Events on the Ground in Syria

Government forces attack **Hazano**. At least 4 civilians are killed, 22 houses are completely destroyed, 177 buildings are partially destroyed, and 437 rooms in other houses are burned in addition to 16 shops.

Government forces attack **Taftanaz**. At least 49 civilians are killed. Some 490 houses are partially or completely burned and 150 houses are partially or completely destroyed by tank fire or other explosions.

Government forces attack **Sarageb**. At least 24 civilians are killed. 101 houses were completely or partially burned, 11 houses were completely destroyed, and 46 houses were partially destroyed.

Government forces attack **Sarmeen**. At least 10 civilians are killed, 318 houses and 87 shops are burned or destroyed in addition to several warehouses, mosques, and pharmacies.

Government forces attack Idlib city 2

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In a presidential statement, the Security Council gives its full support to Kofi Annan's efforts to end the violence in Syria ³

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Kofi Annan, the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and Arab League to end the violence in Syria, meets with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for the second time to discuss "an immediate stop to the violence and the killing; access for humanitarian agencies, and the start of a political dialogue." 1

Diplomatic Negotiations

Kofi Annan travels to Moscow and Beijing to discuss the Syria crisis with Russian and Chinese officials. 4 On March 27, the Syrian government accepts Kofi Annan's 6-point plan. 5

The Syrian Government informs Annan that it will implement a plan for withdrawing its military from residential areas starting April 1 to April 10 and that there will be no new deployments to residential areas. 6

On April 2, Annan briefs the UN Security Council about the Syrian government's acceptance of his plan. 7

- ¹ "President al-Assad meets UN Secretary General Envoy Kofi Annan," SANA, Match 10 2012; "Statement by Mr. Kofi Annan, Joint Special Envoy for Syria after his second meeting with President Assad," Kofi Annan Foundation, statement, March 11, 2012, http://kofiannanfoundation.org/newsroom/press/2012/03/statement-mr-kofi-annan-joint-special-envoy-syria-after-his-second-meeting-pr (accessed April 30, 2012).
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- ⁵ "Briefing by Special Envoy for Syria," post to "What's In Blue" (blog), Security Council Report, March <u>30 2012</u>, http://whatsinblue.org/2012/03/briefing-by-the-joint-special-envoy-on-syria.php (accessed April 30, 2012). 6 Letter from Kofi Annan to UN Security Council, April 10, 2012, http://www.innercitypress.com/annan2sco41012.html
- (accessed April 30, 2012). 7 "Remarks by Ambassador Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, at the Security Council Stakeout
- following a Briefing by Joint Special Envoy Kofi Annan." United States Mission to the United Nations press briefing. April 2, 2012 http://usun.state.gov/briefing/statements/187298.htm (accessed April 30, 2012).
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Government forces attack **Kelly**. At least 8 civilians are killed and 170 houses fully or partially burned.

The Security Council releases a presidential statement calling "upon the Syrian government to implement urgently and visibly its commitments, as it agreed to do in its communication to the Envoy of 1 April, to (a) cease troop movements towards population centres, (b) cease all use of heavy weapons in such centres, and (c) begin pullback of military concentrations in and around population centres, and to fulfil these in their entirety by no later than 10 April 2012." 8