

SYRIAN OPPOSITION GUIDE

This reference guide provides a baseline for identifying Syrian opposition groups. The guide aims to permit researchers to track how groups realign as the Russians commence operations. It seeks to inform the development of policies that aim to protect Syrian rebels willing to cooperate with the U.S. in order to defeat ISIS and marginalize al-Qaeda affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra.

The chart characterizes each group's relative strength, its areas of operation, its participation in multi-group operations, and its sources of external financing (derived from other experts' studies). The document carefully identifies those groups that are separable from Jabhat al-Nusra, drawing a sharp distinction between the al-Qaeda affiliate's subcomponents and those groups that have a more transactional relationship. Whereas the Russian military actions will likely drive these groups together, diminishing the influence of al-Qaeda actually requires breaking the groups apart. Targeting rebel groups writ large through military strikes is therefore counterproductive and will lead to entrenchment of al-Qaeda in Syria.

RUSSIA'S IMPACT ON THE OPPOSITION

Russian air operations in Syria impose new pressures on Syrian rebel groups on the ground. Although the Russian Ministry of Defense (MoD) claimed that Russian airstrikes focused on ISIS, local reports and the U.S. official statement indicate that the strikes have primarily targeted Syrian opposition groups in areas far from core ISIS-held terrain. Free Syrian Army (FSA)-affiliated rebel groups that receive support from the U.S. are among those that Russian warplanes have hit.

As Russian airstrikes intensify, Syrian opposition factions will likely seek the protection of a strong partner in the fight against the regime and its allies. The majority of the groups that may seek protection already cooperate militarily with Syrian al-Qaeda affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra out of necessity, and this trend is likely to increase as rebels come under greater duress. The pressure of a reinvigorated air campaign in support of the Syrian regime may drive these groups closer to Jabhat al-Nusra and potentially hardline Islamist Ahrar al-Sham in the absence of alternative sources of robust military assistance from countries opposed to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. In fact, between October 2 and October 4, two rebel groups merged separately under Jabhat al-Nusra and Ahrar al-Sham in Hama and Aleppo provinces respectively. This trend damages not only the U.S. anti-ISIS mission, but also the implicit mission to counter al-Qaeda's influence in Syria. It is therefore vital to observe changes in the behaviors and affiliations of Syrian rebels in response to ground events.

RELATIONSHIP TO JABHAT AL-NUSRA

This guide also provides an assessment of rebel groups' relationship to Syrian al-Qaeda affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra. Groups that conduct military operations with Jabhat al-Nusra do not necessarily share its vision, end-state, or values. Many rebel groups cooperate out of military necessity, because Jabhat al-Nusra is one of the most capable groups on the battlefield. The relationship between each group and Jabhat al-Nusra has been designated through the following definitions:

Component of Jabhat al-Nusra: Groups that have merged under Jabhat al-Nusra, or groups that ISW assesses to be a sub-unit of Jabhat al-Nusra

Allied: Rebel groups that share interim objectives with Jabhat al-Nusra in Syria in the near term; groups that are close ideological allies to Jabhat al-Nusra; and groups that are ideologically opposed to the Western countries' influence in Syria or to the vision of Western secularism

Separable from Jabhat al-Nusra: Rebel groups that formally coordinate military operations with Jabhat al-Nusra among many other groups through joint military commands, largely out of military necessity. This also includes groups that participate in governance structures that also contain elements of Jabhat al-Nusra.

Independent: These rebel groups currently do not share interim or long term objectives and do not formally coordinate military operations with Jabhat al-Nusra through joint military commands.

IDENTIFYING OUTSIDE FUNDING

The following charts also reflect assessments of the sources of outside funding for each group as provided by the Carter Center¹ and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace² from September 2014 – February 2015. There are three major sources of funding:

Joint Military Operations Command (MOC)

Two covert joint military operations commands (MOC) based in Turkey and Jordan reportedly provide funding and lethal aid to moderate and nationalist Islamist groups in northern and southern Syria. Members of both the Northern and Southern MOCs reportedly provide military assistance including TOW anti-tank missiles to a select set of Syrian rebel groups.

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia provides direct support to Salafist and Islamist groups across all of Western Syria.

Turkey and Qatar

Turkey and Qatar support nationalist Syrian rebel groups, including Salafist and Islamist groups. The Syrian Muslim Brotherhood, currently based in Turkey, facilitates the provision of money and weapons provided by Turkey and Qatar to Syrian armed opposition groups based in northern Syria.

IDENTIFYING POWERBROKERS

The following charts indicates assessed powerbrokers in Syria in addition to groups that could become

powerbrokers in the near term upon the receipt of sufficient outside support. These groups could provide a counter-weight to Jabhat al-Nusra, although the Russian military operations reduce the likelihood that they will be willing or able to split from the al-Qaeda affiliate.

Powerbroker: a group that disproportionately determines the success of military operations against either the Syrian regime or ISIS; is strategically located; and/or plays a leading role in governance.

Potential Powerbroker: a group that could achieve significant battlefield effects against Jabhat al-Nusra and/or ISIS in western Syria upon receipt of increased outside support, including securing direct military gains and cohering other smaller brigades into new coalitions.

OPERATIONS ROOMS

The following charts organize opposition groups by their participation in operations rooms, in order to achieve particular, defined objectives. Operation rooms are joint structures limited to a particular geographical area, but they do not maintain a physical headquarters. Syrian opposition groups join “operations rooms” in order to coordinate their military campaigns jointly in an area without merging, thus preserving their status as separate fighting forces. Each operations room is typically launched with an announcement conveying a specific, stated objective and a list of groups that have joined.

ENDNOTES

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List of Military Operations Rooms Included In This Document

Operations Room	Anti Re-gime	Anti ISIS	Power-broker	Potential Power Broker	Declared Objectives
Aleppo Province					
Aleppo Conquest	X	X	X		To “liberate” Aleppo City from the Syrian regime
Ansar al-Sharia	X		X		To seize Aleppo City from the Syrian regime and to develop a joint charter to administer the city under Sharia law
Euphrates Volcano		X	X		To fight against the “injustice” of ISIS and other Islamist and Kurdish factions
Idlib Province					
Jaysh al-Fatah Idlib					To “liberate” Idlib Province from the Syrian regime
Battle of Victory	X		X		To seize Jisr al-Shughour City from the Syrian regime
Hama Province					
Jaysh al-Fatah-Idlib	X		X		To seize the Sahel al-Ghab plain of northern Hama from the Syrian regime
Jaysh al-Nasr	X			X	To “defend” the Syrian people and “liberate” Syria from the Syrian regime
Homs Province					
Victory of the Oppressed	X	X			To defeat the Syrian regime in Homs Province while supporting the local civilian population
Damascus Province					
Eastern Ghouta Unified Command	X	X	X		To break the siege on the Eastern Ghouta suburbs of Damascus, set up a unified legal body, and create an authority for strategic issues in Ghouta
One Flag Alliance	X				To “overthrow” the Syrian regime in Damascus and its countryside
Jaysh al-Fatah Qalamoun	X				To “liberate” the Qalamoun region from Syrian regime and Hezbollah forces
Gathering of Western Qalamoun	X			X	To fight the Syrian regime and Hezbollah
Eastern Qalamoun Operations Room	X	X	X		To “overthrow” the Syrian regime and fight ISIS
Dera’a & Quneitra Province					
Jaysh al-Harmoun	X				To “eliminate” the Syrian regime southwest of Damascus
Jaysh al-Fatah al-Janoub	X	X			To “liberate” the Western Ghouta suburbs of Damascus
Southern Front	X		X		To “liberate Syria from tyranny and extremism” and to “defend the right of the Syrian people to choose a representative government”

REBEL GROUPS INDEX (CLICKABLE LINKS)

ALEPPO

101st Infantry Division (*Idlib*)
 111st Infantry Division (*Idlib, Hama*)
 13th Division (*Idlib*)
 16th Division
 60th Infantry Division (*Idlib*)
 Abu Amara Brigades
 Ahrar al-Sham (*Idlib, Latakia, Hama, Homs, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Al-Izza Gathering (*Hama, Idlib*)
 Al-Nakhba Forces
 Caucasus Emirate in al-Sham (*Latakia*)
 Fajr al-Khilafa Brigades
 Fajr al-Sham Islamic Movement
 First Regiment
 Fistaqim Kama Umirat
 Furqan Brigades (*Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Harakat al-Thahur Baryis
 Harakat Biyan
 Harakat Mujahidi al-Islam
 Jabhat al-Nusra (*Idlib, Hama, Homs, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jabhat Ansar al-Din (*Idlib*)
 Jama'at
 Jaysh al-Sunna (*Idlib, Hama*)
 Jaysh al-Islam (*Idlib, Latakia, Damascus*)
 Jaysh al-Mujahideen (*Latakia*)
 Jaysh al-Qasas
 Jaysh al-Thuwar (*Idlib, Latakia, Homs, Hama*)
⁴ Jund al-Aqsa (*Idlib, Latakia, Hama*)
 Jund Allah
 Katibat al-Tawhid wal-Jihad (*Idlib*)
 Kita'ib al-Safwat al-Islamiya
 Kita'ib Shams al-Shamal
 Kitaba al-Suhaba
 Levant Front
 Liwa al-Fateh

Liwa al-Haqq (*Idlib, Hama*)
 Liwa al-Houriya al-Islami (*Idlib*)
 Liwa al-Jihad fi Sabeel Allah
 Liwa al-Sultan Muhammad al-Fatih
 Liwa Amna' ar-Raqqa
 Liwa Ansar al-Khilafa
 Liwa Ansar al-Sunna
 Liwa Fursan al-Haqq (*Idlib*)
 Liwa Shuhada al-Atarib
 Liwa al-Sultan Murad
 Liwa Thuwar ar-Raqqa
 Nour al-Din al-Zenki
 Saraya Jarablus
 Sham Legion (*Idlib, Hama*)
 Siraya al-Ma'ad
 Suqour al-Ghab (*Idlib, Hama*)
 Suqour al-Jabal (*Idlib, Hama*)
 Tahrir Brigade
 Thuwar al-Sham Brigades
 People's Protection Units (YPG)

IDLIB

101st Infantry Division (*Aleppo*)
 111th Infantry Division (*Aleppo, Hama*)
 13th Division (*Aleppo*)
 Ahrar al-Sham (*Aleppo, Latakia, Hama, Homs, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Ajnad al-Sham (*Hama, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Fursan al-Haqq
 Jabhat al-Nusra (*Aleppo, Hama, Homs, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jabhat Ansar al-Din (*Aleppo*)
 Jama'at Ahadun Ahad (*Latakia*)
 Jama'at Ansar al-Islam (*Latakia*)
 Jaysh al-Islam (*Aleppo, Latakia, Damascus*)
 Jaysh al-Sunna (*Aleppo*)
 Jaysh al-Thuwar (*Aleppo, Latakia, Homs, Hama*)

Jund al-Aqsa (*Aleppo, Latakia, Hama*)
 Junud al-Sham (*Latakia*)
 Kata'ib Ansar al-Sham (*Latakia*)
 Katiba al-Tawhid wal Jihad (*Aleppo*)
 Liwa al-Haqq (*Aleppo, Hama*)
 Liwa al-Houriya al-Islami (*Aleppo*)
 Sham Legion (*Aleppo, Hama*)
 Suqour al-Ghab (*Aleppo, Hama*)
 Suqour al-Jabal (*Aleppo, Hama*)
 Turkistan Islamic Party (*Latakia*)

LATAKIA

Ahrar al-Sham (*Aleppo, Idlib, Hama, Homs, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Caucasus Emirate in al-Sham (*Aleppo*)
 First Coastal Division
 Jabhat Ansar al-Din (*Idlib*)
 Jama'at Ahadun Ahad (*Idlib*)
 Jama'at Ansar al-Islam (*Idlib*)
 Jaysh al-Islam (*Aleppo, Idlib, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jaysh al-Mujahideen (*Aleppo*)
 Jaysh al-Thuwar (*Aleppo, Idlib, Homs, Hama*)
 Jund al-Aqsa (*Aleppo, Idlib, Hama*)
 Junud al-Sham (*Idlib*)
 Katai'b Ansar al-Sham
 Liwa al-Adiyat (*Hama*)
 Turkistan Islamic Party (*Idlib*)

HAMA

IIIth Infantry Division (*Idlib*)
 Ahrar al-Sham (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia, Homs, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Ajnad al-Sham (*Idlib, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Al-Izza Gathering (*Aleppo, Idlib*)
 Jabhat al-Nusra (*Aleppo, Idlib, Homs, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jabhat al-Sham
 Jaysh al-Sunna (*Idlib*)
 Jund al-Aqsa (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia*)

Liwa al-Adiyat (*Latakia*)
 Liwa al-Haqq (*Hama, Aleppo*)
 Liwa al-Inqath al-Muqatila
 Sham Legion (*Aleppo, Idlib*)
 Suqour al-Ghab (*Aleppo, Idlib*)
 Suqour al-Jabal (*Aleppo, Idlib*)

HOMS

Ahrar al-Sham (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia, Hama, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Ajnad Homs
 Jabhat al-Nusra (*Aleppo, Idlib, Hama, Damascus, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jaysh Ahl al-Sunna wal-Jama'a
 Jaysh al-Tawhid
 Jaysh al-Thuwar (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia, Hama*)
 Tahrir Homs

DAMASCUS

II Division Special Forces
 Abu Obaida Battalion
 Ahrar al-Qalamoun Battalions
 Ahrar al-Sham (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia, Hama, Homs, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Ajnad al-Sham (*Idlib, Hama, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Al-Sarkha Battalions
 Asoud al-Sunna Battalions
 Originality and Development Front (*Aleppo*)
 Battalion 215
 Damascus Martyrs Brigade (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Friends of the Prophet Mohammad Battalion
 Furqan Brigades (*Aleppo, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Fursan al-Sunna Battalion (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Hamad Brigade
 Hawsh Arab Martyrs Gathering
 Ilwiya wa Kita'ib al-Sahaba (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jabhat al-Nusra (*Aleppo, Idlib, Homs, Hama, Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jabhat Ansar al-Islam (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)
 Jaysh al-Ababil (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)

Jaysh al-Islam (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia, Dera'a & Quneitra*)

Jaysh al-Qalamoun

Jaysh Tahirir al-Sham

Kata'ib al-Ansar

Katiba al-Mutahabeen Billah

Katiba Shaid Mamoud Murad

Katiba Shuhada al-Nabek

Katiba Shuhada al-Sarkha

Katiba Yousef al-Sadiq

Kita'ib Aknaf Beit al-Maqdis (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)

Liwa Ahrar Hafir

Liwa al-Izz

Liwa Muatasim Billah (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)

Liwa Rijal Allah

Liwa Seif al-Haq

Liwa Suqour al-Qalamoun

Liwa Suqour al-Umawayeen

Liwa Tahrir al-Qalamoun

Liwa Tawhid al-Asima (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)

Liwa Thura al-Sha'ab

Martyr Lieutenant Ahmed Abdou Brigades

Marwan Hadid Briagde

Men of Qalamoun Battalion

Rahman Corps

Saif al-Islam Battalion

Sheild of Qalamoun Brigade

DERA'A & QUNEITRA

24th Infantry Division

69th Special Forces Division

Abu Obaida Battalion

Ahrar al-Sham (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia, Hama, Homs, Damascus*)

Ahrar Nawa Division

Ajnad al-Sham (*Idlib, Hama, Damascus*)

Al-Sarkha Battalions (*Damascus*)

Alwiyat al-Omari

Ansar al-Huda Gathering

Ansar al-Sunnah

Damascus Martyrs Brigade (*Damascus*)

Fajr al-Islam Division

Fajr al-Tawhid Division

Fallujah Houran Division

First Army

First Artillery Regiment

First Brigade

First Corps

Firqat Usoud al-Sunnah

Furqan Brigades (*Aleppo, Damascus*)

Fursan al-Sunna Battalion (*Damascus*)

Hamza Division

Harakat Muthanna al-Islamiya

Harakat Shuhada al-Sham al-Islamiya

Ilwiya wa Kita'ib al-Sahaba (*Damascus*)

Jabhat al-Nusra (*Aleppo, Idlib, Hama, Homs, Damascus*)

Jabhat al-Sham al-Muwahida

Jabhat Ansar al-Islam (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia Damascus*)

Jaysh al-Ababil (*Dera'a & Quneitra*)

Jaysh al-Islam (*Aleppo, Idlib, Latakia, Damascus*)

Jaysh al-Yarmouk

Katibat Aswad al-Aqsad

Katibat Fadayeen Houran

Kita'ib Aknaf Beit al-Maqdis (*Damascus*)

Liwa Ahaya al-Jihad

Liwa Ahrar Inkhil

Liwa Ahsa'ar al-Lajat

Liwa al-I'tisam Billah

Liwa al-Mughawir al-Awli

Liwa al-Sayyid al-Messiyah

Liwa al-Shahid al-A'qeed Ahmed al-Omar

Liwa al-Umarayn al-Islami

Liwa Amoud Houran

Liwa Ansar al-Haqq

Liwa Fursan Houran
Liwa Jaydour Houran
Liwa Jebel al-Sheikh
Liwa Khayalat al-Zaydi
Liwa Mua'taz Billah
Liwa Muatasim Billah (*Damascus*)
Liwa Muhajireen wal-Ansar
Liwa Omar bin al-Khatib
Liwa Osama bin Zaid
Liwa Shabab al-Sunnah
Liwa Shuhada al-Islam
Liwa Shuhada Houran
Liwa Tawhid al-Asima (*Damascus*)
Liwa Tawhid al-Janub
Liwa Usoud al-Tawhid
Liwa Tawhid Kita'ib Houran
March 18 Division
Martyr Lieutenant Ahmed Abdou Brigades (*Damascus*)
Mashrou Bena Umma
Salah al-Din Division
Seif al-Sham Brigades
Shahid Ra'ed al-Masri
Siyad al-Usoud Battalion
Syrian Revolutionaries Front - Southern Sector
Tahalaf Suqour al-Janoub
Tajamu al-Mujahideen Nawa
Usoud al-Harb Operations Room

Aleppo

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Aleppo Conquest				X			
	Jama'at						Jabhat al-Nusra subunit
	Fajr al-Khilafa Brigades						Also active in Ansar al-Sharia Operations Room
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	Also active in Ansar al-Sharia Operations Room
		Abu Amara Brigades					Also active in Ansar al-Sharia Operations Room
	Harakat Mujahidi al-Islam						Also active in Ansar al-Sharia Operations Room
		Harakat Bayarik al-Islam					
	Jaysh al-Sunna		X				Also active in Idlib and Hama

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Jaysh al-Mujahideen		X	X		Northern MOC; Qatar	Also active in Latakia
	Fistaqim Kama Umirat						
	Jaysh al-Islam		X			Saudi Arabia	
	Levant Front			X		Turkey & Qatar	Levant Front absorbed Harakat Hazm fighters after the group, which received U.S. support, disbanded in Feb 2015
		Islamic Front-Aleppo				Turkey & Qatar	
		Katiba al-Assir					Formerly component of Abu Amara brigades

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	Originality and Development Front		X			Saudi Arabia	Subunits receive support from a variety of actors, to include Qatar, Turkey, and the northern MOC
	First Regiment			X			Also active in Ansar al-Sharia Operations Room
	Sham Legion		X	X		Turkey & Qatar	
	Liwa al-Sultan Murad				X	Northern MOC	Also active in Ansar al-Sharia Operations Room
	16th Division		X				

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Furqan Brigades		X				Damascus-based. Exact contributions unknown
	Liwa al-Haqq		X				Based in Idlib
	Liwa Ansar al-Khilafa						Also in Ansar al-Sharia Operations Room
	Nour al-Din al-Zenki			X		Northern MOC	
		Harakat al-Zahir Baybars					Unknown group
	Liwa Fursan al-Haqq		X			Northern MOC & Qatar	Also active in Idlib
	101st Infantry Division		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Idlib
	Suqour al-Jabal		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Idlib
	13th Division		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Idlib
	Suqour al-Ghab		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Idlib
	Al-Izza Gathering		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Hama and Idlib

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	Liwa Ansar al-Sunna					Northern MOC	
	Thuwar al-Sham Brigades						
	Liwa al-Fateh						
	Liwa al-Sultan Muhammad al-Fatih						
	IIIrd Infantry Division						Based in Idlib and Hama
	al-Nakhba Forces						

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	Kita'ib al-Safwat al-Islamiya						
	Harakat Biyan						
	Liwa al-Houriya al-Islami		X				Based in Idlib
	Liwa Shuhada al-Atarib						
	60th Infantry Division						Unknown group

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Ansar al-Sharia				X			
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
		Jaysh al – Muhajireen wal-Ansar	X				Also Active in Idlib
		Katibat al – Tawhid wal-Jihad	X				Also Active in Idlib
	Jabhat Ansar al-Din		X				Also Active in Idlib
		Fajr al-Sham Islamic Movement					
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	Also in Aleppo Conquest Operations Room
		Abu Amara Brigades					Also in Aleppo Conquest Operations Room

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	First Regiment			X			Also in Aleppo Conquest Operations Room
	Liwa al-Sultan Murad				X	Northern MOC	Also in Aleppo Conquest Operations Room
	Harakat Mujahidi al-Islam						
	Fajr al-Khilafa Brigades						Also in Aleppo Conquest Operations Room
	Liwa Ansar al-Khilafa						Also in Aleppo Conquest Operations Room
	Siraya al-Ma'ad						Unknown group
	Kitaba al-Suhaba						Unknown group
	Jund Allah						Unknown group

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Euphrates Volcano				X			
	Islamic Front-Aleppo			X			Component of Levant Front
		Tawhid Brigade - Northern Sector					It is unclear if the Tawhid brigade-northern sector is a component of the Islamic Front-Aleppo and therefore of the Levant Front.
	Jaysh al-Thuwar		X		X		
		Jabhat al-Akrad					
	People's Protection Unit (YPG)		X				
	Kita'ib Shams al-Shamal						
	Liwa Thuwar ar-Raqqa						

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	Liwa al-Jihad fi Sabeel Allah						
	Saraya Jarablus						
	Tahrir Brigade						
	Jaysh al-Qasas						Unknown group
	Liwa Amna' ar-Raqqa						Unknown group
Free Floating Rebel Groups							
	Jund al-Aqsa		X				Also active in Latakia, Hama, and Idlib
	Caucasus Emirate in al - Sham		X				Also active in Latakia

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Idlib

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Jaysh al-Fatah Idlib				X			Also active in Hama Province
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
	Jund al-Aqsa		X	X			Also active in Latakia, Hama, and Aleppo
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	
		Suqour al-Sham					Fully merged with Ahrar al-Sham
	Jaysh al-Sunna		X				Also active in Hama
	Ajnad al-Sham		X		X		Also active in Hama, Damascus, Dera'a, and Quneitra
	Sham Legion		X		X	Turkey & Qatar	Also active in Aleppo and Hama
	Liwa al-Haq		X				Also Active in Aleppo and Hama

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Battle of Victory							
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
		Jaysh al-Mujahireen wal - Ansar	X	X			
		Kata'ib al Tawhid wal Jihad	X				Also active in Aleppo
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	
		Suqour al-Sham					Fully merged with Ahrar al-Sham
	Jabhat Ansar al-Din		X				Also active in Aleppo
		Harakat Sham al-Islam					
	Junud al-Sham		X	X			Also active in Latakia
	Kata'ib Ansar al-Sham		X				Also active in Latakia

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Idlib (cont.)

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Jama'at Ansar al-Islam		X				
	Turkistan Islamic Party		X				
	Jaysh al-Islam		X		X		
Free Floating Rebel Groups							
	Jama'at Ahadun Ahad		X				Also active in Latakia
	Liwa al-Houriya al-Islami		X				Also active in Aleppo Conquest
	IIIth Infantry Division		X				Also active in Aleppo Conquest
	Jaysh al-Thuwar		X		X		
	Suqour al-Ghab		X		X	Northern MOC	Also active in Aleppo

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	101st Infantry Division		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Aleppo
	13th Division		X		X	Northern MOC	Also active in Aleppo
	Fursan al-Haqq		X			Northern MOC & Qatar	Also active in Aleppo
	Suqour al-Jabal		X		X	Northern MOC	Also active in Aleppo
	Al-Izza Gathering		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Aleppo and Hama

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Latakia

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Free Floating Rebel Groups							
	Jaysh al-Mujahireen wal - Ansar		X				
	Junud al-Sham		X	X			
	Jabhat Ansar al-Din		X				
		Harakat Sham al-Islam					
	Kata'ib Ansar al-Sham		X				
	Turkistan Islamic Party		X				Also active in Idlib
	Jama'at Ahadun Ahad		X				Also active in Idlib
	Katai'b Ansar al-Sham		X				Also active in Idlib

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Latakia (cont.)

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Jama'at Ansar al-Islam		X				
	Ahrar al-Sham		X			Turkey & Saudi Arabia	
	Jund al-Aqsa		X				Also active in Idlib and Hama
	Caucasus Emirate in al-Sham		X				Also active in Aleppo
	Jaysh al-Mujahideen		X			Northern MOC & Qatar	Also active in Aleppo
	Jaysh al-Islam		X			Saudi Arabia	
	Jaysh al-Thuwar		X		X		
	First Coastal Division					Northern MOC	
	Liwa al-Adiyat		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Hama

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Hama							
Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Jaysh al-Nasr					X		
	Suqour al-Ghab				X		Also active in Idlib and Aleppo
	Liwa al-Adiyat		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Latakia
	Jabhat al-Sham					Northern MOC	
	Suqour al-Jabal				X	Northern MOC	Also active in Idlib and Aleppo
	Liwa al-Inqath al-Muqatila						
	Al-Izza Gathering		X			Northern MOC	Also active in Idlib and Aleppo
Jaysh al-Fatah Idlib				X			
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
		Suqour al-Sham					Fully merged with Ahrar al-Sham. May no longer operate as distinct entity
	Jund al-Aqsa		X				Also active in Idlib and Latakia
	Jaysh al-Sunna		X				Also active in Aleppo and Idlib
	Ajnad al-Sham		X				Also active in Idlib and Damascus, Dera'a, and Quneitra
	Sham Legion		X			Turkey & Qatar	
	Liwa al-Haqq		X				Also active in Idlib and Aleppo
Free Floating Rebel Groups							
	111th Infantry Division						Also active in Aleppo Conquest
	Jaysh al-Thuwar		X		X		

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Homs

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Victory of the Oppressed Joint							
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	
		Liwa al-Haqq (Homs)					
	Ajnad Homs		X				
	Jaysh Ahl al-Sunna wal-Jama'a						
	Jaysh al-Tawhid					Turkey & Qatar	
		Kita'ib Saif al-Islam Khtab					
		Liwa 313 Jund Badr					

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
		Liwa Hama al-Aqida					Component group of Ahrar al-Sham
		Liwa Suqour Talbisa					
		Liwa Suyuf al-Haq					
		Liwa Talbisa					
		Liwa Ussoud al-Islam					A leader of the group allegedly joined ISIS. Component group of Sham Legion
		Tajamu' Ilwiya al-Iman Ballah					
Free Floating Rebel Groups							
	Tahrir Homs						Governs in Rastan alongside Jabhat al-Nusra
	Jaysh al-Thuwar						

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Damascus

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Eastern Ghouta Unified Military Command				X			Only operates in Eastern Ghouta
	Ahrar al-Sham		X			Turkey & Saudi Arabia	
	Jaysh al-Islam		X	X			
	Ajnad al-Sham		X				Also active in Idlib, Hama, Dera'a, and Quneitra
		Liwa Fajr al-Umma					
	Rahman Corps			X			
		al-Habib al-Mustafa Brigade					
One Flag Alliance							Only operates in Western Ghouta
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	

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Damascus (cont.)

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Ajnad al-Sham		X	X			
	Ilwiya wa Kita'ib al-Sahaba						Also active in Dera'a and Quneitra
	Fursan al-Sunna Battalion						Also active in Dera'a and Quneitra
	Jabhat Ansar al-Islam		X			Southern MOC	Also active in Dera'a. Member of the Southern Front
	Kita'ib Aknaf Beit al-Maqdis						
	Liwa al-Izz						
	Liwa Tawhid al-Asima						
	Islamic Front		X				

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Damascus (cont.)

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Jaysh al-Fatah Qalamoun							
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X				
	Ahrar al-Sham		X			Turkey & Saudi Arabia	
	Liwa Muatasim Billah						
	Jaysh al-Qalamoun						Unverified.
	Marwan Hadid Briagde						Unverified. Appears linked to the Abdullah Azzam Brigades

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Gathering of Western Qalamoun							Unverified. Is a component of the Southern Front. It is unclear if currently active but last posted to Facebook on 7/26/15.
	II Division Special Forces					Southern MOC	Component of the Southern Front
	Abu Obaida Battalion						
	Ahrar al-Qalamoun Battalions						
	Rahman Corps				X		
		al-Habib al-Mustafa Brigade					
	Al-Sarkha Battalions						
	Asoud al-Sunna Battalions					Southern MOC	Component of the Southern Front

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Battalion 215						
	Friends of the Prophet Mohammad Battalion						
	Hamad Brigade						
	Hawsh Arab Martyrs Gathering						
	Katiba al-Mutahabeen Billah						
	Kata'ib al-Ansar						

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Damascus (cont.)

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Katiba Shuhada al-Nabek						
	Liwa Ahrar Hafir						
	Liwa Rijal Allah						
	Liwa Seif al-Haq						
	Liwa Suqour al-Qalamoun						
	Liwa Suqour al-Umawayeen						
	Liwa Tahrir al-Qalamoun						
	Jaysh Tahirir al-Sham						Component of the Southern Front
	Liwa Thura al-Sha'ab						

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Men of Qalamoun Battalion						
	Saif al-Islam Battalion						
	Shield of Qalamoun Brigade						
	Katiba Shaid Mamoud Murad						
	Katiba Shuhada al-Sarkha						
	Katiba Yousef al-Sadiq						
Eastern Qalamoun Operations Room				X			
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X				
	Ahrar al-Sham		X			Turkey & Saudi Arabia	

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	Rahman Corps			X			
	Jaysh al-Islam		X	X			
	Martyr Lieutenant Ahmed Abdou Brigades				X	Southern MOC	Component of the Southern Front
	Originality and Development Front		X				Also active in Aleppo
		Jaysh Asoud al-Sharqiya					
Free Floating Rebel Groups							
	Furqan Brigades		X			Southern MOC	Component of the Southern Front
	Damascus Martyrs Brigade		X				Component of the Southern Front
	Jaysh al-Ababil						Component of the Southern Front

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Dera'a & Quneitra							
Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Jaysh al-Harmoun							Active in Southwestern Damascus Countryside and Northern Quneitra Countryside
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	
	Fursan al-Sunna Battalion						Also active in Damascus
	Harakat Shuhada al-Sham al-Islamiya						
	Liwa al-Sayyid al-Messiyah						
	Liwa Jabal al-Sheikh						
	Liwa Omar bin al-Khatab						

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Dera'a & Quneitra (cont.)

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Liwa Tawhid al-Asima						
	Liwa Osama bin Zaid						
	Siyad al-Usoud Battalion						
Jaysh al-Fatah Southern Sector							
	Jabhat al-Nusra		X	X			
	Ahrar al-Sham		X	X		Turkey & Saudi Arabia	Also a signatory to the Fatah al-Sham Operations Room
		Suqour al-Sham	X				Also a signatory to the Fatah al-Sham Operations Room

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Fatah al-Sham Joint Operations Room						
		Harakat Muthanna al-Islamiya					
		Kita'ib Aknaf Beit al-Maqdis					
		Jaysh al-Islam	X		X		
		Ajnad al-Sham	X		X		Also active in Idlib, Hama, Dera'a, and Quneitra
		Abu Obaida Battalion					
		Ilwiya wa Kita'ib al-Sahaba	X				Also active in Damascus
		Ansar al-Huda Gathering					
		Jama'at Basha'ir al-Islam					
		Katibat Aswad al-Aqsad					A component of Ahrar al-Sham
		Liwa al-I'tisam Billah					

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
		Liwa al-Shahid al-A'qeed Ahmed al-Omar					
		Mashrou Bena' Umma					
	Liwa Ahaya al-Jihad						
	Liwa al-Umarayn al-Islami						
	Liwa Ansar al-Haqq						
	Liwa Usoud al-Tawhid						
	Tajamu al-Mujahideen Nawa						

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Dera'a & Quneitra (cont.)

Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
Southern Front				X			
	Furqan Brigades		X			Southern MOC	Damascus-based. Exact contributions unknown
	Jabhat Ansar al-Islam		X			Southern MOC & Turkey	Also active in Damascus
	First Army			X		Southern MOC	
		Hamza Division				Southern MOC	
		First Artillery Regiment				Southern MOC	
		Syrian Revolutionaries Front - Southern Sector				Southern MOC	
	Tahalaf Suqour al-Janoub				X	Southern MOC	
		March 18 Division				Southern MOC	
		Fallujah Houran Division					

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
		Jaysh al-Yarmouk				Southern MOC	Group's leader Bashar Zoubi appears to have been sidelined by the MOC
		Firqat Usoud al-Sunnah				Southern MOC	
		Liwa Tawhid al-Janub					
	Usoud al-Harb Operations Room				X	Southern MOC	
		Liwa Mua'taz Billah				Southern MOC	
		Alwiyat al-Omari				Southern MOC	
		Liwa Shabab al-Sunna				Southern MOC	
		Liwa Tawhid Kita'ib Houran				Southern MOC	
	First Corps				X	Southern MOC	
		Fajr al-Tawhid Division				Southern MOC	

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
		8th Infantry Brigade					
		19th Infantry Brigade					
		21st Infantry Division					
		99th Infantry Division					
		Furqat Nasr					
		Salah al-Din Division				Southern MOC	
		Liwa al-Haramayn al-Shurayfayn					
		Liwa Fursan al-Houriya					
		Liwa Asafa al-Jaboub al-Har					
		Liwa Sajoul					
		Liwa Jasahr al-Houran					
		55th Infantry Brigade					
		Liwa Saraya al-Karama					

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
		Liwa Shuhada al-Harra					
	Seif al-Sham Brigades				X	Southern MOC	
	24th Infantry Division						
	Ahrar Nawa Division						
	Fajr al-Islam Division					Southern MOC	
	Liwa al-Mughawir al-Awli						
	Liwa Jaydour Houran						
	Shahid Ra'ed al-Masri						
	Jabhat al-Sham al-Muwahida					Southern MOC	

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	69th Special Forces Division					Southern MOC	
	Damascus Martyrs Brigade		X				Component of the Southern Front
	Jaysh al-Ababil						Also active in Damascus
	Liwa Ahrar Inkhil						
	First Brigade						
	Liwa Muatassim Billah						
	Liwa Muhajireen wal-Ansar					Southern MOC	
	Liwa Amoud Houran					Southern MOC	
	Katibat Fadayeen Houran						

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Operations Room	Rebel Group	Local components of group	Cross-Province	Power-broker	Potential Power-broker	Financed by	Notes
	Liwa Khayalat al-Zaydi						
	Liwa Ahsa'ar al-Lajat						
	Ansar al-Sunnah						
	Liwa Fursan Houran						
	Liwa Shuhada al-Islam					Southern MOC	
	Liwa Shuhada Houran						

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