

## **Weekly Conflict Summary**

April 20-26, 2017

During this reporting period, conflict in northern Syria escalated with Turkish airstrikes against Kurdish positions, the opposition expanded operations in southeast Syria, and evacuations under were completed. Additionally, pro-government forces continued to advance in northern Hama,

### **Northern Syria escalation**

On April 25, the Turkish air force struck the predominantly-Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in Derik, Hasakah. Key YPG media activists were in the Radio Rojava Building hit in the strike. An American military representative visited the site hit within hours to survey the damage and show support for the

. On April 20, the group captured the Alyana region from ISIS, forcing the surviving ISIS fighters to flee to Halba and Mahasa. The Alyana region is part of the Palmyra desert in Homs.

Opposition forces in Daraa governorate continued to fight the ISIS-affiliate, Jaysh Khalid Ibn al-Walid, striking positions with anti-tank guided missiles in addition to ongoing clashes.

**Southern Syria battles**

On April 23, Usoud al Sharqiya continued to advance against ISIS towards



