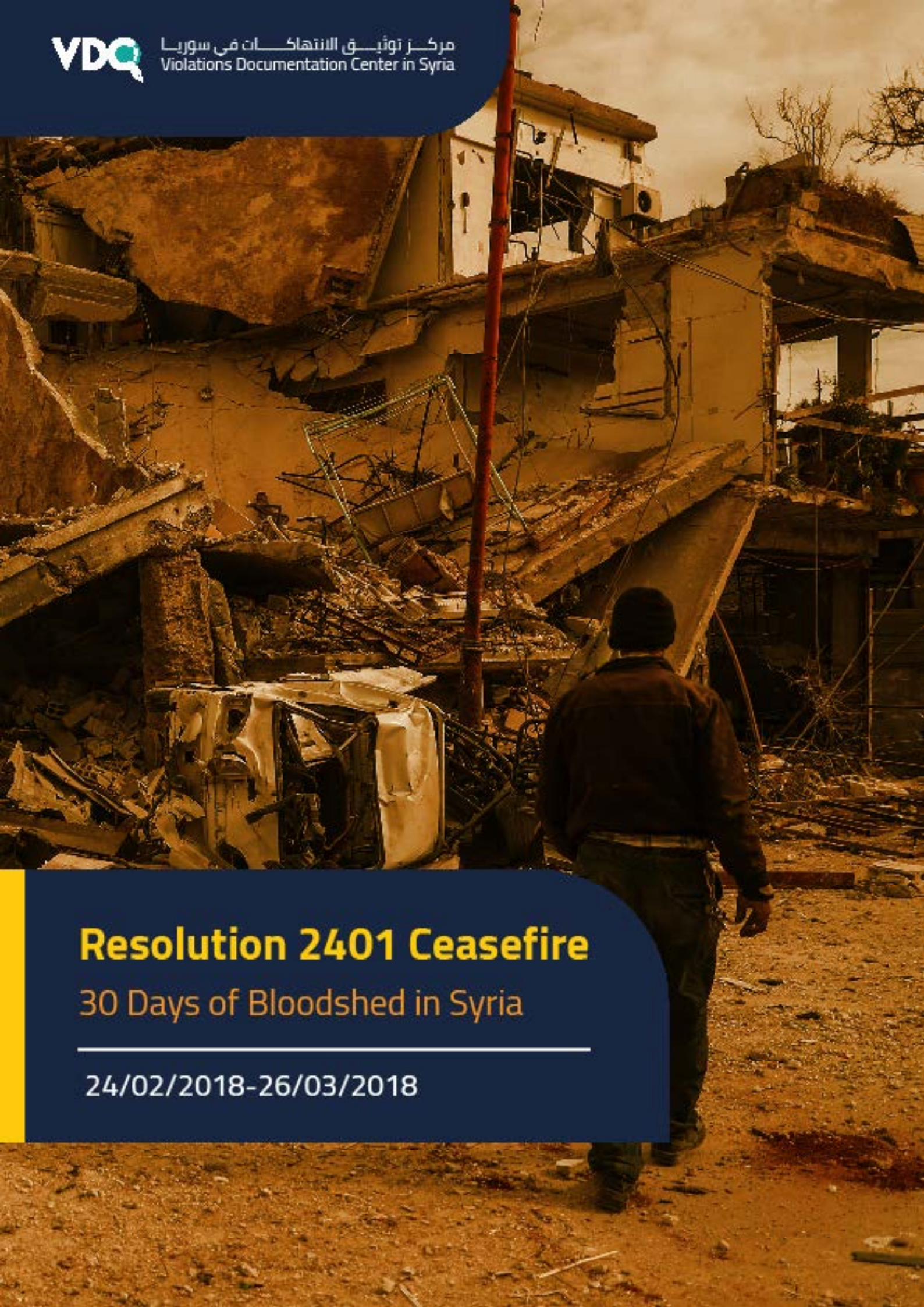




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Resolution 2401 Ceasefire

30 Days of Bloodshed in Syria

24/02/2018-26/03/2018

Executive Summary

The Violations Documentation Center (VDC) has monitored the implementation of [Security Council Resolution 2401](#), which was adopted unanimously by the members of the Council on February 24, 2018. The VDC clearly notes that none of the provisions of the resolution were implemented with the exception of the entry of the humanitarian convoy to the city of Douma on March 5, 2018.

The report shows the extent of breaches of this resolution and the extent of non-compliance by all parties on the ground. Among the most significant violators of this resolution is the Russian government, a permanent member of the Security Council and one of the voters that approved the resolution.

Methodology

- The VDC relied on its field team in Syria to document and collect the breaches of Resolution 2401 presented in this report. The field team have taken photographs and collected data, as well as conducted interviews. The data also includes information obtained from hospitals, medical points, and the Red Crescent team in certain cases. All the data in this report was audited in accordance to the methodology of the VDC by a team of inspectors. The VDC conducted a comprehensive analysis of the data that was collected directly. Testimonies of witnesses, who were interviewed separately, were cross checked by the VDC's staff. The VDC also used Google maps to verify the locations of the raids and the events mentioned in the various testimonies, which were cross checked by all relevant information provided to the VDC.
- In cases of suspected use of chemical weapons, it is difficult to confirm the use of certain substances in military attacks without laboratory tests. But the signs, smells and symptoms cited by both witnesses and doctors indicate that Syrian government forces used chlorine gas in the cases described in this report. Similarly, the marks left on shelling sites, as well as the bodies of victims indicate a probable use of the napalm.
- This report covers breaches of Security Council Resolution 2401 during the first 30 days following the issuance of the resolution. This includes three key points contained in the resolution's body:
 - 1) **The commitment of the parties concerned to the ceasefire during the said period:**
 - I. Size and number of violations and distribution by region and perpetrators
 - II. Targeting of hospitals and medical staff
 - III. Use of prohibited weapons
 - IV. Numbers and statistics concerning casualties

- 2) **Entry of humanitarian convoys to areas in need:**
 - I. Number and distribution of humanitarian convoys to different regions
 - II. Targeting of convoys
- 3) **Lifting of the siege on the areas and civilian communities:**
 - I. Forced displacement
- 4) **Number and statistics on casualties**

- In this report, the VDC identifies violations of Resolution 2401 with regards to the above-mentioned points. In the case of "adherence to the cease-fire", the VDC treats every single air strike or raid as one violation.
- This report uses only data that the VDC was able to verify. Data that could not be verified was archived for possible future usage if it is verified.

The data contained in this report is not final and is subject to constant scrutiny, updating and follow-up by the database team at the VDC. In the case of death tolls and related statistics, the latest report is considered to be the most accurate.

1st:

The commitment of the parties concerned to a ceasefire for the duration of 30 days:

I- Ceasefire Breaches

The VDC recorded 1203 breaches of the ceasefire between February 24th and March 26th.

II. Targeting of hospitals and medical staff:

The VDC has documented 16 strikes on hospitals and medical staff throughout Syria. Most of the targeting was concentrated in Eastern Ghouta. The VDC recorded the direct targeting of Afrin hospital in Afrin city by Turkish warplanes on March 16, 2018. "We shared the locations of 29 hospitals and medical points with UNOCHA on March 12th with both the Syrian and Russian governments, the Turkish government, and the Global Coalition against Daesh," said Dr. Mohammad Kattoub of SAMS. "Then an airstrike targeted Arbin hospital on March 20th, a hospital whose location was shared. The hospital was targeted with a penetrating guided missile, which fortunately did not explode, but killed one patient inside the hospital."

III. Use of prohibited weapons:

The VDC recorded a suspected use of prohibited weapons in 44 attacks between February 24th and March 26th. 545 barrel bombs were deployed by the Syrian Air Force on residential neighborhoods and civilian objects.

The VDC has recorded 9 suspected chlorine attacks, 28 suspected uses of napalm and 8 suspected white phosphorus attacks. The VDC had previously issued a [detailed report](#) on the suspected use of chlorine and napalm in the town of Al-Shayfouniya.



Pictures of mortar shells that were potentially loaded with Napalm and that targeted Douma on March 24th 2018 - VDC

IV. The numbers and statistics of the dead:

From February 24, 2018 to March 26, 2018, the VDC recorded 1573 civilian deaths throughout Syria from a total of 1911 deaths. The civilian death toll includes 284 children.

Syrian government forces are responsible for the deaths of 1378 people, while the Russian government forces killed 148 people. Armed opposition groups killed 196 people.

2nd: Humanitarian Convoys

Since the issuance of Resolution 2401, the VDC has registered only one international aid convoy entry into Douma in two phases that took place on March 5, 2018 and March 9, 2018.

The aid convoy that entered Douma on March 5th was forced to leave the city hours after its arrival and before unloading its entire aid supply. The convoy then entered Douma again on March 9th to complete the unloading of aid supply.

No other aid convoys entered into Eastern Ghouta. The area was divided into three parts by military operations carried out by the Syrian and Russian government forces. As a result, civilians outside of Douma were not able to benefit from the convoy's

humanitarian aid. Douma hosts a large number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from other regions in Eastern Ghouta, having held 15,000 IDPs on the eve of the convoy's first entry on March 5th. This rendered the convoy's supply for the civilians of Douma insufficient.

The VDC [documented](#) Syrian government warplane and artillery attacks during the convoy's presence in Douma on March 5th. The VDC also [documented](#) the direct targeting of the convoy on March 9th, which forced the convoy team to seek shelter with residents for a few hours and send appeals to the Syrian and Russian governments to stop the shelling.

3rd: Lifting of sieges on areas and communities:

The sieges continued on all the areas besieged in Syria before the resolution was issued. The VDC did not record any total or partial lifting of the sieges. According to VDC documentation, the besieged areas in Syria are the following:

	Name of Region	Governorate	Controlling Force
1	Siege of areas in south Damascus (Hajar Al-Aswad- Al-Tadamun- *(Al-Qadam-Yarmouk Camp	Damascus	ISIS +Nusra Front HTS
2	*Hajeen	Deir Ezzor	ISIS
3	* Al-Shaafa	Deir Ezzor	ISIS
4	Khan Al-Shaiykh Camp	Rural Damascus	Armed Opposition Groups
5	Talbeesa	Homs	Armed Opposition Groups
6	Al-Rastan	Homs	Armed Opposition Groups
7	Al-Houla	Homs	Armed Opposition Groups
8	Eastern Ghouta - Douma	Rural Damascus	Armed Opposition Groups
9	Kekraya and Foua	Idlib	Syrian Government Forces
10	Al-Zaafarana	Homs	Armed Opposition Groups

*These areas are not included in Resolution 2401

Forced displacement:

The VDC recorded forced displacement in various areas of Syria that took place from February 24th to March 26th. Movement was concentrated in two main areas: from Eastern Ghouta to the south and from the Afrin region to the north.



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The commitment of the parties concerned to the ceasefire during the said period

Deir Ezzor

Syrian Government Forces, global coalition

Aleppo and its countryside

Syrian Government Forces, Turkish Army and Turkish Army allies in the Armed Opposition

Idlib and its countryside

Russian Forces, Syrian Government Forces

Hama and its countryside

Russian Forces, Syrian Government Forces

Homs and its countryside

Syrian Government Forces

Eastern Ghouta

Russian Forces, Syrian Government Forces

Damascus

Opposition Armed Forces, Unknown

Daraa and its countryside

Syrian Government Forces

The VDC documented

1203

ceasefire breaches in the period between February 24th and March 26th

87

169

163

11

42

84

597

50

Napalm **27** Attacks

Russian Forces | Syrian Government Forces

Chlorine **9** Attacks

Russian Forces | Syrian Government Forces

White phosphorus **8** Attacks

Russian Forces | Syrian Government Forces

suspected prohibited
weapon attacks

44

From February 24th to March 26th



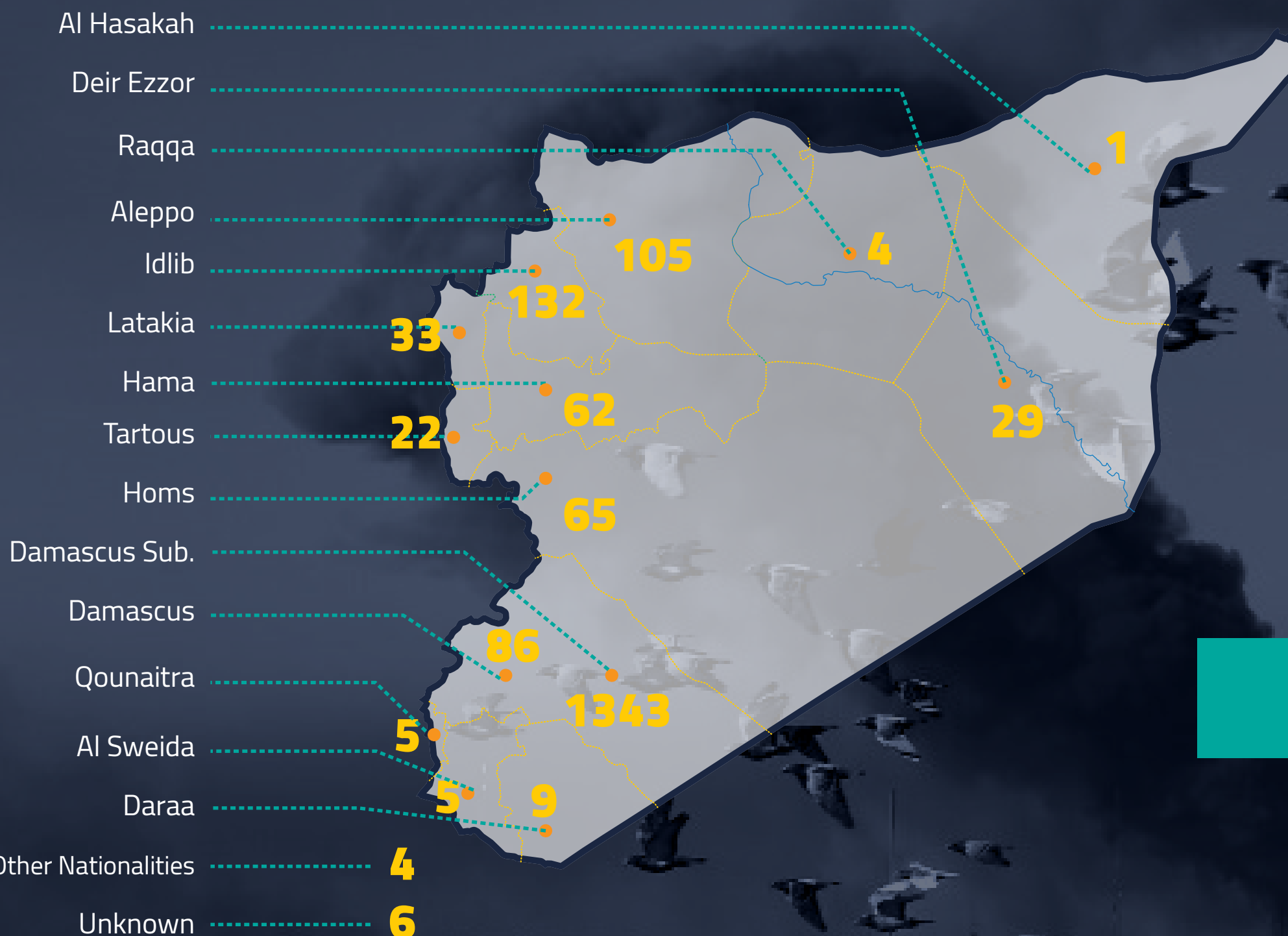
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Statistics on Battle-related Deaths

From 24/2/2018
To 26/3/2018

The VDC Documented

1911



338

17.68%
Non-Civilians

1573

82.31%
Civilians



115

Female Children



169

Male Children



232

Female Adults



1057

Male Adults



338

Non-Civilian
Male Adult

Forced Displacement

Since 24/2/2018

Until 26/3/2018

People left Afrin to Nubol and Zahraa
and northern countryside of Aleppo

100,000

Left Ghouta towards temporary shelters
in Adraa, Hirjilleh, Najha
Nashabiye and Duweir

Left Ghouta to Idlib
120,000 awaiting a similar fate

55,000

Displaced from different areas in
Eastern Ghouta towards Douma

12,000

15,000





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