

Instrument of Agreement

In response to the initiative launched by the Shurah and Reconciliation Council in Aleppo between the two parties, the following items were agreed:

1. A mutual ceasefire between the two parties.
2. The crossing of civilians to and from Sheikh Maqsoud to Afrin through the safe areas and checkpoints under the control of the Fatah Operations Room of Aleppo in the context of prior coordination.
3. Closure of the crossing in the Sheikh Maqsoud area linking to areas under the control of the [Syrian] regime. A joint committee between the parties [Fatah Operations Room of Aleppo and the People's Protection Units] will monitor the closure.
4. The opening of crossings leading to Afrin.
5. Factions of the Operations Room that liberated Aleppo may access Eastern Sheikh Maqsoud in accordance with the Rebel Army¹ and the People's Protection Units.
6. Possession of Sheikh Maqsoud is shared between the two sides.
7. Form a military commission consisting of both parties to implement this agreement and investigate locations for approval or rejection.

Agreement comes into force upon signature and distribution in the media.

God is the Conciliator.

Agreement is valid from 8pm on Saturday 19 December 2015.

People's Protection Units [signed and stamped]

Fatah Operations Room [signed and stamped]

Source: Kadar Ahmed. 'Aleppo: Important Agreement between People's Protection Units and the Fatah Operations Room', *Kurdstreet*, 19 December 2015, <https://bit.ly/2jKkw89> [accessed 2 December 2017]

[Unofficial translation by RA Forster, University of Edinburgh]

¹ Free Syrian Army.