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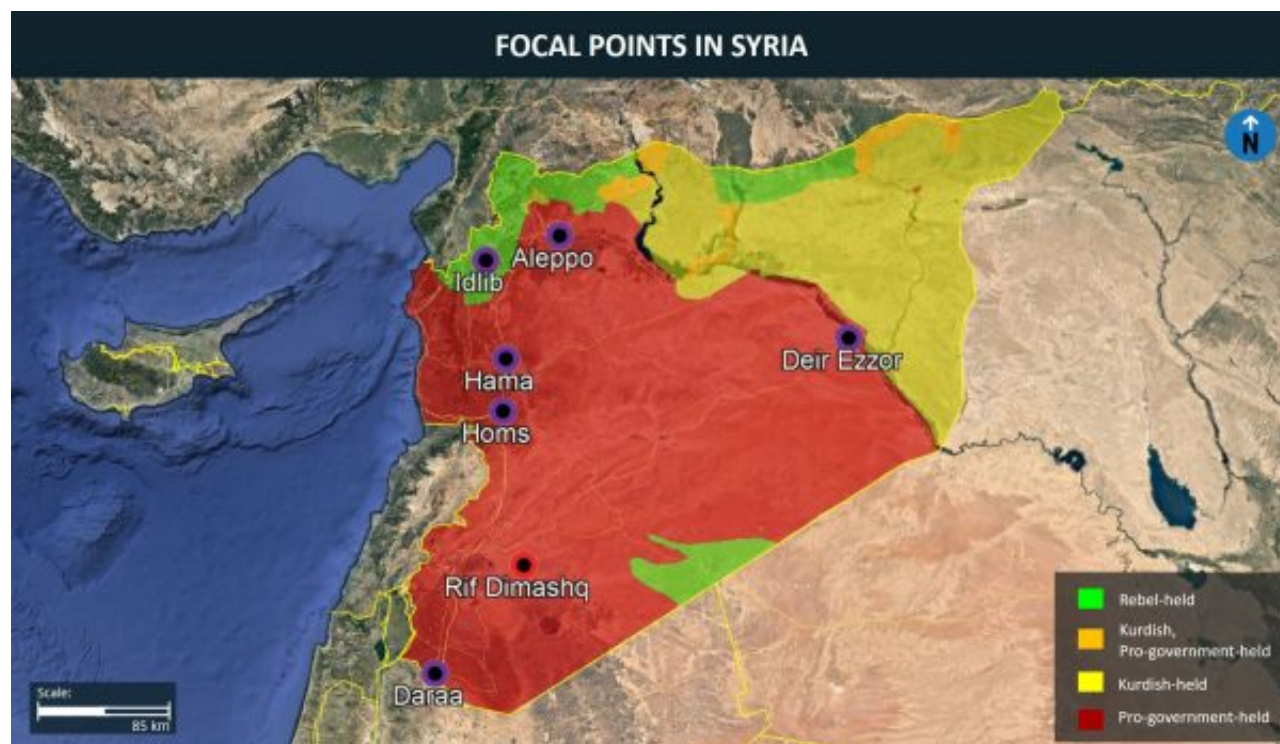
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Syria SITUATION UPDATE: No hostilities recorded between pro-government forces, rebels in Daraa al-Balad since September 6; potential for fighting to resume remains

Executive Summary:

- The September 7 explosion in the vicinity of Deir Ezzor's al-Omar oil field comes amid a regionwide uptick in attacks near facilities linked to US interests. It highlights the risk posed to US troops operating near such facilities due to underlying threat of attacks.
- On September 6, the Russian military police entered Daraa al-Balad neighborhood to enforce the ceasefire announced on September 1. In addition, the Syrian Arab Army (SAA) entered the neighborhood as part of the ceasefire's terms for the establishment of checkpoints in the area. This is the first time since 2011 the SAA has entered Daraa al-Balad rendering it symbolic.
- While the overall situation in Daraa al-Balad has remained calm in recent days, the deployment of the SAA is likely to amplify the existing grievances among the rebel-dominated demographic and result in localized attacks. This situation thus has the potential to devolve and collapse the ceasefire in the coming weeks.

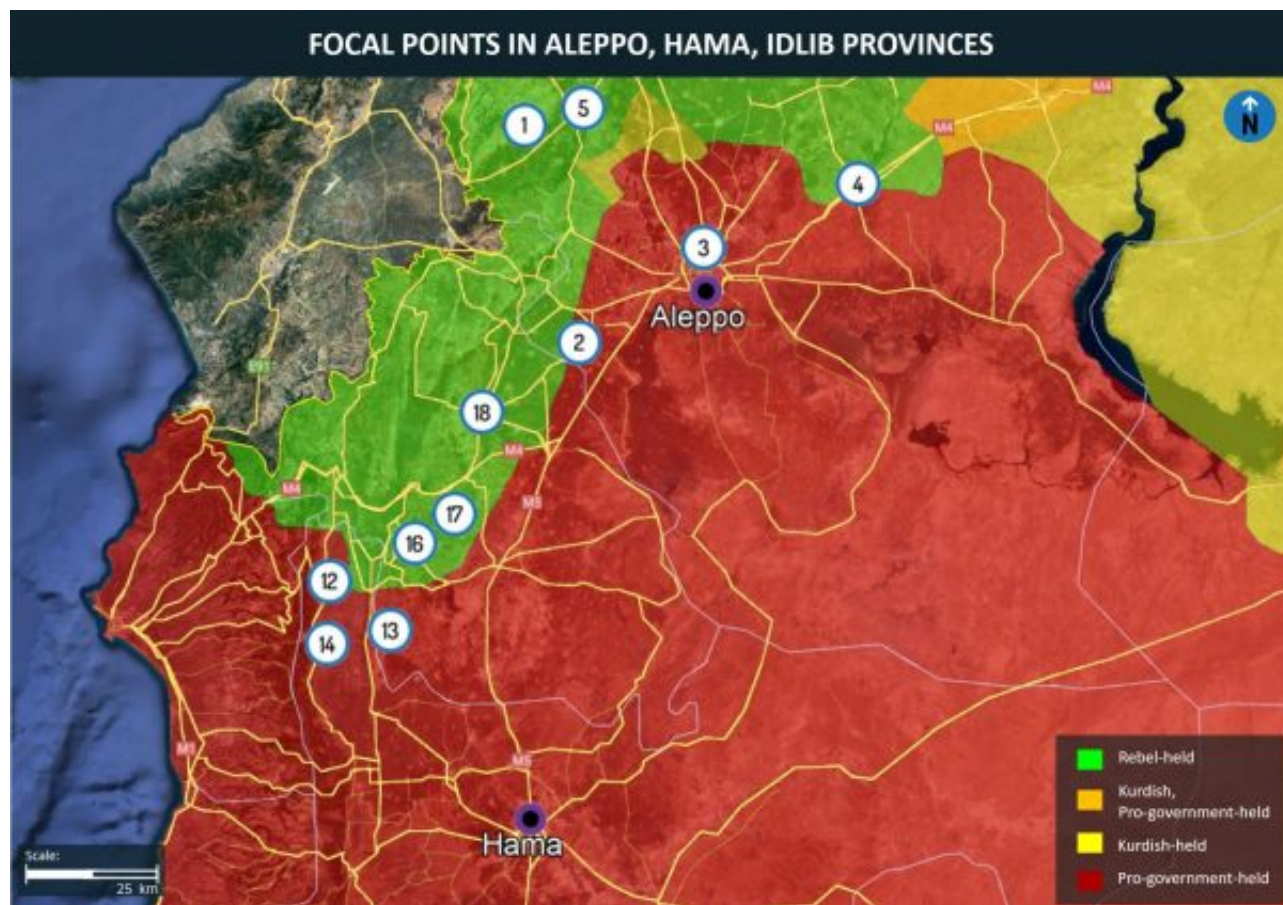


Please be advised:

Across the country, the following incidents have been reported:

Aleppo Province

Map #	Date	Location	Brief Description
1	August 31	Iskan	Airstrikes attributed to Russia targeted a training camp by Faylaq al-Sham. As the fighters were training outside the facility at the time of the attack, no casualties were recorded.
2	September 3	Mizanaz	The Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) stated it had conducted shelling against Iran-backed forces in the area.
3	September 5	Ashrafiyye	At least two individuals were reportedly killed and others were wounded following the detonation of a vehicle laden with explosives.
4	September 7	al-Bab	Turkey's national news agency reported that one Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) soldier was killed in an unspecified attack in the "Operation Euphrates Shield" area. Additional Turkish reports indicate that it was a rocket attack targeting a Turkish base. Four civilians were wounded in the attack.
5	September 7	Afrin	Syrian National Army (SNA) claims that it repelled an infiltration attempt by the SDF.



Daraa Province

Map #
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Date
September 1

Location
Daraa al-Balad

Brief Description
The spokesperson of the rebel-affiliated Daraa Central Committee, Adnan al-Masalama, announced that a ceasefire agreement had been reached with the Syrian government on August 31. The accord stipulates the entry of the Russian military police, and the establishment of centers to determine the status of wanted residents. Pro-government forces committed to lifting the siege on Daraa al-Balad, and release detainees. Reports indicate that Russian Military Police units entered

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September 1

Daraa al-Balad

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September 3

the neighborhood. 34 individuals handed over their weapons. The ceasefire was largely adhered to, with no instances of fighting being recorded.