

## Video: State of Chaos in Northern Syria

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*Turkey is preoccupied with what is going on within its borders, but the general stat of chaos in northern and central Syria refuses to subside.*

The Syrian Arab Army (SAA) continuing to target militants violating the ceasefire in the northwestern region of Greater Idlib.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, at least 40 rockets and artillery shells were targeted at militant positions around the towns of Kafr Taal and Tadil in the western Aleppo countryside.

The attacks killed a member of al-Qaeda-affiliated Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), the ruler of Greater Idlib.

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On the same day, SAA targeted a position of the al-Qaeda-linked Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP) in the town of Ain La Rose in the southern countryside of Idlib. Two militants of the TIP were killed in the pinpoint strike.

In the southern province of Daraa, where the reconciliation agreement was concluded between the Damascus government and the former rebels, still the situation is not calm.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, a special operation was carried out by a commando unit from the SAA’s 5th Division.

The operation targeted three wanted militants who were taking shelter in a farm located between the towns of Nahtah and Mlaihah al-Sharqiyah. All three militants were killed during the operation.

A few days earlier, the Syrian Military Intelligence Directorate (MID) carried out a similar special operation near the town of Khirbet Ghazaleh in the countryside of Daraa. A wanted man was killed and two others were apprehended.

While the SAA was focused elsewhere, Israel reminded of itself by targeting the Homs countryside in the north.

In the early hours of November 24, a new wave of Israeli airstrikes hit several targets in the central region of Syria.

Most of the Israeli missiles were successfully intercepted by Syrian air defenses. One of the anti-aircraft missiles fired by a Syrian S-200 long-range air-defense system fell off the shores of the northern Israeli city of Haifa.

Initially, the SANA reported that two civilians were killed in the airstrike, while two others and six Syrian soldiers were wounded. Later however, official Syrian sources confirmed that at least three soldiers were also killed.

The conflict is simmering currently, with all sides still expecting Turkey to start moving against the Kurdish groups in the north. The large-scale military operation seems to be on hiatus, as Ankara deals with its internal issues, but it is likely just a matter of time.

Meanwhile, the militants in Greater Idlib continue their ceasefire violations, challenging the SAA and its allies, namely Russia, to a more assertive stance and begin a ground operation against HTS and the other al-Qaeda affiliated groups.

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