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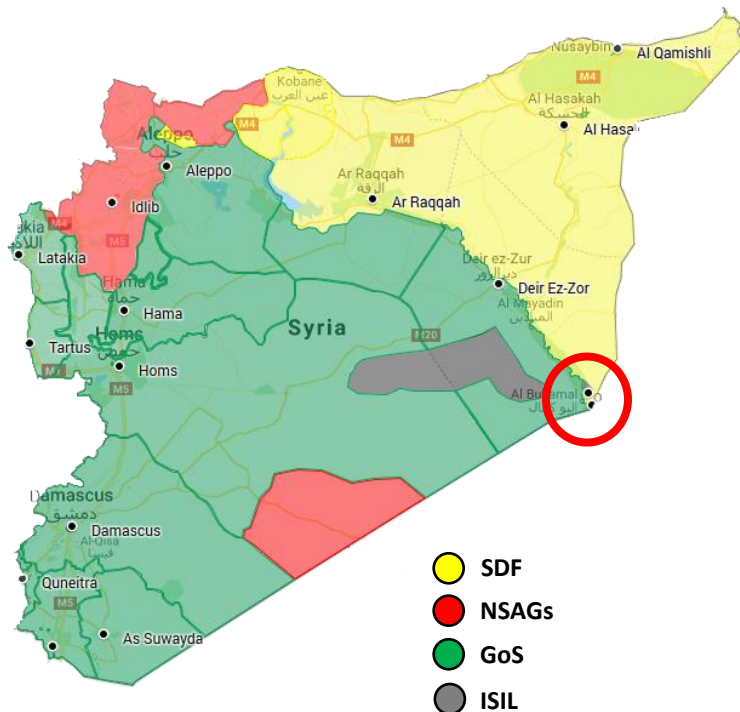
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Monthly Report of the Security Situation

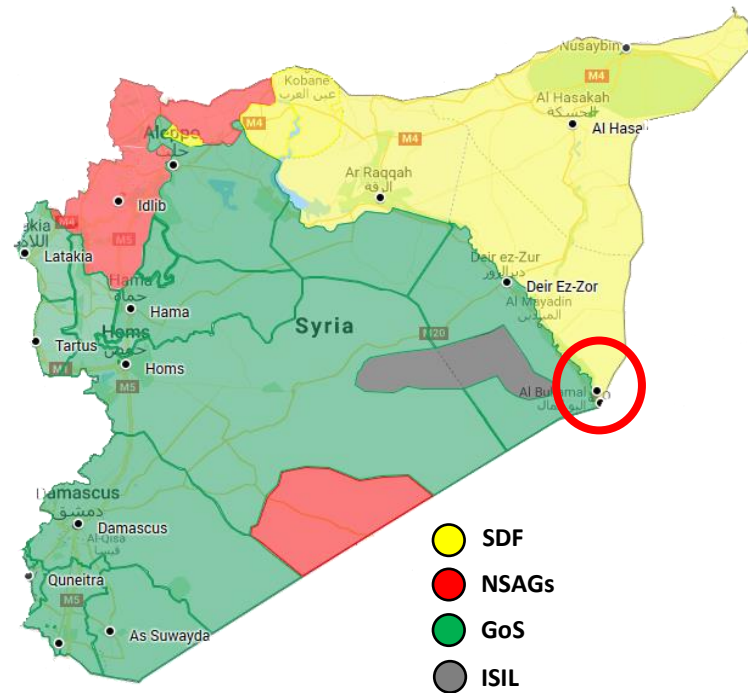
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Area of Influence:

It is clear that the map of control is almost the same, however changes can be seen in the Eastern area where SDF continued with its offensive against the remaining ISIL militants in Baghouz Fawqani village, South-East rural Deir Ez-Zour after a two-week pause to allow the evacuation of civilians. SDF announced that they are slowing down their offensive to protect civilians who remain in the enclave.

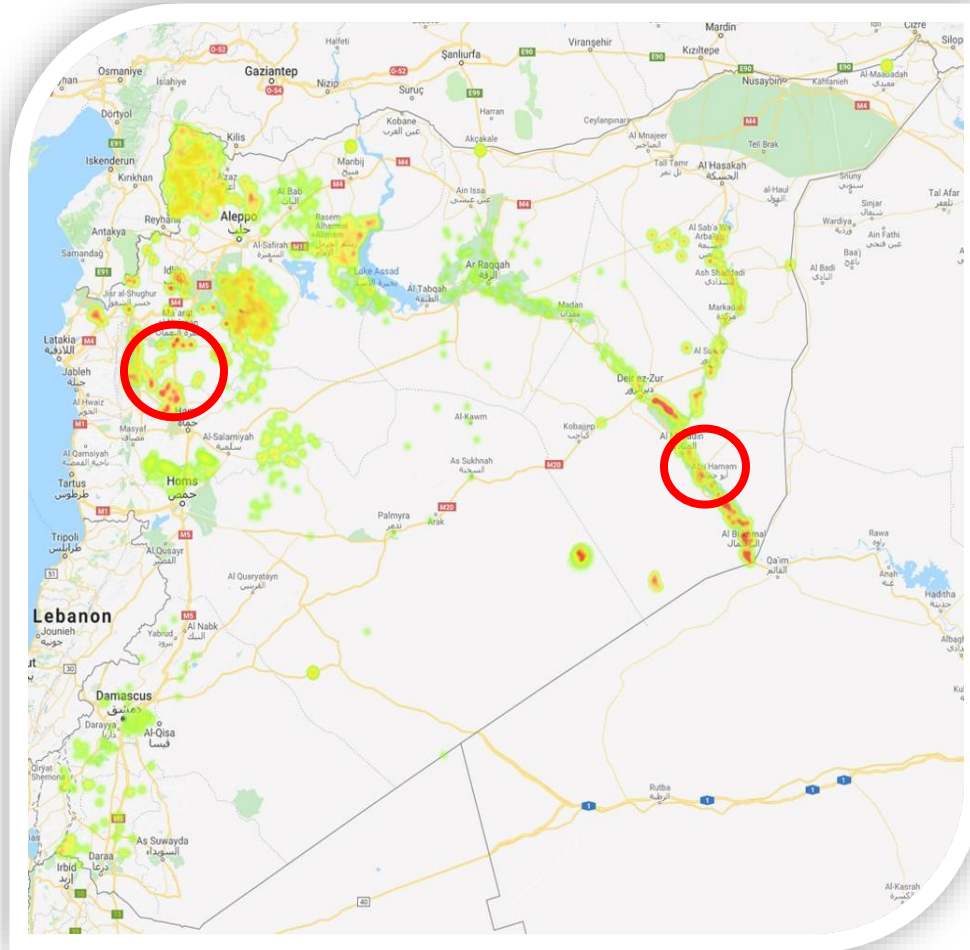


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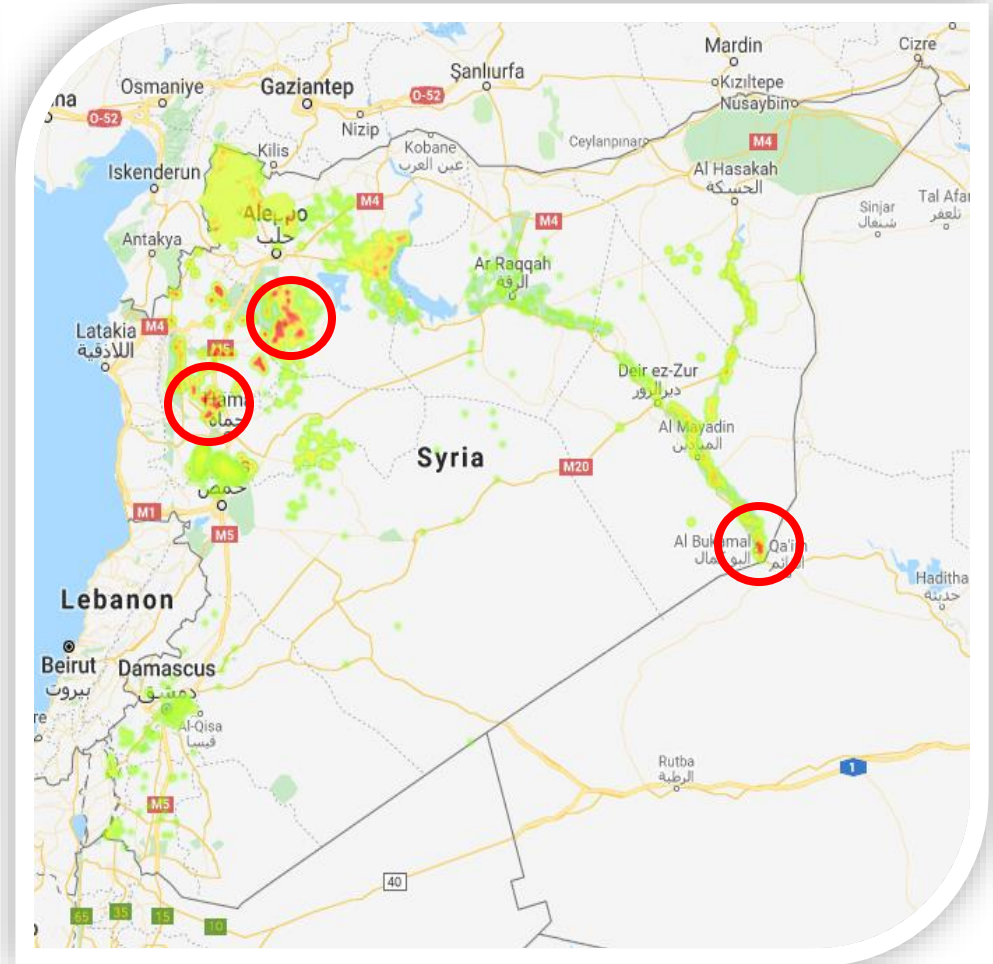


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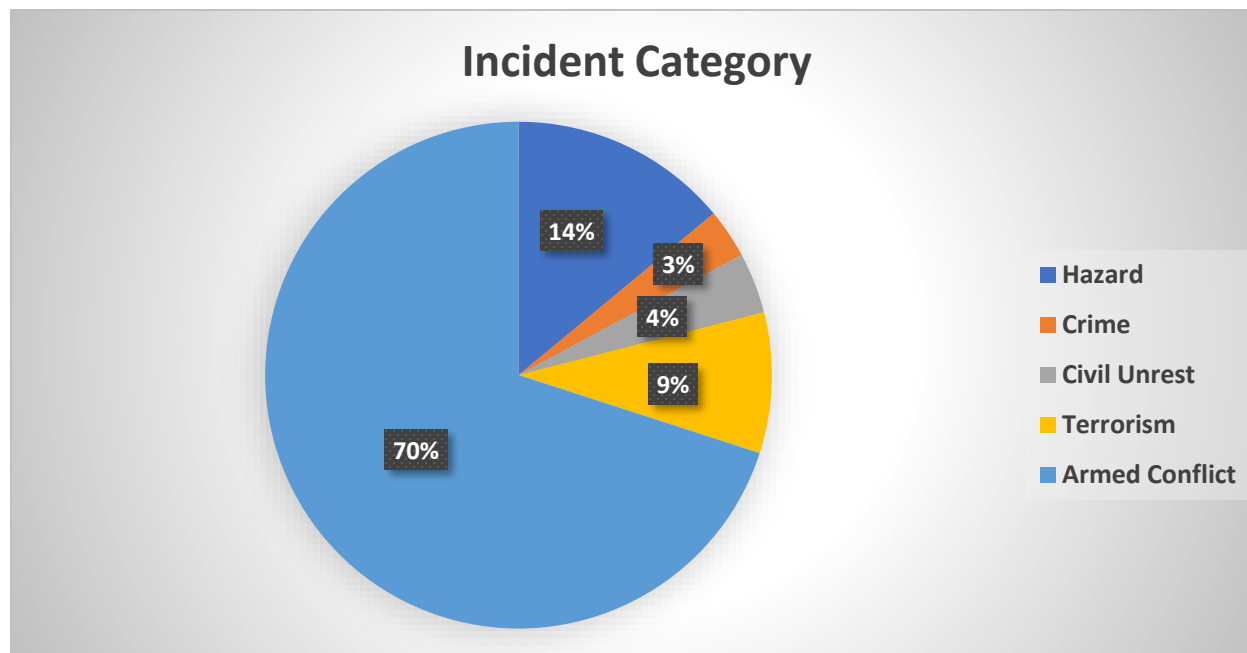


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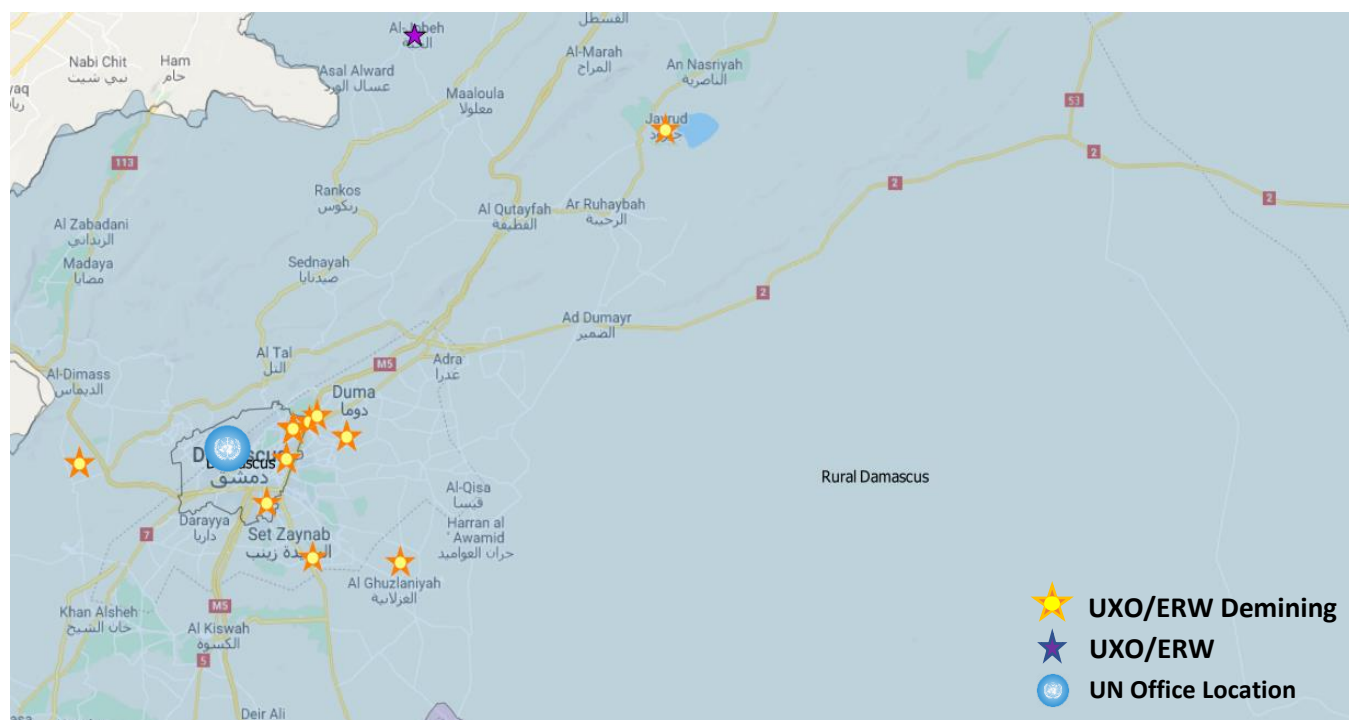
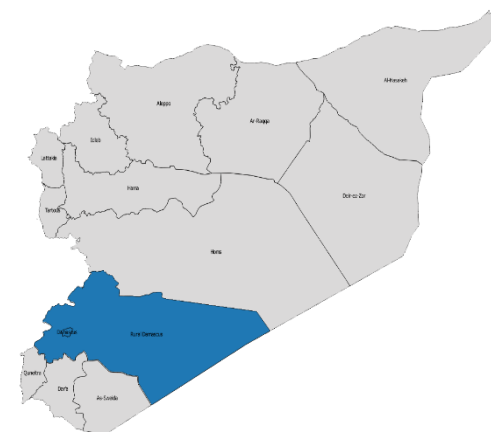
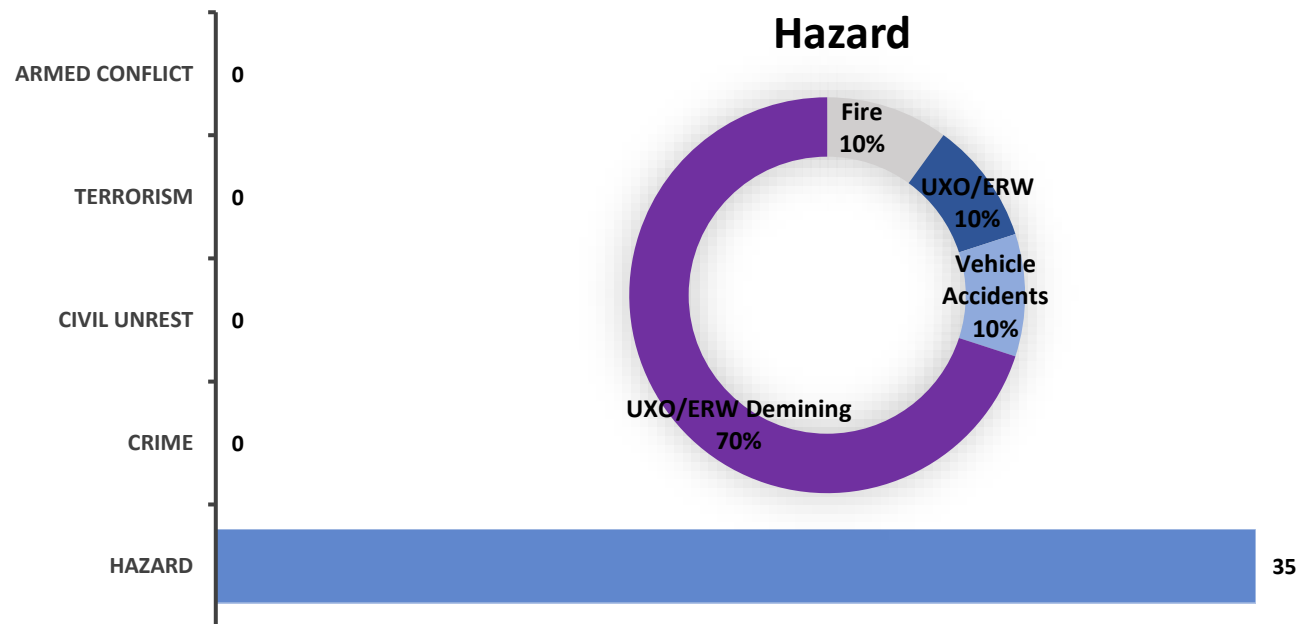
Security Category of Incidents

The total number of incidents during the reporting period (February 2019) is **1,494** incidents, the largest percentage was the armed conflict **“1,046”** (about 55% increase from last month due to the recent escalation in the conflict in Idlib and Hama governorates), Terrorism incidents **“134”**, Hazard **“209”**, Civil Unrest **“58”**, and Crime **“47”** incident.



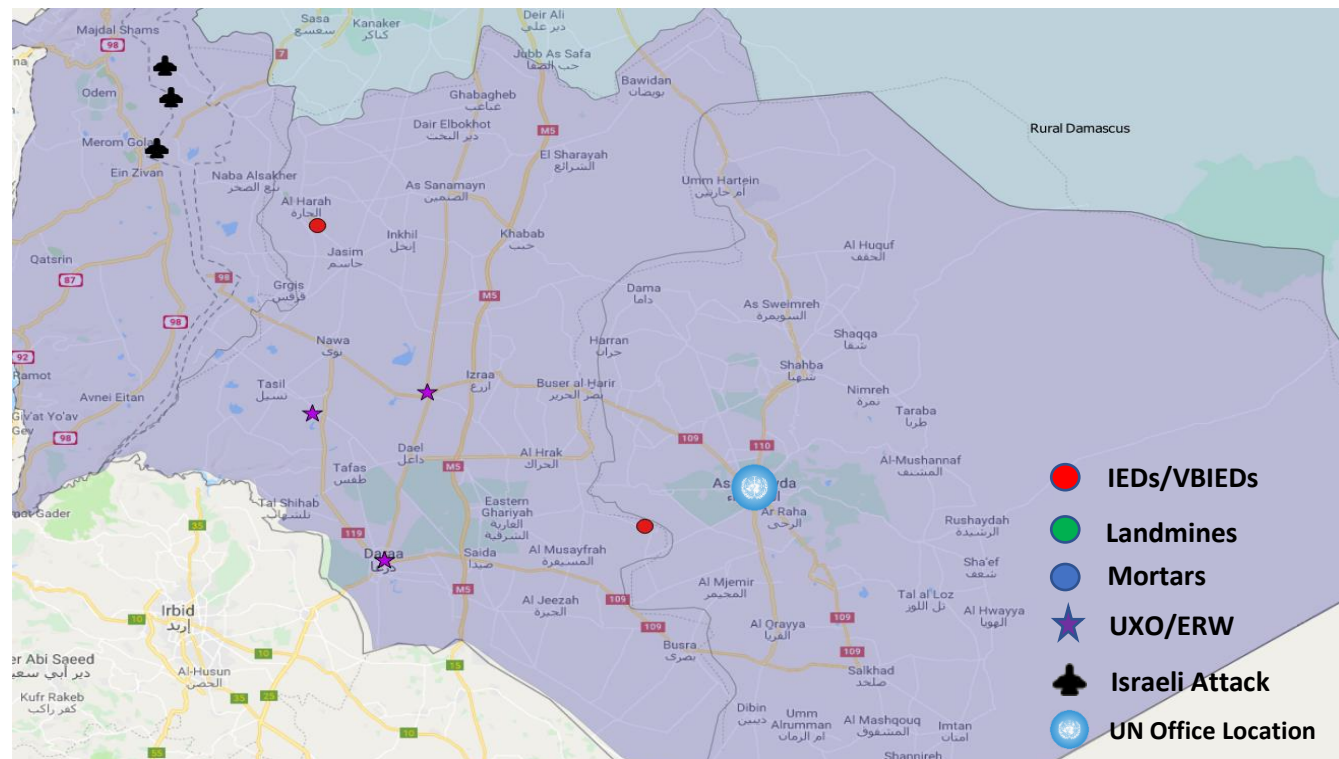
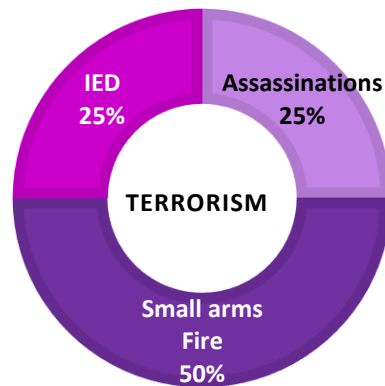
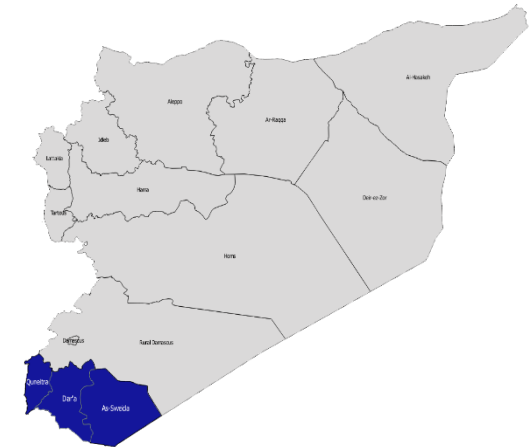
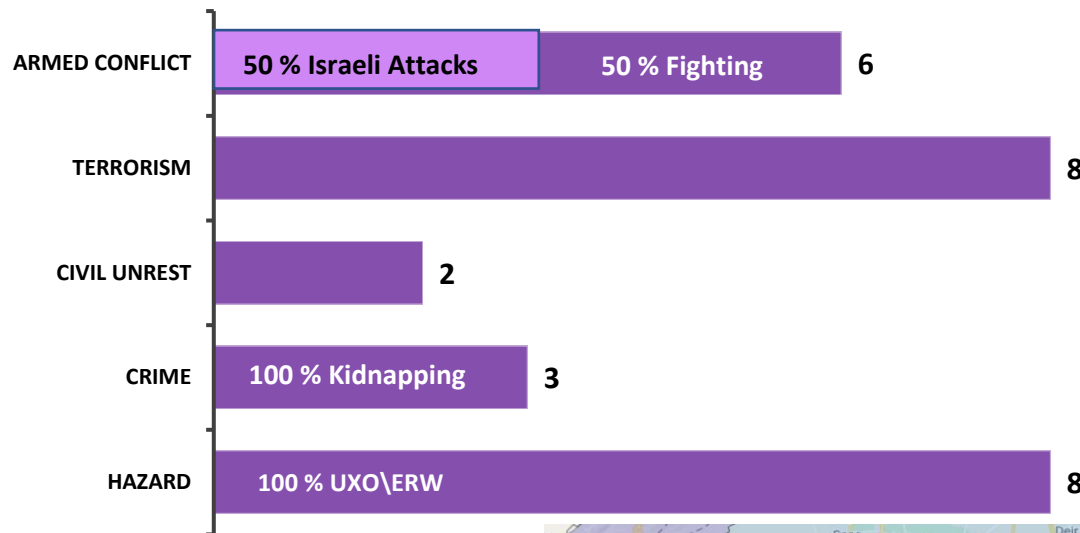
Capital Area (Damascus and Rural Damascus) Security risk level (SRM): **Substantial**

The security situation in Damascus and Rif Damascus has been relatively stable. No security incidents of significance have been reported this Month. The threat of unexploded ordnance in the newly captured areas in the capital area is still high and demining operations are ongoing.



South Area (Daraa, Suwayda and Qunitera) Security risk level (SRM): **High**

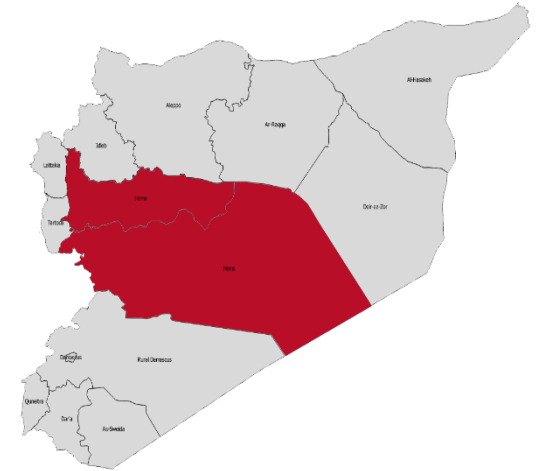
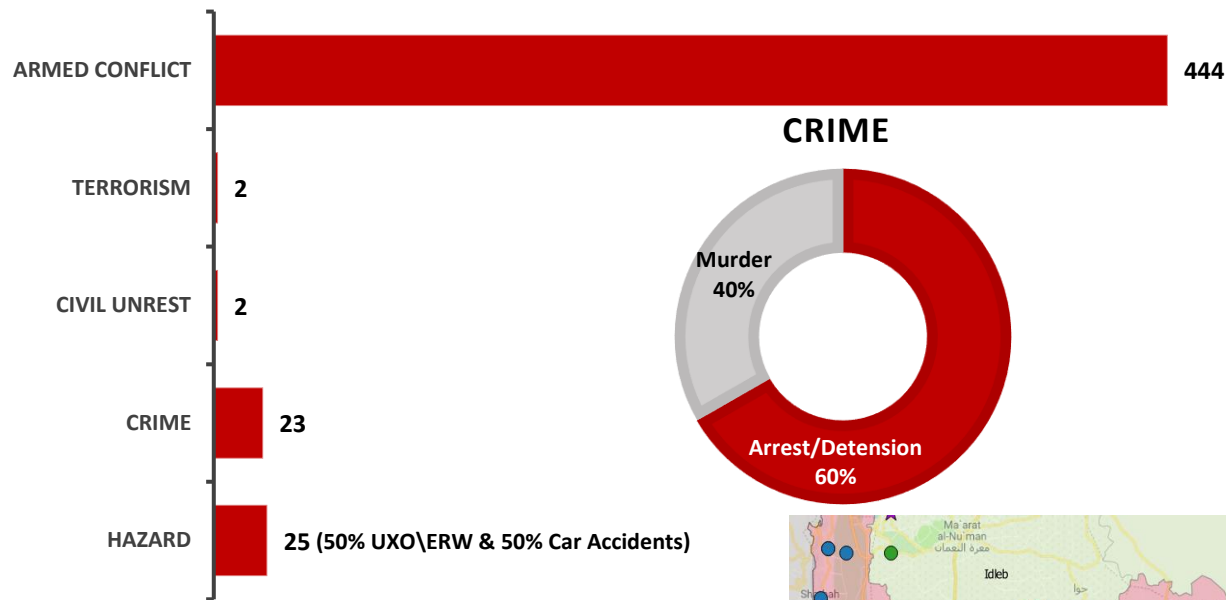
The situation in the Southern area was relatively calm but unpredictable. The threat of ERW/UXO in the newly captured areas in Daraa governorate is still a concern. SAA sappers continue the explosive ordnance disposal and demining operations in the area. during the reporting period, Israeli weaponry attacked Syrian posts in Quneitra governorate. the assault started by targeting Quneitra with a round of artillery shelling. later, Israeli drones launched (4) four missiles on the abandoned hospital of Quneitra as well as other points belongs to the security guard forces. On the other hand, attacks in the shape of SAF and IED is still reported against SAA personnel mainly in Daraa governorate.



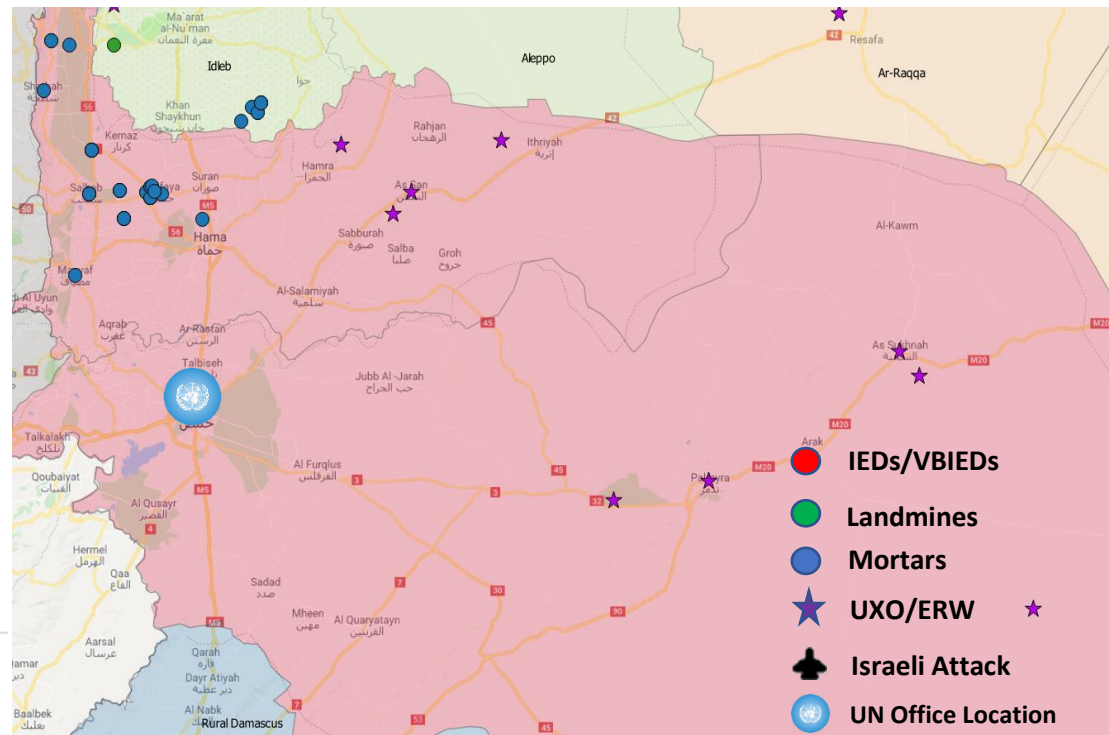
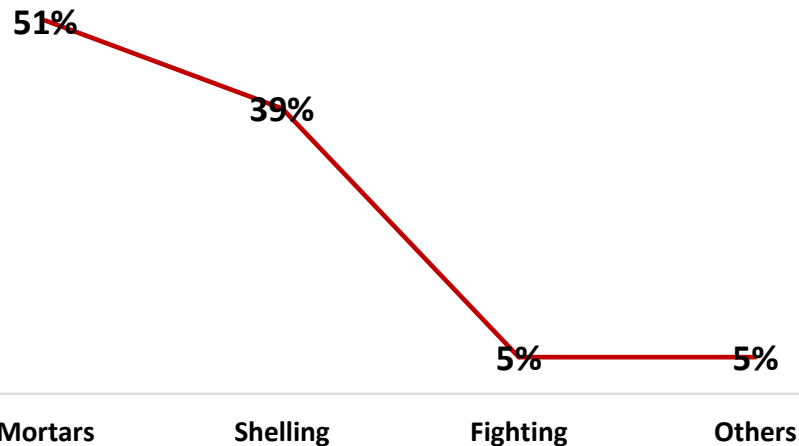
Center Area (Homs and Hama) Security risk level (SRM): **High**

The security situation in the central area remains volatile and unstable. The main hot spots remain North rural Hama and East Rural Homs. SAA military operations are still ongoing against NSAGs positions in North rural Hama and ISIL sleeper cells in the desertic areas of Eastern Homs. In North rural of Hama, a significant increase in the exchange of IAF between SAA and NSAGs was witnessed, mainly in the North and North West Rural of the governorate. The situation in Eastern rural of Homs remains affected by the ongoing armed conflict between SAA and ISIL. Reports indicated that more SAA reinforcements arrived to the east rural Homs, mainly Palmyra in preparation to initiate a comping operation against ISIL sleeper cells and hideouts in the areas between Deir Ez-Zour and Palmyra cities.

The threat of UXO/ERW is still a concern specially in the northern countryside of Homs and southern rural of Hama.



Armed Conflict



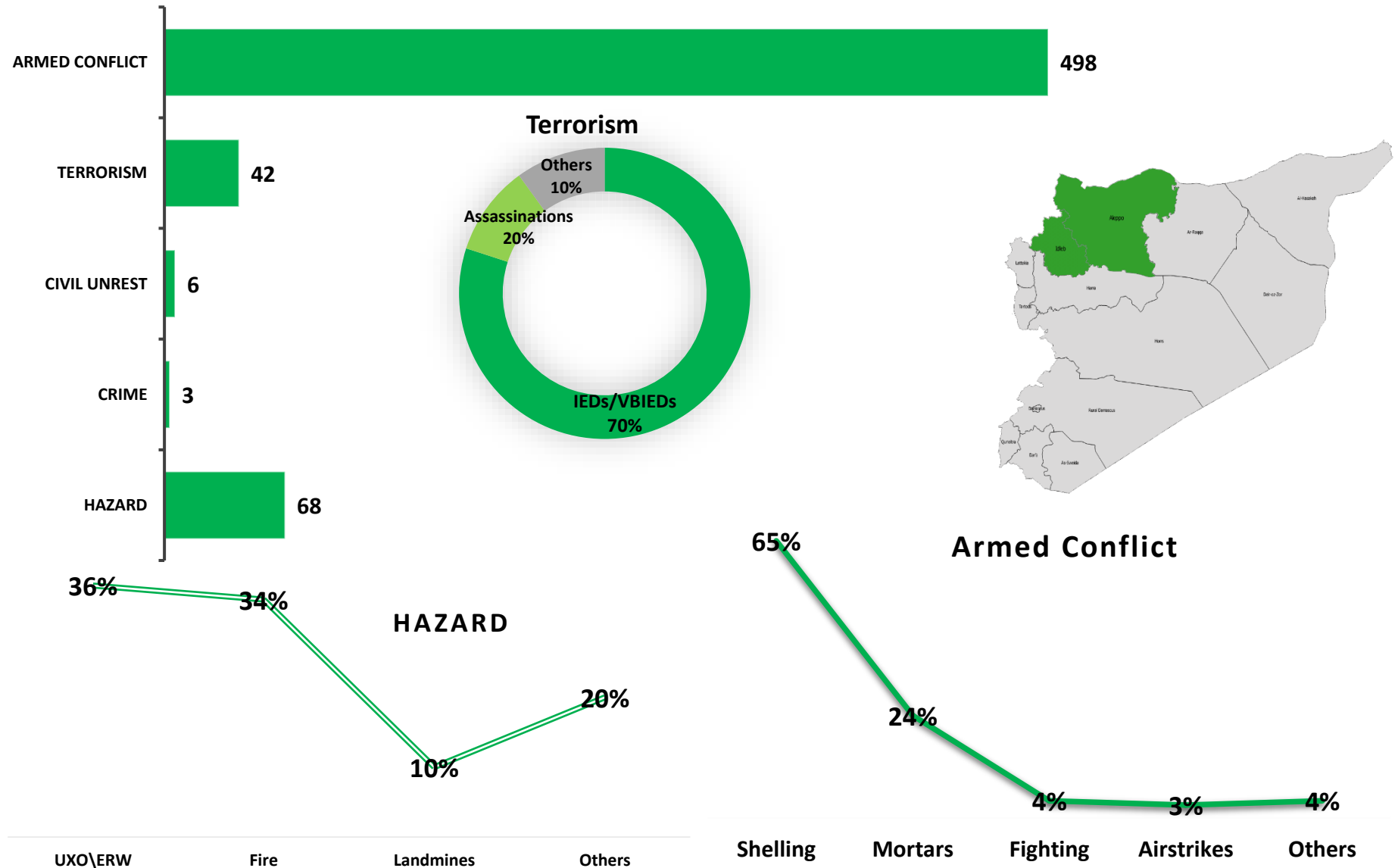
North Area (Aleppo and Idlib) Security risk level (SRM): Aleppo **High**, Idlib Extreme

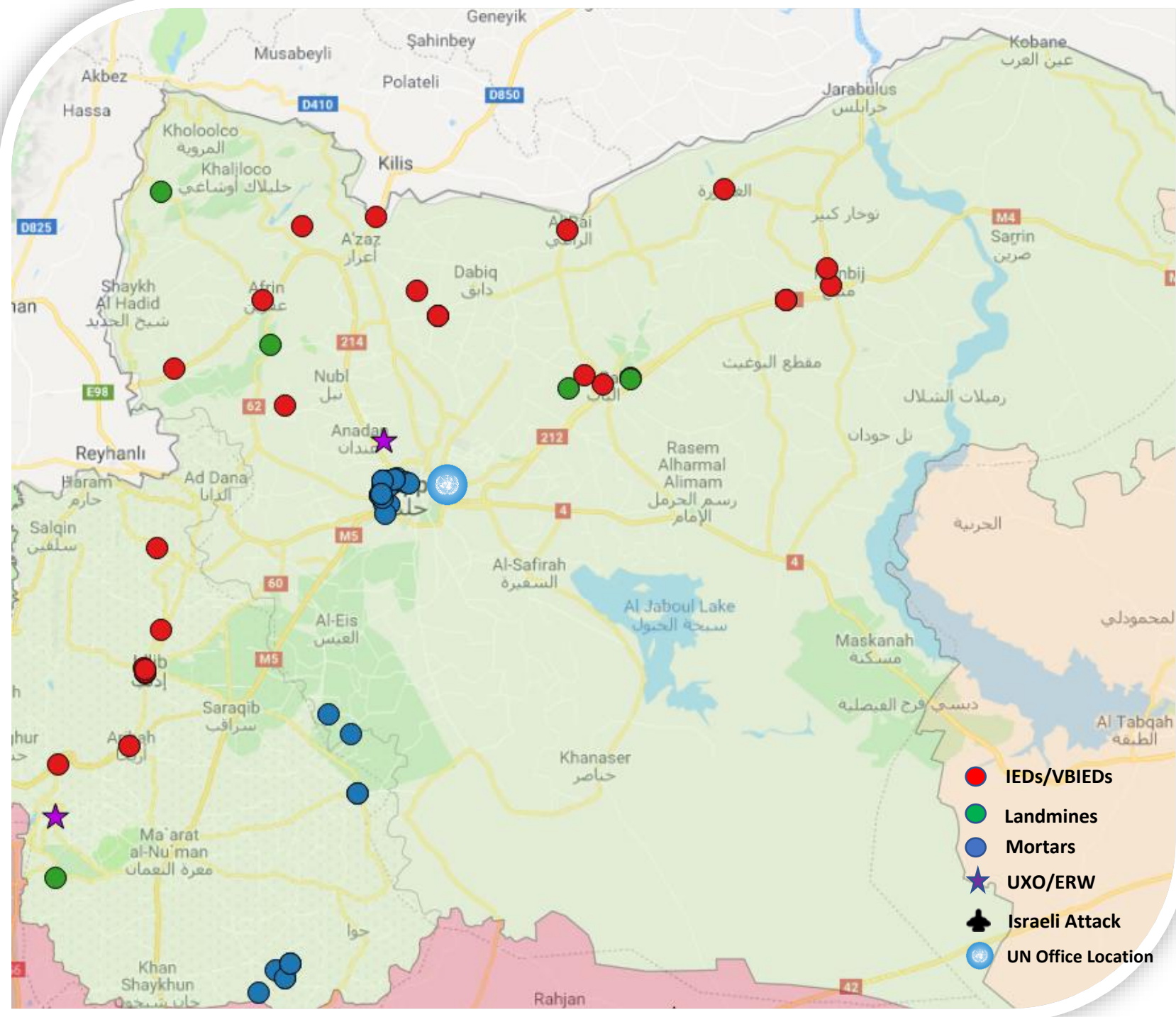
The military situation in the Northern area remains volatile and tense where the exchange of IAF shelling between SAA and NSAGs is still reported in the Western part of Aleppo city along with sporadic clashes. In the meantime, skirmishes between the Turkish backs groups (NSAGs) and YPG took place in the Northern countryside of Aleppo.

SAA reinforcements were observed on the frontlines with HTS and other NSAGs that situated in South rural Idlib and North rural Hama. SAA artillery shelling significantly increased against HTS positions.

In parallel, the situation in Idlib escalated in comparison to the last month. NSAGs groups stepped up their attacks on residential areas in the held parts of Latakia, Hama, Idlib and Aleppo in response to the increased level of SAA shelling in Southern countryside of Idlib.

in general, multiple incidents of IEDs and VBIEDs were witnessed across NSAGs held areas in rural Aleppo and Idlib governorate.

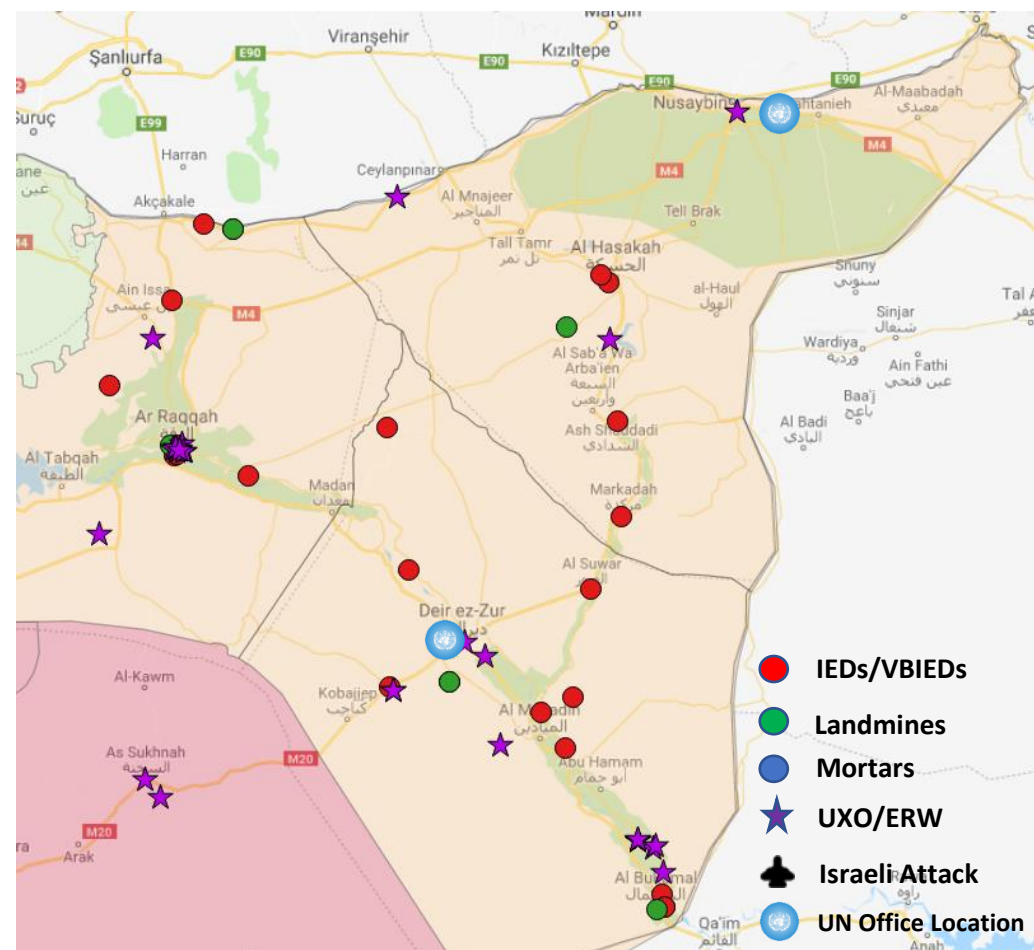
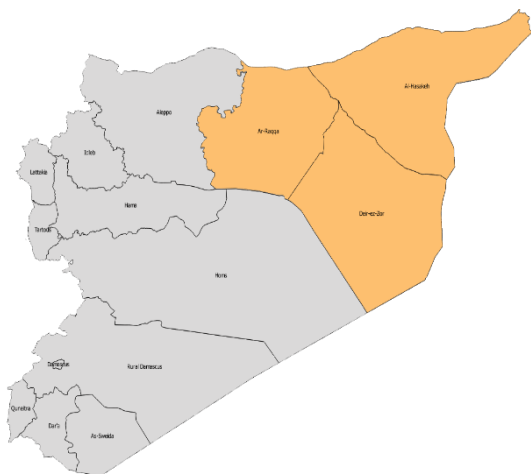
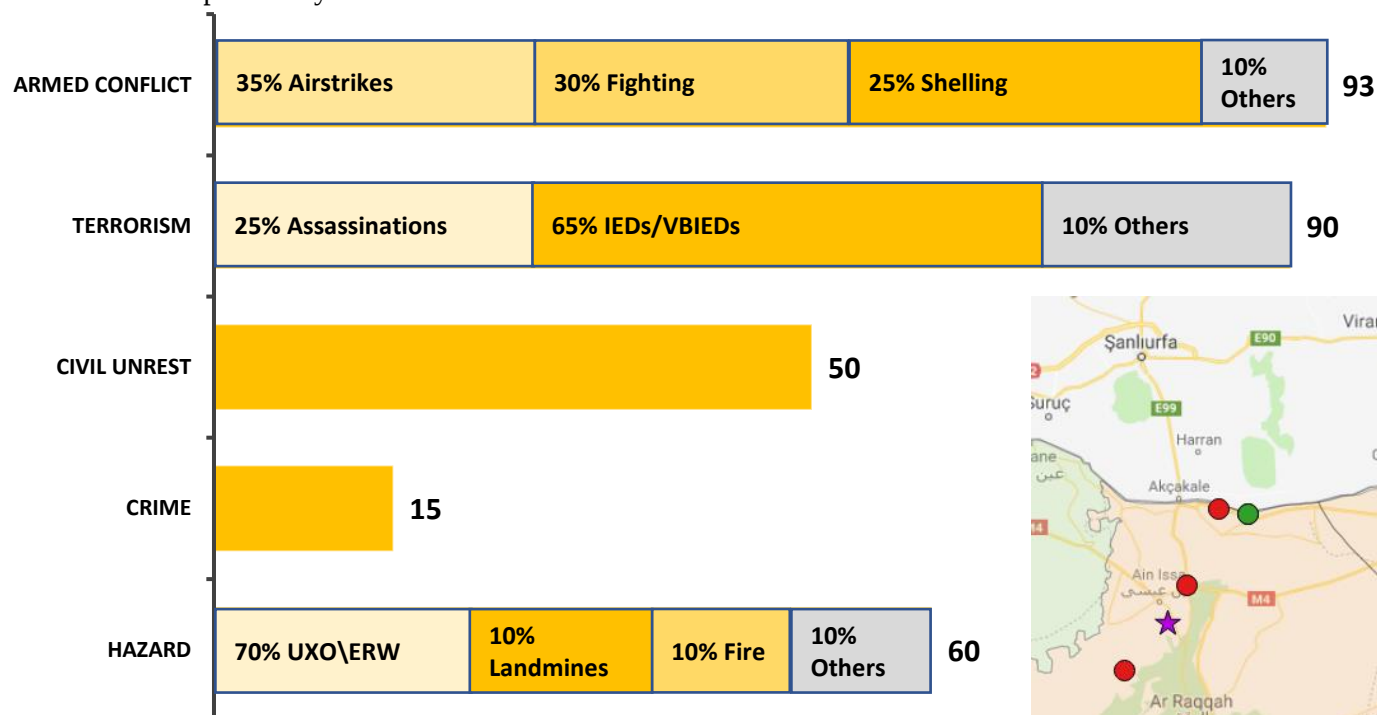




East Area (Al Hasakah and Ar Raqqa and Deir Ez-Zour) Security risk level (SRM): **High**

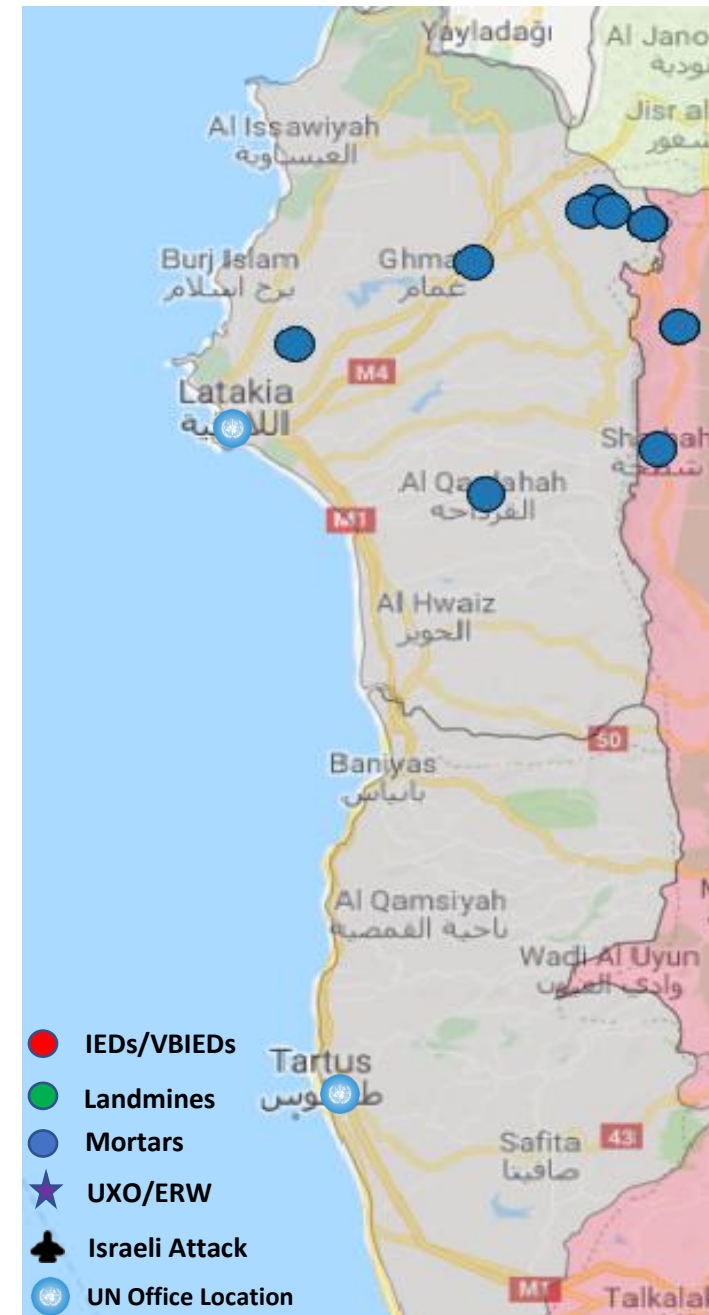
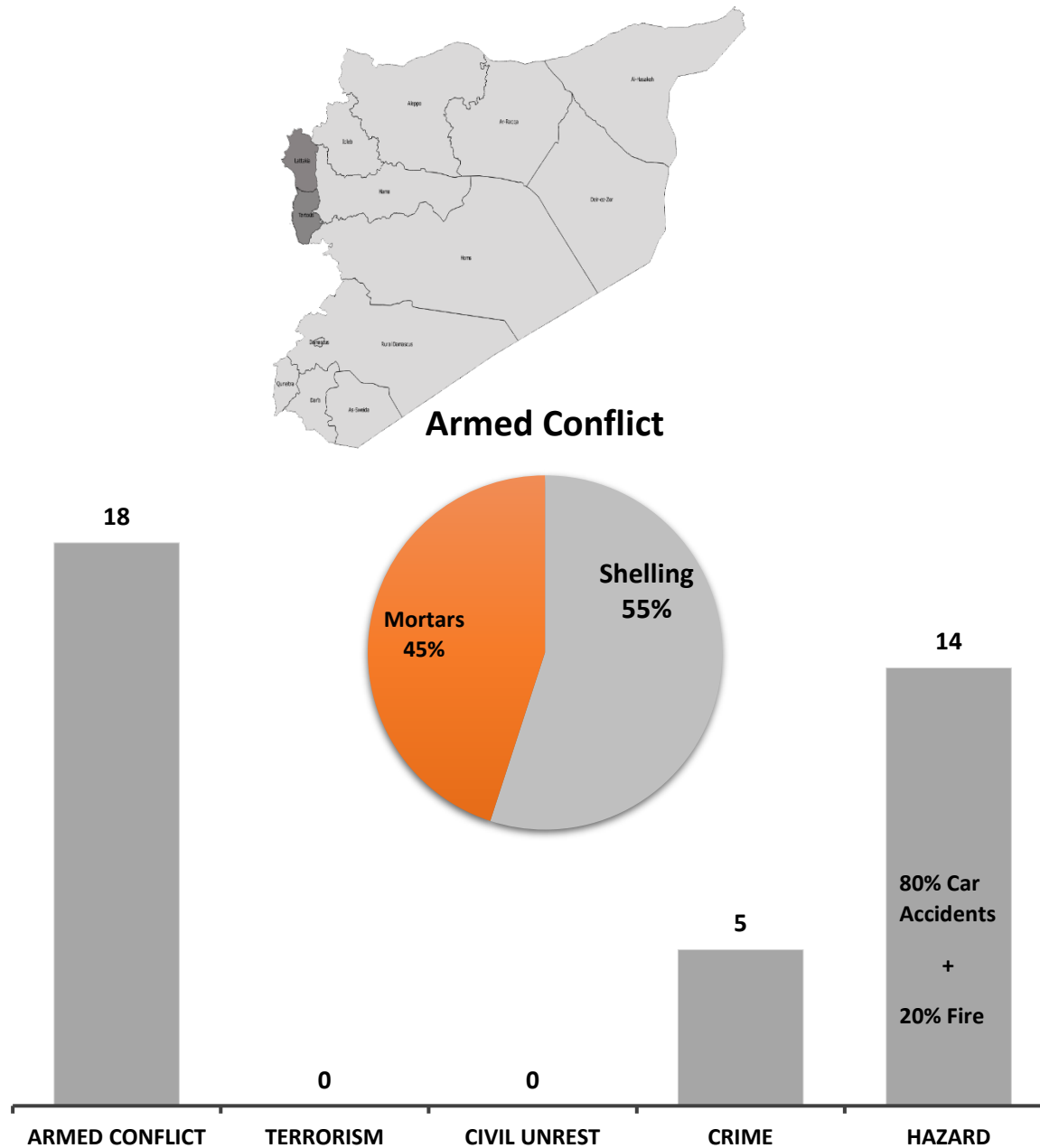
In the North East of Syria, the focus is still high on the remaining foothold of the Islamic State (ISIL) on the Eastern banks of the Euphrates river. Backed by the international coalition (ICF), the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) launched the final phase of its military operation against ISIL which is considered the decisive battle. Contradictory reports are still circulating the destiny of the besieged ISIL militants in the enclave. An agreement to evacuate women and children took place in return of releasing SDF hostages from ISIL's prisons. ISIL area became confined by SDF from the West and North while the Syrian Army and Iraqi troops from the South and East of the area.

In parallel, the intensity of the assaults against SDF personnel in the shape of IEDs, VBIEDs and PBIEDs is still high where ISIL claimed responsibility for most of them.



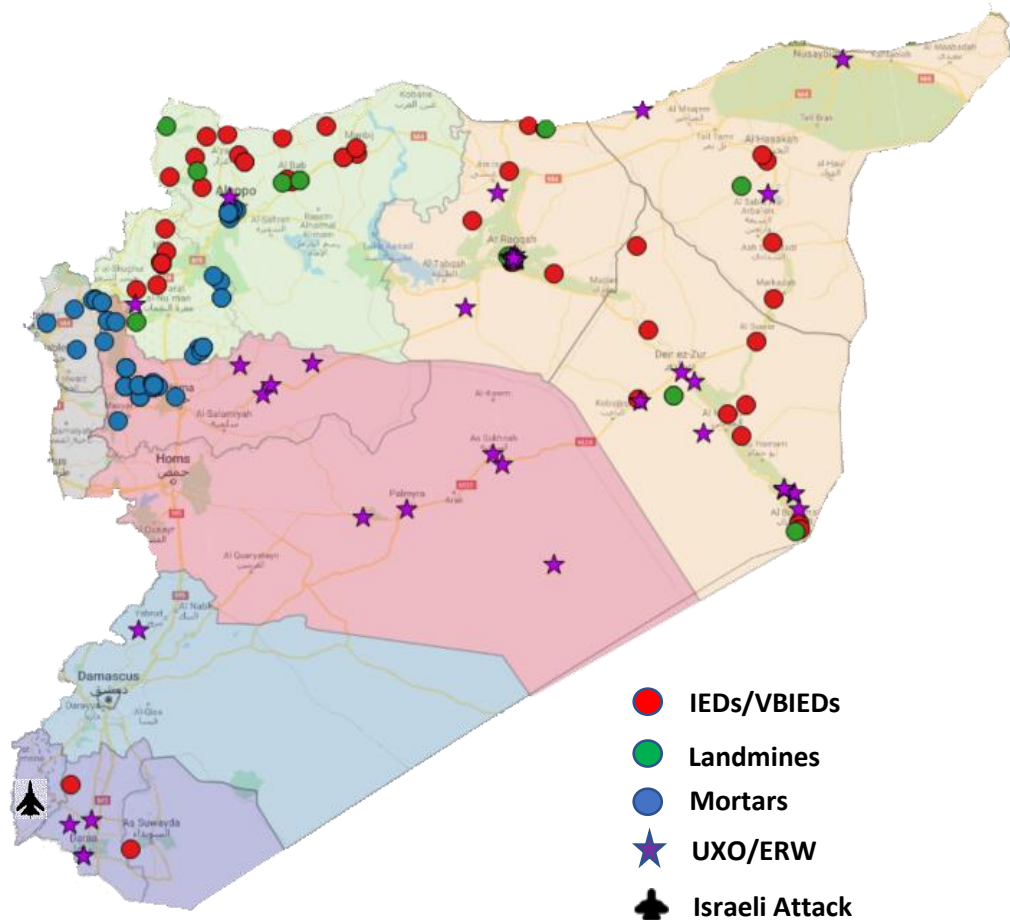
Coast Area (Tartus and Latakia) Security risk level (SRM): Substantial

Tartus and Latakia experienced the lowest impact during the ongoing civil war in the country. The Russian Forces (RF) has a strong Naval Base in Tartus and an Air Base in Hemeimim, Latakia. Due to the presence of the RF, the Syrian Arab Army (SAA) enjoys tremendous military support and that ensured relative calm in comparison to other areas of the country. However, Sporadic clashes between SAA and NSAGs are still observed in the Northern countryside of Latakia.

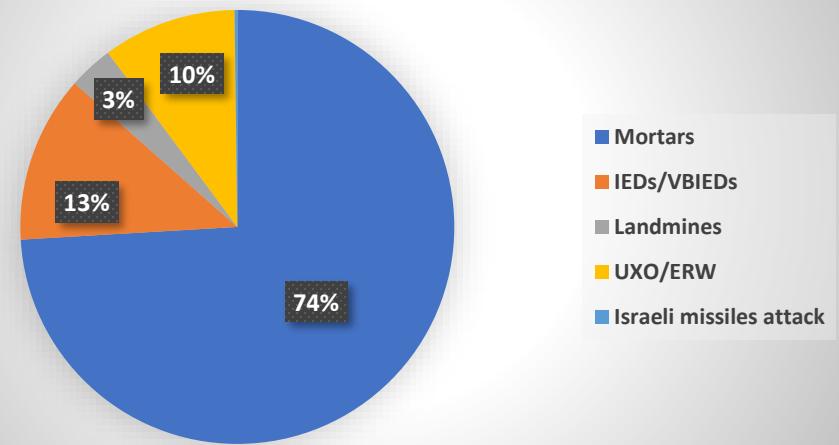


Security Related Incidents

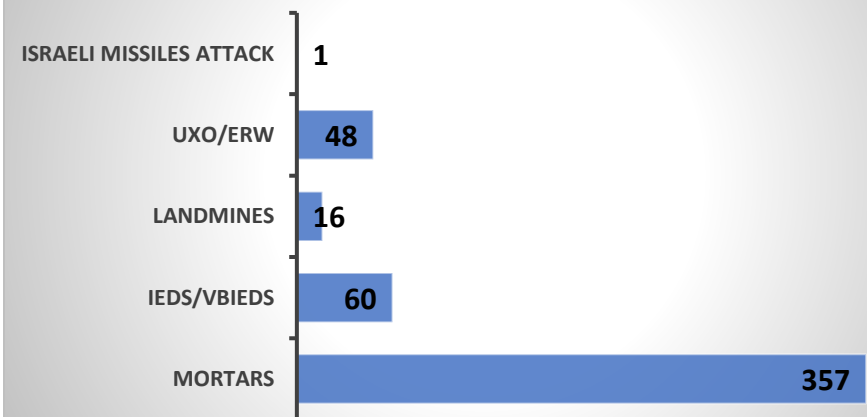
A total of 357 Mortar incidents (67 KIA + 63 WIA) recorded in February 2019, in addition to 60 IEDs/VBIEDs (90 KIA + 146 WIA), and 16 Landmines (12 KIA + 23 WIA). Meanwhile, 48 UXO/ERW (62 KIA + 71 WIA) occurred in the same timeframe. In the reporting period, 01 Israeli missiles attack (0 KIA + 0 WIA).



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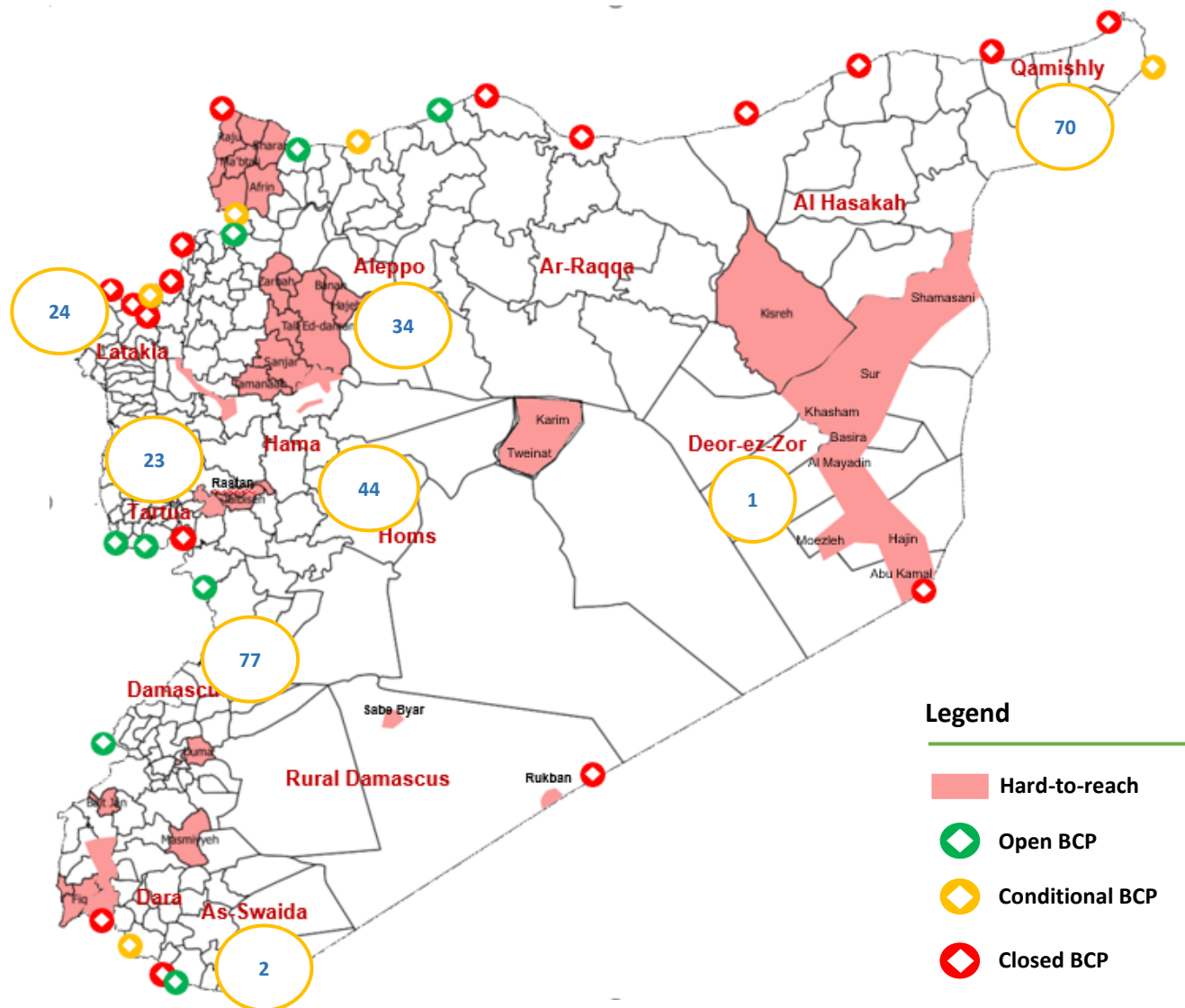


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UN Missions:

The UNDSS team have supported about 275 missions, 12 of them were to hard to reach areas (HTR) (**Damascus:** Al-Rukban camp, Duma, Irbin, Zamalka, **Aleppo:** Tal Ad-Daman, **Deir-ez-Zor:** Al Mayadeen, **Homs:** Talbiseh).



Significant Security Incidents

24 February 2019, East Rural Hama, A landmine of ISIL remnants went off when a car carrying workers on board ran over its Wadi Al-Azib area in Salamiyah countryside. **Casualties:** 6xWIA, (6xCIV), 21xKIA (21xCIV).



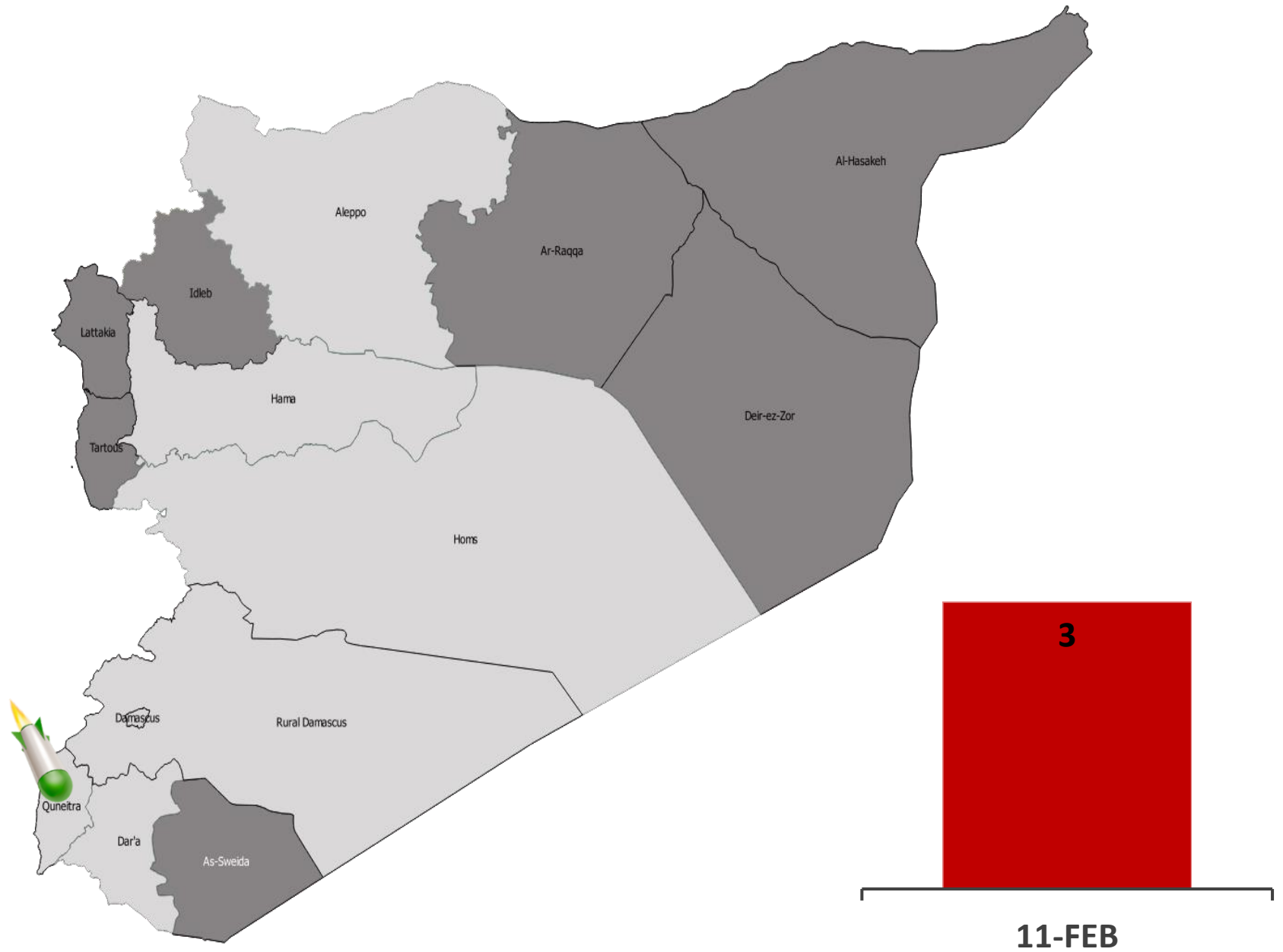
18 February 2019, Idlib City, two explosions took place in Al-Qousour neighbourhood of Idlib city killing 16 people and injuring 85 others. The first explosion was caused by an IED that was planted in a vehicle, while the second explosion was caused by a VBIED that went off when ambulances and people were gathering in the spot.



02 February 2019, Aleppo City, A building collapsed in Salah Ad-Deen Neighborhood of Aleppo City, **Casualties:** 1xWIA (1xCIV), 11xKIA (11xCIV).



Israeli Attack



ANNEX: ACRONYMS GLOSSARY

AOO	Area of Operations	NC	No casualties
AoR	Area of Responsibility	NDF	National Defence Forces
AQ	Al Qaeda	NFI	No Further Information
ASC	Area Security Coordinator	NFTR	Nothing Further To Report
ATT	At this time	NGO	Non-Government Organization
BCP	Border Crossing Point	NSAG	Non-state Armed Group
CASEVAC	CASEVAC Casualty Evacuation	NSTR	Nothing significant to report
CIV	Civilian	Ops	operations
c.	Circa	PBIED	Person Borne Improvised Explosive Device
CP	Checkpoint	POW	Prisons of War
DF	Direct Fire	RF	Russian Federation
EDD	Explosives Detection Dogs	RCR	Russian centre for reconciliation
ERW	Explosive Remnant of War	RTB	Return to Base
FF	Foreign Fighters	S	South
FSA	Free Syrian Army	SAA	Syrian Arab Army
FSH	Four Seasons Hotel (UN HQ)	SAF	Small Arms Fire
FSO	Field Security Officer	SARC	Syrian Arab Red Crescent
GoS	Government of Syria	SDF	Syria Democratic Forces
HG	Host Government	SFP	Security Focal Point
HTS	Hay'et Tahrir AlSham	SIGACT	Significant Action
IAF	Indirect Artillery fire, (mortars rockets etc.)	SitRep	Situation Report
IAG	Illegal Armed Groups	SLF	Syria Liberation Front
ICF	International Coalition Forces2	SVBIED	Suicide Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device
IED	Improvised Explosive Device	TAF	Turkish Armed Forces
INGO	International Non-Government Organization	TBC	To Be Confirmed
ISIL	Islamic State in Iraq & Levant	TTPs	Tactics Techniques and Procedures
IVO	In the vicinity of	TU	Time Unknown
KIA	Killed in Action	UKN	Unknown
Km	Kilometer	UVIED	Under Vehicle Improvised Explosive Device
LT	Local time	UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation	VBIED	Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device
MIL	Military	W	West
MoD	Ministry of Defence	WIA	Wounded in action
MoI	Ministry of Interior	YPG	Kurdish People's Protection Units
N	North		