

Homs Ceasefire

December 4, 2015

First Phase:

1. A full ceasefire for a period of ten days from the date of signing the agreement.
2. Expulsion [from the talks] of those who contravene or breach this agreement
3. Presentation of a list of medium and heavy weapons, which are to be surrendered during the second phase.
4. Humanitarian organisations will be permitted to do their work
5. The 'Diwār Muhandisīn' Road connecting the al-Wa'ir neighbourhood and the city will be opened for pedestrians only. [Government] Security forces will establish a checkpoint. Those wishing to relocate outside the neighbourhood will be allowed to return to settle their affairs in the office located beside the checkpoint. Those needing to settle [further] issues are to be taken to the [city] centre.
6. The Neighbourhood Committee shall prepare lists of those missing, kidnapped, or of unknown fate, and will thereby work to determine their fates. In addition, a list of names shall be prepared to include those arrested and facing prison sentences by the regime, [who will later] be released upon surrendering medium and heavy weaponry in the second phase.

At the end of the first phase, the actions taken will be evaluated to avoid negative repercussions. The undertaking of phase one is also limited to 25 days, and on the condition that no article will be implemented unless article one is upheld.

Second Phase:

1. All medium and heavy weaponry is to be gathered by the Joint Commission consisting of the Neighbourhood and Regime Committees. The weapons will remain in storage facilities within the neighbourhood (in the al-Barr Hospital). These arms will be barred from use and under the supervision of the Joint Commission.
2. The roads leading to general services (the Post Office, and the Directorate of Environmental Affairs) and the government roundabouts ([the roundabouts including] the station, the Judicial Palace and the blood bank, etc.) will be opened. The protection of roads will be undertaken by a limited number of men from the intelligence services and the police for the specified duration exclusively. The police and intelligence services will be responsible for the operation of these services, whereon this will be discussed with the Central Negotiation Commission.
3. A plan will be presented that includes mine disposal within the neighbourhood, except the area of al-Jazīrah al-Siba'ah.
4. Civilians who left or were displaced shall return to the neighbourhood.
5. Release of those who have been arrested, except for convicts or those referred to court, and of those kidnapped on both sides.
6. Medium and heavy weapons located in the al-Barr Hospital will be handed over to the regime.

7. The implementation of this phase will take between 15 and 25 days.

Third Phase:

At the end of these terms, the situation of the areas of Jazīrah al-Siba'ah and al-Basatīn will be assessed in a meeting between the two sides.

[End of the Agreement]

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¹ Not stated in original agreement. Sourced from third party media. Particularly *Syria Direct*. See; <http://syriadirect.org/news/regime-%E2%80%98serious%E2%80%99-about-waer-truce-says-opposition-negotiator/>