

## Announcement

### **of Factions of Jaysh al-Islam [The Army of Islam], Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis [The Protector of the Holy House] and Jaysh al-Ababil [The Army of al-Ababil], who control North Damascus (Syria) regarding joining the suspension of hostilities**

Factions of Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil, who control North Damascus (Syria), shown in the attached map, invite the Republic of the Russian Federation as one of the countries to be a guarantor of the commitment to cease of fighting, agreed upon on 30 December 2016 in Syria. It refers to the following:

- 1- Factions of Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil join the state of cease of fighting, as stated in the announcement on 30/12/2016, from 12.00 Damascus time on 12/10/2017.
- 2- Factions of Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil prepare to participate in the negotiation process on a political settlement with the goal of finding a comprehensive solution to the Syrian crisis by peaceful means, according to the Astana Resolutions and the Resolutions of the Security Council related to the Syrian Crisis.
- 3- Factions of Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil express their satisfaction with the role of the Russian Federation as guarantor of implementing the state of cease of fighting in North Damascus. They also agree to their measures for the control forces to secure the state of cease of fighting within its borders.
- 4- Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil refuse the inhabitants of the area of North Damascus to be forcefully displaced to other places in Syria.
- 5- Factions of Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil request the Republic of the Russian Federation to use its influence to continue the operation of the crossings in Bebila and to provide humanitarian objectives in North Damascus as well as to continue the entrance of nutritional and medical materials.
- 6- Factions of Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil agree on a shared operation by preparing an agreement of North Damascus within three weeks.
- 7- Factions of Jaysh al-Islam, Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis and Jaysh al-Ababil request the representative of the Defence Ministry of the Russian Federation to present this announcement to the sides responsible for implementing the state of cease of fighting in Syria.

The agreement was made in Cairo on 8 October 2017 under the supervision of The Arab Republic of Egypt. [It is published] in six versions which all possess the same legal force in the two languages of Russian and Arabic.

From factions of Jaysh al-Islam

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Mohammad 'Alosh

From factions of Aknaf Bayt al-Muqadis

[Illegible]

Mohammad 'Alosh

From factions of Jaysh al-Abadil

[Illegible]

Ahmad al-Jibawi

The Received Request

Representative of the Defence Ministry of the Republic of the Russian Federation [Illegible]

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