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1 April 7: Pro-Regime Forces Launch Chemical Weapons Attack on Last Opposition Stronghold in East Ghouta: Pro-regime forces allegedly struck a hospital with nerve agents in the besieged East Ghouta city of Douma. Local activists reported that the attack killed between 55 and 80 people and wounded more than 1,000. A spokesperson for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) stated that OPCW inspectors in East Ghouta had still not been granted access to the site of the chemical attack as of April 17.

2 April 12-16: Russian Military Police Deploy to Douma as Regime Announces Total Control of East Ghouta: The Russian Ministry of Defense announced the deployment of Russian military police to the recently captured Damascus suburb of Douma. Russian military police withdrew from Douma on April 16 and pro-regime forces subsequently entered Douma and erected multiple checkpoints around the town.

3 April 13: US, UK and France Launch Strikes Against Syrian Regime Chemical Weapons Facilities: The US, Britain and France launched over 120 cruise missiles targeting the government-controlled Barzeh chemical weapons facility north of Damascus, as well as a chemical weapons bunker and storage facility in Homs province. Russia withdrew its warships from Tartus naval base on April 11 in anticipation of possible US strikes on pro-regime targets. Russian air defenses did not engage the missiles.

4 April 6: Evacuation Agreement Reached Between Regime and Dumayr Local Negotiations Committee: The opposition negotiations committee in the north Damascus town of Dumayr reached an agreement with Russia and the Assad regime to relinquish the city in exchange for the safe evacuation of opposition forces. The agreement also allows for the deployment of Russian military police to Dumayr.

5 April 15-16: Regime Renews Airstrikes in Homs and Hama Provinces Following US Strikes: Pro-regime forces resumed airstrikes against opposition groups in north Homs and south Hama provinces. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that the regime conducted at least 65 airstrikes there between April 15-16. Opposition media reported the airstrikes coincided with pro-regime assaults on four towns in the area, which rebel factions claimed to repel.

6 April 15-16: HTS Resumes Attacks on JTS Targets in Idlib Province: Hay'at Tahrir a-Sham (HTS) resumed attacks on several towns held by opposition group Jabhat Tahrir Souria (JTS) in Idlib and western Aleppo provinces. Several humanitarian organizations in the province suspended operations in the southern Idlib city of Maarat a-Numan after clashes between HTS and JTS took place inside a hospital there.

7 April 12: Unknown Militants Continue Campaign of VBIED Attacks in Euphrates Shield Territory: Unknown militants detonated a VBIED in Azaz in northern Aleppo province, killing one and injuring eight. The attack is the seventh successful VBIED to hit the Turkish Euphrates Shield zone of influence in north Aleppo since March 6. Local forces accused the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) of being responsible, but no group has claimed responsibility for the VBIED campaign.

8 April 5: Delegation of US-led Coalition Visits SDF Governance Body in Manbij: A delegation from the multinational coalition against the Islamic State (IS) delegation met with representatives from the Civil Democratic Administration—the local government body affiliated with the Syrian Democratic Forces—in Manbij, a city located in northeast Aleppo province. The Manbij Information Office stated the purpose of the meeting was to "strengthen cooperation between coalition forces and the Civil Administration." The meeting coincides with a reported increase in US and French military presence in Manbij, and escalating Turkish rhetoric on a possible offensive there.

9 April 1-17: New Pro-Regime Group Claims Attacks against US Forces in Northern Syria: A newly established pro-regime group named the "People's Resistance of East Syria," allegedly operating out of Raqqa city, claimed responsibility for at least three improvised rocket attacks against US forces in northern Syria. The group additionally claimed to target US forces at Ayn Issa in north Raqqa province on April 1 and April 12, and at the Lafarge Cement Factory in Kharab Hisaq in north Aleppo province on April 5. The group has announced its intent to target US, Turkish and Syrian Kurdish Protection Units (YPG) forces there.

10 April 8: Israel Launches Airstrikes on Syrian Airbase Following Chemical Weapons Attack in Damascus: Israeli aircraft conducted airstrikes from Lebanese airspace on the T-4 airbase west of Palmyra in Homs province, killing at least 14 pro-regime personnel. Iranian media reported that four Iranian military personnel were killed in the airstrikes. Israeli defense officials threatened on April 11 that "Assad's regime and Assad himself will disappear from the map" if the regime allows Iran to launch retaliatory attacks against Israel from Syrian territory.

Areas of Control*		Airstrikes
Pro-Regime Forces	Opposition Forces	Pro-Regime
The Islamic State	Mixed Control	U.S. / Coalition
Kurdish Forces	Hay'at Tahrir a-Sham *Formerly Jabhat a-Nusra	

*THIS MAP DOES NOT DEPICT AL QAEDA CONTROL IN WESTERN SYRIA. ISW IS DEVELOPING A NEW CONTROL OF TERRAIN MAP THAT WILL ASSESS THE FULL EXTENT OF AL QAEDA PRESENCE IN SYRIA.

*Control of Terrain Accurate as of 17 APR 2018



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