

In the name of Allah the Merciful

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Statement

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The present Central Court in Azaz has entered the conflict situation that has arisen between Harakat Ahrar al-Sham [The Movement of the Free Men of the Levant] on the one side and Jabhat al-Shamiyya [The Levant Front] on the other side concerning the dispute that arose by the major traffic checkpoint in the city of Afrin. The solution of the situation was that the Central Court will supervise the situation in Azaz by overlooking the conduct of the affairs of the checkpoint and crossing to the city of Afrin by removing the two sides from the management of the checkpoint. The Central Court will take over [the management]. The checkpoint of the National Hospital will be subject to supervision and management standards.

This was agreed on 25/7/2016.

On Wednesday 9/11/2016, members of Harakat Ahrar al-Sham, under the lead of Abu Hussni Ahrar, came to the mentioned checkpoint, dismissed the members of the court and took over the checkpoint with the force of weapons on the grounds that the court will not ban the passage of cars from the Bab al-Salama crossing towards the city of Afrin.

Despite the request of the Central Court to Abi al-Waleed Ahrar al-Sham, Deputy Commander of Harakat Ahrar al-Sham in Azaz, to implement the agreement according to its wording, he did not do so. He did not take the incident of the checkpoint seriously, stating that 80% of the resources of the checkpoint belong to Harakat Ahrar al-Sham.

In order for the Central Court in the province to follow its principle of neutrality in dealing with general issues, the Court has decided that:

There will be an apology for dismissing the implementation of the mentioned agreement between the two sides. The elements of the judicial control and its official documents will be withdrawn.

(Allah be behind our intention)

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President of the Central Court – Azaz

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