. FSA revolutionaries



targeted the Hama military airport with Grad missiles and shelled regime troops in Tal Malh village with locally made rockets. The FSA regained full control of Tal Malh and al-Jalma villages destroying a tank and seizing another. The FSA targeted a regime barricade in al-

The Free Syrian Army destroyed three tanks and gain control of weapons warehouses

Hamra area with a car bomb killing dozens of soldiers. FSA revolutionaries seized weaponry and killed several National Defence militiamen during fierce clashes in al-Asharna village. Sporadic clashes were reported in the countryside, most notably in Mourek, al-Taouna barricade, and Akrab town.

The Local Situation

Regime helicopters dropped several barrel bombs on Khatab village and Kafer Zita, along with air strikes and barrel bombs attacks on al-Latamnah town and al-Amniat village leading to casualties among civilians. Regime aircraft launched several air strikes on Kafr Zita, Mourek, and the villages of Tal Malh and Husraya. Regime forces used artillery to shell al-Shaliot village.

The number of civilian deaths in Hama during the past week is: 55

IDLIB

The military situation

The Free Syrian Army seized control of five regime barricades in the city of Khan Sheikhoun as part of Sada al-Anfal battle; the newly captured barricades include Abu Ala'a, al-Madajin, al-Masara, al-Tillawi, and Abu Rabah. Fierce clashes were reported in the surroundings of al-Khazanat and al-Salam barricades, the only



remaining regime strongholds in Khan Sheikhoun, as FSA revolutionaries destroyed a tank in al-Salam barricade with a TWO rocket. The FSA blew up two

regime barricades in Wadi Addaif camp inflicting numerous casualties among regime troops and destroying many military vehicles. The FSA has dug tunnels under the al-Sawadi and Beit Arnaout

barricades near the camp HQ before blowing up the two bases. FSA revolutionaries mortared Heish crossroads barricade.

The Free Syrian Army gained control of five regime barricades in Khan Sheikhoun

The Local Situation

Regime forces attacked Abu Adhour and Taftanaz with heavy artillery, shelled Maarat al-Nouman and Kafrouma with Gvozdika. Barrel bombs were dropped on Khan Sheikhoun, al-Tamana'a. Regime aircraft launched several air strikes on the outskirts of al-Sheikh Mustafa village, Ein Shbib, Maarat al-Nouman, Marian, al-Maghara, Maardebsi, Taftanaz, in addition to Kafrouma where many people were killed and injured. Regime forces attacked Mantaf village with a vacuum rocket.

The number of civilian deaths in Idlib during the past week is: 57

LATTAKIA

The military situation

The Free Syrian Army thwarted an attempt by regime forces backed by Hezbollah militia to infiltrate into the surroundings of Tshalma Summit. The FSA destroyed three tanks with TWO and Konkurs rockets, and attacked regime troops and National Defence militia in the surroundings of Tshalma Summit with Grad missiles, Juhannam cannon and mortars amidst fierce clashes in the area. Several regime soldiers and Hezbollah militiamen were killed in an ambush by the FSA in the Summit. Clashes continued in the countryside in particular in the surroundings of 45 Summit. FSA revolutionaries shelled National Defence militia bases in Mashqita, al-Msherfa, Jourin,

The Free Syrian Army destroyed three tanks

FSA revolutionaries fought back regime troops and Hezbollah militias in Tshalma Summit



Slinfa, Mshirfat al-Samouk, and Ras al-Basit with Grad missiles along with mortaring regime troops in al-Samra village. The FSA foiled National Defence militia attempts to storm al-Nabeen area in the surroundings of Kassab.



The Local Situation

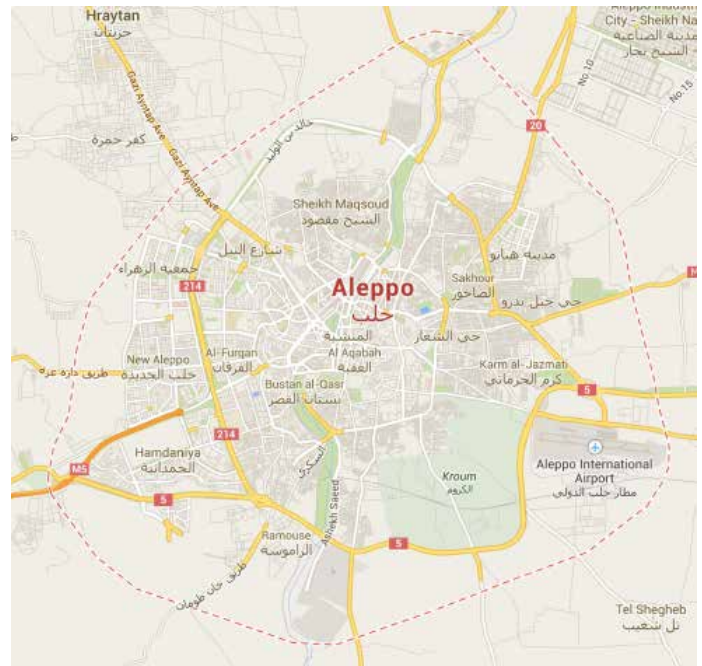
Regime helicopters attacked several areas in Wadi Basor village with barrel bombs and incendiary bombs. Regime aircraft launched several air strikes on the villages of Kassab area and Salma resort. Regime forces mortared Kabana and Ako villages and attacked al-Nabeen village.

The number of civilian deaths in Lattakia during the past week is:8

ALEPPO

The military situation

The Free Syrian Army Shot down two aircraft during the past week, one in al-Fardous neighbourhood and the other in Khanasir area of the countryside. Fierce clashes took place in Jamiat al-Zahra'a neighbourhood between the Free Syrian Army and regime forces reinforced by National Defence militia; the FSA attacked the Aerial Intelligence Branch with (106) cannon, destroyed two tanks, and seized control of dozens of blocks killing several regime soldiers during the clashes. The FSA in al-Sheikh Najjar front clashed with regime troops and destroyed 57mm and 23 mm cannons. FSA revolutionaries targeted regime troops in the surroundings of the Citadel along with targeting regime troops in al-Brej village with Grad missiles and mortars. FSA revolutionaries in al-Sheikh Saed took control of new areas near the cement plant following violent clashes in the area, in addition, the FSA targeted a building housing regime troops in Karm al-Trab neighbourhood killing several soldiers. Violent clashes took place in the surroundings of al-Nairab military airport as FSA shelled the airport with Grad missiles, along with destroying a tank in Jabal Badro



area near the 80th Brigade. The FSA shelled Shabiha bases in Nunul and al-Zahra'a towns with locally made rockets in response to regime's violation of Homs truce by shelling residential areas in the city. FSA revolutionaries attacked regime troops in al-Sheikh Yousef with Grad missiles, (130) cannon, and heavy machineguns.

The Local Situation

Numerous civilians were killed and wounded following barrel bomb attacks on al-Huluk, al-Sheikh Khudr, Hreitan, Masaken Hanano neighbourhoods, along with Handarat camp, Tal Shaer, and the city of Heritan. Dozens of people were massacred in Um al-Amed village following regime barrel bomb attack. Regime aircraft launched several air strikes on the villages of Babika and al-Jina along with Tal Jibin and al-Malah area in Heritan. Regime forces used heavy artillery and tanks to shell Ein al-Tal area, al-Brej village, al-Indharat and Masaken Hanano, Bustan al-Qasir neighbourhoods with along with bombarding Anadan area with vacuum missiles and attacking Allairamoun area with rockets.

The number of civilian deaths in Aleppo during the past week is: 168

The Free Syrian Army shot down two aircraft and destroyed three tanks



DEIR EZZOR

The military situation

The Free Syrian Army continued the fighting against regime forces and ISIS militants in the city and countryside. The Free Syrian Army, allied revolutionary forces and civil activists in Deir Ezzor said that they see their city as a red line that cannot be crossed.

They demanded that the city is not involved in the ongoing conflict especially that it is a battle front against the Assad regime as well as the first line of contact with what is left of it within the province.

They also stressed that the majority will be taking all future decisions and that all others are bound by those decisions, while uniting in the war against the Assad regime and the terrorist militia of ISIS.

The Free Syrian Army battled ISIS militants in different areas of the countryside, most notably in the towns of Jadid Ekidat, Jadid Bakara, and al-Huseniah. FSA revolutionaries targeted a place housing Shibon Noury al-Asa'ad the commander of ISIS operation in Ghariba area.

The Free Syrian Army and civil activists declared the city as a red line and called for unity against the regime and ISIS

Regime forces attacked houses in the surroundings of the military airport



The FSA advanced on the eastern countryside front as FSA forces took control of Khasham village following violent clashes with ISIS forces.

FSA Revolutionary also succeeded in regaining control over the Gas station in al-Tabiya area after fully liberating the village from ISIS forces. Clashes were reported between FSA forces and ISIS militants in al-Jafra oil field and al-Hureija village.

Sporadic clashes broke out between the FSA and regime forces in different neighbourhoods of the city; the FSA in al-Rashidiah destroyed a military vehicle and attacked regime aircraft with anti-aircraft machineguns. The Free Syrian Army mortared regime forces bases in the military airport and surrounding areas amidst fierce clashes; numerous soldiers were killed and injured as well others captured during the clashes.

The Local Situation

Regime forces bombed the liberated neighbourhoods with heavy artillery, in addition to shelling civilian houses in the surroundings of the military airport.

ISIS fighters carried out a search and arrest raid in Hatla and Marat villages; in addition, they set up checkpoints in countryside areas in an attempt to block the roads leading to the city. ISIS militiamen mortared Albulil town of the eastern countryside causing huge damages to civilian property. ISIS forces stormed Jadid Bkara town and executed the members of a displaced family.

The number of civilian deaths in Deir Ezzor during the past week is: 15

RAQQA

The military situation

The Free Syrian Army seized control of several villages near Tal Abiad area, most notably Badir, Zanoba along with al-Khfa granary following fierce clashes against ISIS militants; several ISIS militiamen were killed in the takeover including the commander Abu Abdulfatah al-Kazakhstani. FSA revolutionaries captured several ISIS members including a commander during the clashes in Sawan village.



Deir Ezzor Military Airport

Location and strategic importance

The military airport of Deir Ezzor is the most important strategic area in the governorate as it is considered a key to the city. The airport is about 10 km of the city centre and extends over a wide area.



The Location of Assad forces

The regime has turned the airport into a fully operative military base after the beginning of the revolution. It is one of the remaining pockets for the Assad regime in the governorate, 90 % of which is under FSA control. The regime controls two important neighbourhoods (Hrabaish and Jafrah) which are located between the military airport and the city. Regime troops stationed in the airport frequently bomb the surroundings areas and villages such as al-Mrieiah and Albuomar villages, in addition to the city of Mohassan as well shelling the FSA-held liberated neighbourhoods with various types of weapons. The Missile Battalion, located at the airport's border, is the first line of defence for the airport.

The Location of the Free Syrian Army

The Free Syrian Army have besieged the airport from three directions, in addition, the FSA holds most neighbourhoods of the city, most notably al-Sina'a, al-Ummal, al-Mouazafin, al-Jubailah, al-Hoiqah and al-Rashidiya. FSA revolutionaries have blocked regime supply routes months ago by setting ambushes on the road; Assad forces only receive airdropped supplies. Regime aircraft seldom fly from the airport as several aircraft were shot down and damaged by the FSA. Since launching the battle to liberate the airport (late in 2013) the FSA was capable of shooting down and damaging more than 20 aircraft, as well as destroying dozens of tanks, a number of Shilka vehicles and heavy artillery which were used by regime troops to bomb the area on daily basis. Numerous regime troops, including high-ranking officers, were killed during daily clashes against Assad forces locked inside the airport.



The Heroic Martyr Jamal Taba'a

Jamal Taba'a, Abu Diab, the military commander of Raqqa Revolutionaries Brigade of the FSA.

He was killed on May 25, 2014 in the surroundings

of Raqqa city following clashes against ISIS militants.



The Heroic Martyr Dirar Fadel al-Akhdar



Chief warrant officer Dirar Fadel al-Akhdar defected from the Political Security Branch in Damascus with a group of recruits on May

16, 2012 and joined the Free Syrian Army. The martyr grew up in the village of al-Maghara in Jabal al-Zawia area. He was killed on May 10, 2014, two years after his defection, in the battles of Aleppo.



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