

***What is the extent of Turkish support for  
Islamists in Syria***

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الدعم التركي للحركات الإسلامية في سوريا

# Turkey

## The scale of support

**Multiform  
Support**

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**Financial**

**Media**

**Politico-  
humanitarian**

**Military**



# Organizational geography

## Major Islamist Groups in Syria Dec. 2011

Small groups  
FSH-PJC-PLI

Salafist  
groups

Syrian Islamic  
Council

Ahrar  
al Sham

Jabhat  
al Nosra

Muslim  
Brotherhood

# Fatwa of 107 Ulemas of the Muslim World about the war in Syria

## 7 February 2012

**First joint communiqué from the Muslim Brotherhood and Salafist groups, signed by **Youssef Qaradawi**, Mufti of Qatar, **Rached Ghanouchi**, leader of Al Nahda party, and two Saudi preachers, **Awad Al Qarni** and **Salman Al Awda****

- "Members of the Syrian armed forces, law enforcement and other security formations are not allowed to kill or fire on a person of the Syrian people. It is incumbent of them to disobey orders given in this direction, even if this should lead to the death of the recalcitrant soldier. It is incumbent of them to give up their position and give up their mission.
- "It is not permissible to continue to exercise security and military responsibilities in the present circumstances. It is incumbent upon secession of any ceasing business.
- "We are launching a call to support the Syrian Free Army (ALS) to strengthen it, to join it to help defend civilians and target cities of power, as long as they are present. "We call on the Muslims and the Free World to support the formation of the Free Syrian Army by all material and moral means to enable it to fulfill its mission in the face of power.

■ "The need to support the revolutionaries of Syria and to provide them with all material and moral help to enable them to achieve their revolution and to recover their freedom and their rights.

■ "We call on the Arab and Muslim states to take a firm stand against the Syrian regime, expel its ambassadors and sever relations with it.

■ "As for the countries that support it, especially Russia and China, we are appealing to the Muslim peoples to send messages of protest to these two states; to demonstrate in front of their embassies all over the world; to boycott their products so that they do not take care to preserve their economic and military interests in Syria by bloodshed.

■ "Let these two countries know that the future of this area belongs to its peoples, whatever time it takes.

■ "Anyone who is betting on repressive regimes willing to kill their people, will inevitably lose."

■ "We make a sincere appeal to the Muslim World to form people's committees, to do everything in their power to support the Syrian people's revolution, and to help the refugees and their families, Syrian displaced persons, including those deployed in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon where they have high needs for food, medicine, shelter and material support.

## 107 من علماء الأمة يصدرون بيانا وفتوى بشأن أحداث سوريا

الثلاثاء، 15 ربيع الأول 1434هـ الموافق 7 / فبراير / 2012

أول بيان سلفي إخواني مشترك القرضاوي، الغنوشي، عوض القرني، سلمان العودة...

تؤكد ما يلي :

- لا يجوز لمنسوبي الجيش السوري أو الأمن أو التشكيلات الأخرى قتل أحد من أفراد الشعب، أو إطلاق النار باتجاههم، ويجب عليهم عصيان الأوامر إذا صدرت إليهم، ولو أدى الأمر إلى قتلهم، بل يجب عليهم ترك أعمالهم والانسحاب منها،

ونفتي بأنه لا يجوز الاستمرار في وظائف الأمن والجيش في ظل هذا الوضع، وبوجوب الانشقاق عنه والوقوف في وجهه .

- وندعو إلى دعم الجيش الحر وتعزيزه وتقويته والانضمام إليه للدفاع عن المدنيين وعن المدن والمؤسسات ما دامت عرضة للاستهداف، ونوجه النداء للمسلمين وللعالم الحر بدعم تشكيلات هذا الجيش ومساعدته بكل وسيلة ممكنة مادية أو معنوية ليتمكن من أداء دوره وترتيب صفوفه في مواجهة

- وجوب دعم الثوار في سوريا بكل ما يحتاجونه من إمكانيات مادية أو معنوية، ليتمكنوا من إنجاز ثورتهم والمضي في سبيل نيل حريتهم وحقوقهم .

- ندعو الدول العربية والإسلامية إلى مواقف جادة لإزاء النظام السوري بطرد سفرائه وقطع التعامل معه، وإزاء الدول المساندة وخاصة روسيا والصين، وندعو الشعوب الإسلامية ومؤسساتها إلى إيصال رسائل الاحتجاج لهاتين الدولتين، والاحتجاج أمام سفاراتها في كل مكان، ومقاطعة بضائعها، ومطالبتها بالألا تحول الدم النازف في سورية إلى أداة لحفظ وجودها العسكري والاقتصادي، ولتعلم هذه الدول أن المستقبل في المنطقة هو للشعوب، طال الزمن أو قصر، ومن يراهن على دعم أنظمة قمع مستبدة مستعدة لقتل شعوبها، فهو خاسر لا محالة .

- ندعو القوى المخلصة في العالم الإسلامي إلى تشكيل لجان شعبية في كل مكان لدعم ثورة الشعب السوري، ومساندته ولدعم النازحين والمشردين من أبناء هذا الشعب الكريم، خاصة في الأردن ولبنان وتركيا حيث حاجتهم إلى الغذاء والكساء والدواء والمساندة المعنوية .

Free Army 1  
Hussein Harmoush  
9/6/11 – 30/8/11  
Riad Al Assa'ad  
31/07/2011  
Mustafa al Sheikh  
06/01/2012

Free Army 2  
Lieutenant  
Tawfiq  
MIT  
Then  
Free Army 3  
Institutionnalisation  
(MOM)  
Military Operations and  
Support Coordination Room  
Europa- Qatar- Turkey

Free Army 4  
General Slim Idrees  
From MOM  
Dec. 2012  
To  
**Syrian National Army**  
under Turkish Direction  
General Slim Idrees  
4 Oct. 2019



# Organizational geography

## Major Islamist Groups in Syria Dec. 2013

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graph TD; A[Major Islamist Groups in Syria Dec. 2013] --- B[Islamic Front  
22/11/2013]; A --- C[Daech  
09/04/2013]; A --- D[Jabhat al Nosra  
Jan. 2012]; A --- E[Muslim Brotherhood];
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Islamic Front  
22/11/2013

Daech  
09/04/2013

Jabhat al Nosra  
Jan. 2012

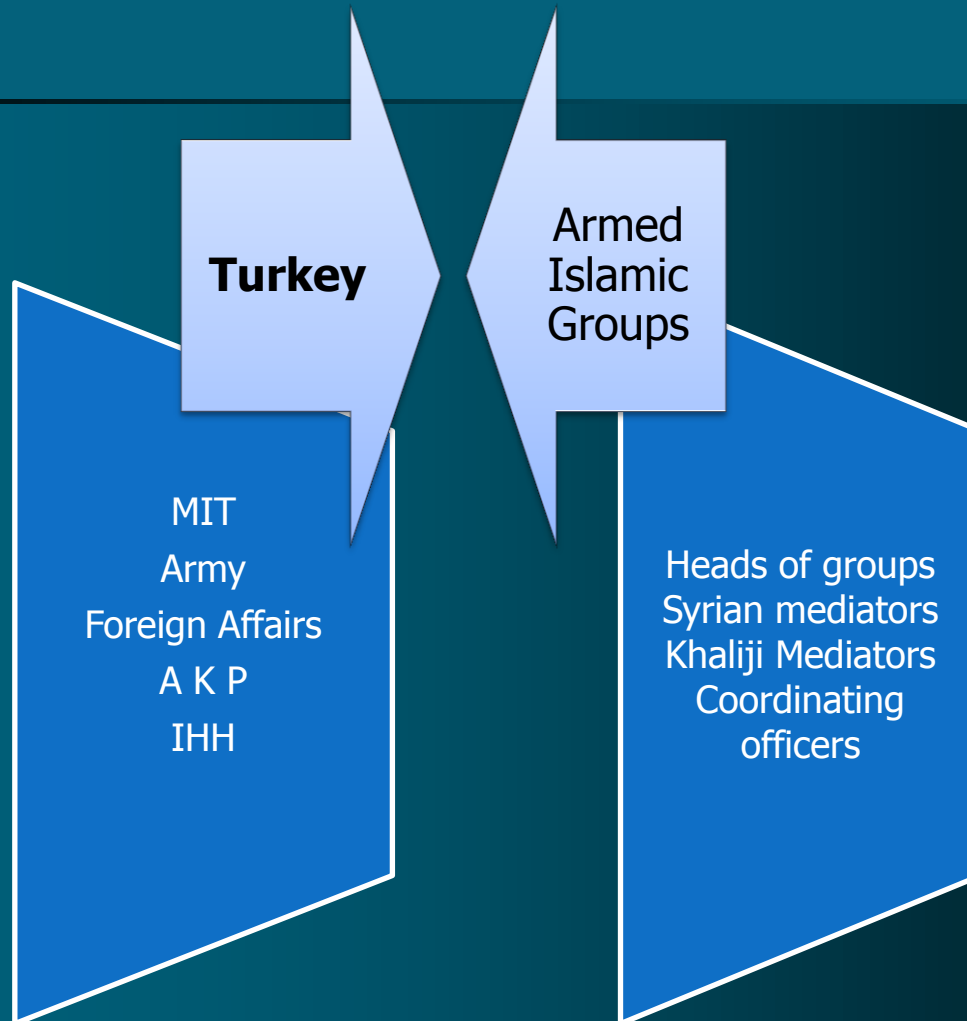
Muslim  
Brotherhood

# Jihad in Syria

## July 15, 2013

. Egyptian President Mohammad Morsi announced, in public and in person, the results of the first joint congress of Salafist scholars and scholars of Muslim Brotherhood. With great unanimity, scientists on both sides voted for jihad in Syria. The Egyptian Sheikh Salafist, Mohammad Hassan, had returned to the mission to proclaim the result of the congress. **"The pure land of Egypt hosted a congress of 500 scientists, representing more than 70 associations or leagues. Scientists have decreed jihad, a jihad by his person, by money or by arms. A duty for the Syrian people and for all Muslims around the world. "I am addressing you, President, to implement these decisions".**

# Turkey/Armed Islamic Groups



# Turkish networks

**Nour eddin  
Zinki and  
Sultan Murad**

Infiltration and management, Financial and media support, hostage management

**Turkmanstan  
Islamic Army**

Training, free circulation equipment financing by so-called popular networks, financial and media support

**Failaq  
Al Sham (FM)**

Legitimization as member of MOM, humanitarian foundations, unification of the Muslim Brotherhood groups, protection of the jihadist groups, financing of its militarization

**Al Fath + Dar'  
al furat+Gosn  
al Zaitoun**

Entertainment and Moukhabarti coordination, recruitment and transfer of fighters, supervision of military operations (Idlib, North Aleppo, Afrin) 30/05/2017 Turkish-Backed FSA (Hawar Kilis Operation Room) Euphrates Shield 20/01/2018 Zeytin Dalı Harekati

**Spring of  
Peace**

6 Oct, 2019 Began the Turkish offensive into north-eastern Syria, code-named by Turkey as Operation Peace Spring (*Barış Pınarı Harekâtı*), is a cross-border military operation conducted by the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) and the Syrian National Army (SNA) against the [Syrian Democratic Forces](#) (SDF) and the [Syrian Arab Army](#) (SAA) in Northeastern Syria.

# Turkey/DAECH

## *High security Network*

Hakan Fidan

Head of MIT

Absolute  
Parliamentary  
and  
governmental  
immunity

DAECH

Direct  
coordination

MIT

Abou Muslim

Turkmani

Real head of

DAECH

Military

Tall Afar Groupe ←

Abou Muslim  
Turkmani  
(Fadel al Hayari)

Mid 08/ 2015



Abou Omar  
Turkmani  
(Nosra)

Abou Ali alanbari  
(Abdel Rahman  
Mustafa) 05/15



Baghdadi

09/04/2013

01/01/2014

29/06/2014

28/10/2019

Syrien ←

Abou Mohammad  
al Adnani (Taha  
Sobhi Falaha)

30/08/16

Hajji Bakr  
(Samir  
Douleimi)

Jan 2014



Abou Abd al Rahman  
Billawi (Adnan Najm)

04/06/14



Ex Irakian Army ←

# Fighters Death List March 2017

SOHR

**Fighters of NDF and  
gunmen loyal to the  
Syrian regime:  
45290**

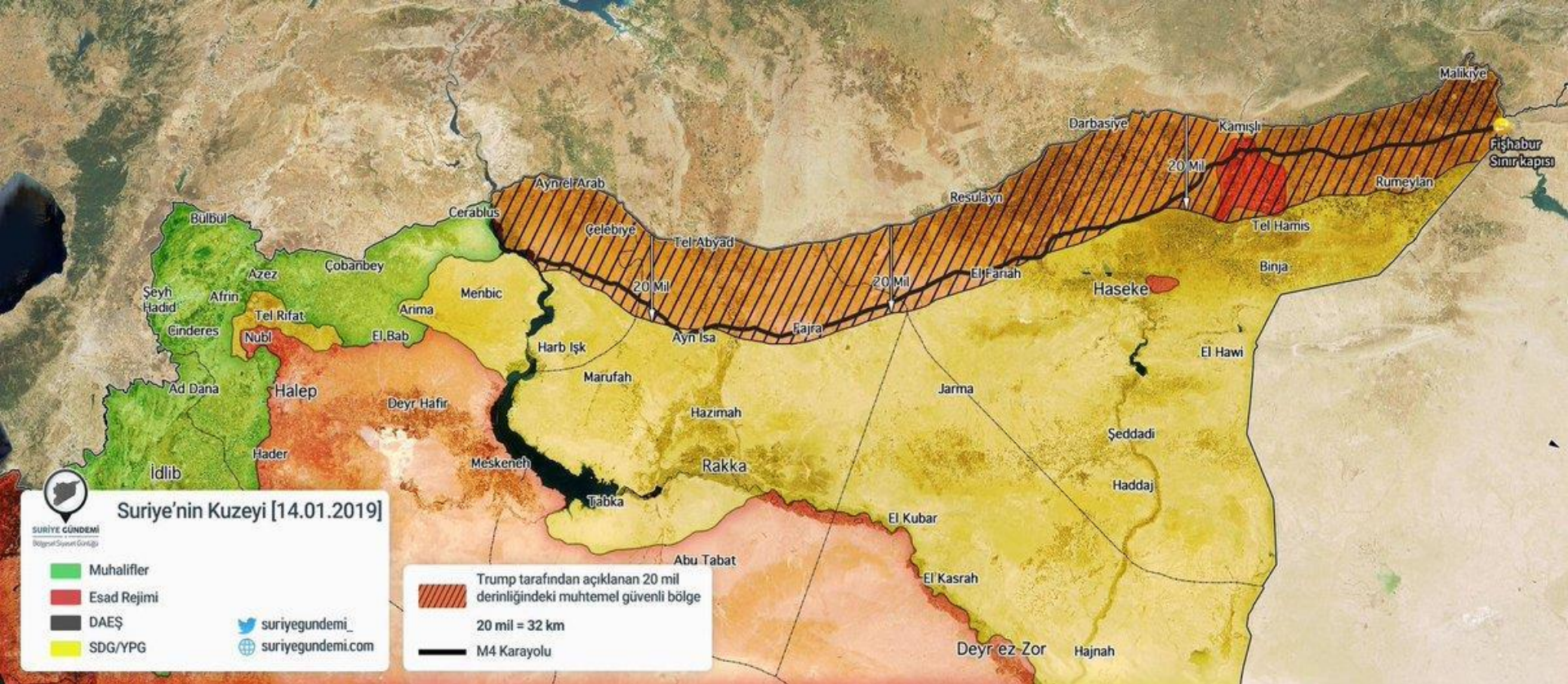
**No- Syrian against  
State Jihadists  
Fighters: 55875  
80% Turkish Border**

**Lebanese Hezbollah  
Fighters : 1421**

**Syrian opposition  
fighters IF, SDF, SFA :  
52333**

**Non-Syrian  
nationalities loyal to  
the regime forces of  
the Shiite  
community: 6862**

# 'Security Zone'





Behind 'peace spring', the biggest demographic change will take place in northern Syria after the displacement of the majority of Afrin residents following the Turkish occupation of Afrin in 18 March 2018 'Olive Branch Operation'

# At regional level: Dates and personalities

<p><b>Qatar</b></p>	<p>Hamad B. Khalifa – Hamad B. Jasem 18/03/2011 to 25/06/2013</p>
<p><b>Arabie Saoudite</b></p>	<p>Bandar B. Sultan Head of General Intelligence 19/07/2012- 15/04/2014 Salman B. Sultan 06/08/2013- 14/05/2014 Saoud B. Fayçal</p>
<p><b>Turquie</b></p>	<p>Recep Tayyib Errogran Ahmet Davutoglu (Foreign Affairs 2009/2014) (Prime Minister 27/08/2014-22/05/2016 Dr. Hakan Fidan Dirigent Millî Istihbarat Teskilati (MIT)</p>
<p><b>Iran</b></p>	<p>Ahmadi Najad Period: Foreign Affairs – Rev. Guards- Hizbullah Rohani period: Foreign affairs for nuclear and Conflicts zone for guards (Soleimani)</p>
<p><b>Egypte</b></p>	<p>Conseil militaire: Minima: Nabil al Arabi et la League Arabe 12 mois de Morsi: Soutien de l’alliance islamiste QTFS Sissi : Tension et conflit avec QTFS</p>