

Eastern Ghouta: Full Liberation Getting Closer

According to SANA, the Syrian Arab Army (SAA) together with Tiger Forces continue to secure the exit of hundreds of civilians from terrorist held areas in Eastern Ghouta.

Last Saturday 24.04.2018, the towns of Saqba, Kafr Batna, and Hamouriyah were liberated. Syrian authorities immediately commenced attending health care needs and sending trucks with food supply to assist the immediate needs of the liberated population.

In addition, authorities also began an assessment of the damaged infrastructure to restore essential services and start reconstruction.

By Sunday a second batch of 81 buses begun the transfer of 5435 terrorists and their families from Jobar, Ein Tarma, Zamalka and Erbin to Idlib in north-west of Syria.

Last week 10 buses transferred 500 of Faylak Al-Rahman terrorists and their families from Harasta to Idlib. Some of the terrorists were released from prison, a deal that secured the release of 13 kidnapped Syrian soldiers. The SAA also secured the release of eight civilians who had been kidnapped and held hostage for over four years.

Also on Sunday, the Army secured another 1100 civilians, mainly women, children and elderly people, through Al-Wafideen safety corridor, while the Army took full control of Haza town.

Over 80% of Eastern Ghouta is now under Syrian Govt control. There were many moments of joy as liberated civilians reunited with family members outside East Ghouta. A SAA soldier shed

torrents of tears as he reunited with his mother who he had not seen for seven years.

The City of Damascus is still in mourning for the tens of civilians murdered by terrorists bombings last week. On Saturday evening another rocket hit the Faiha Sports Centre killing a young soccer player, Samir Massoud, and injuring at least six others.

The terrorist group Jaish al-Islam has decided to remain in Douma to continue terrorising and killing civilians, while in Afrin at least 170,000 civilians have been displaced by Turkey backed terrorists.

The SAA and Tiger Forces will continue their campaign of liberation of Eastern Ghouta and the rest of the country until every corner of Syria is free from terrorists and every imperial and neo-colonial invading force.

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Jaysh al-Islam has coordinated its activities with al-Nusra Front, al-Qaeda's offshoot in Syria that is not part to the nationwide ceasefire agreement brokered by Russia and the US earlier this year. For its part, the militants claim that they are part of the Syrian opposition. Its delegation has taken part in the Geneva peace talks.

Russia, Syria, Iran and Egypt have added the group to the list of terrorist organizations. Moscow has made every effort to convince the UN Security Council to designate Jaysh al-Islam and Ahrar ash-Sham as terrorists, but the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Ukraine pulled the plug on this initiative.

"We have called for this and submitted a relevant proposal to the sanctions committee, so that they [the groups] would be added to the list of terrorist organizations, but so far, our Western partners are not ready for this," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Gatilov said earlier in June.

Russian officials maintain that Jaysh al-Islam and Ahrar ash-Sham share the same ideology as Daesh, a brutal group that

carved a caliphate out of Iraq and Syria.
