



Developments During October and Early November

- 1) In mid-October, rebels in Maarat al-Numan forced the regime out of the town and trapped many of them in the Wadi-al Deif Military Base east of town. The regime has responded with airstrikes throughout the area.
- 2) Rebels took Bdama, a key position in the mountains between Idlib and Latakia province, which sits along the road that connects Aleppo to the coast. The regime has not yet attempted to retake this area.
- 3) In late October rebels in north Idlib overran remaining regime positions around Salqin and cornered a regime outpost in Harim. Again the regime responded with airstrikes, one of which killed a key rebel commander in the area, Basil Issa.
- 4) In early November, rebels overran remaining regime checkpoints in Saraqeb as well as the Taftanaz airbase nearby, although it is unclear whether they held the latter. These bases were critical links in regime lines of supply between Idlib and Aleppo.
- 5) At the end of October, rebel anti-aircraft fire stopped regime air traffic in and out of Aleppo International Airport.
- 6) While the regime has maintained a stronghold on positions in the city of Deir Ez-Zor and its airbase, the rest of the province is outside of regime hands.
- 7) The regime withdrew from Kurdish-majority areas in July, and they have been under the control of Kurdish groups since. The regime maintains a few bases in the northeast of the country, but are not able to maneuver far from them.
- 8) In early October, Syrian and Turkish forces traded artillery fire across the border near the Syrian town of Tal Aybad.

LEGEND

- Rebel Controlled
- Majority Kurdish
- Town/Village
- Provincial Capital
- Airfield/Airport
- Helo Base
- Base/Outpost
- Overrun/Abandoned
- Under Pressure
- Refugee Camp

10 mi
20 km