

In the name of Allah the Merciful

Declaration of Principles

Between:

1-The Leader of Jaysh al-Islam [The Army of Islam]: 'Asam Buydani

2-The Leader of Faylaq al-Rahman [The al-Rahman Legion]: 'Abdi al-Naser Shamir

The first principle: There will be a ceasefire and a prohibition of armed provocations between the brothers. The detainees will also be set free and the public roads will be opened to civilians. The institutions will return to their owners and the official media incitement will stop. The implementation of the content of this principle will start upon signing.

The second principle: East Ghouta is one geographic and demographic unit indivisible in ruling areas of influence.

The third principle: The verdicts in cases of assassinations and bloodshed [brought] to court will be agreed upon, and it will be committed to implement its ruling.

The fourth principle: There will be a commitment to a complete coordination and shared cooperation to guard the fronts.

The fifth principle: All the debated points (fronts, weapons, headquarters, money and properties) will be put on a worksheet and the priorities will be agreed on in order to settle a time schedule.

The sixth principle: The approved Events Committee of the city is the committee responsible for communication and coordination between Faylaq al-Rahman and Jaysh al-Islam. It is also authorised to talk to the media on the progress of the negotiations.

These are the members of the Committee:

- President of the Provincial Council, Professor Ikram Ta'ama
 - Director of the Health Division in East Ghouta, Sakhir al-Dimashqi
 - President of the Financial Office, Professor Mustafi Qathoo'
 - Director of Education in Damascus Countryside, Professor 'Adnan al-Sayak
 - President of the General Authority in East Ghouta, Professor Mohammad Sliman al-Dahla
 - Doctor Abu 'Adnan (Independent)
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- This agreement has been signed in three copies, one copy for each faction as well as the Committee retains a copy.
 - The annex of these principles is considered from these.

These principles were signed after the eshaa prayer [The dinner prayer] on Tuesday 17 Shaaban 1437, corresponding to 24/5/2016 in East Ghouta.

(May Allah save them and release them) Thank Allah that His grace is righteous

The Leader of Jaysh al-Islam

Sheikh Abu Hamam 'Asam Buydhani

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The Leader of Faylaq al-Rahman

Captain 'Abdul al-Nasr al-Shamir

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