

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AQI	al-Qaeda in Iraq
FSA	Free Syrian Army
HTS	Hayat Tahrir al-Sham
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (also referred to as Daesh)
LCCs	Local Coordination Committees, or <i>tansiqiyat</i> .
NDF	National Defense Forces
PKK	Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan, or Kurdistan Workers Party
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
PYD	Partiya Yekîtiya Demokrat, or Democratic Union Party
SAA	Syrian Arab Army
SANA	Syrian Arab News Agency
SDF	Syrian Democratic Forces
SNA	Syrian National Army
SNC	Syrian National Council, later Syrian National Coalition (also referred to as the Etilaf)
SNHR	Syrian Network for Human Rights
SOHR	Syrian Observatory for Human Rights

YPG	Yekîneyên Parastina Gel, or People's Protection Units
YPJ	Yekîneyên Parastina Jin, or Women's Protection Units

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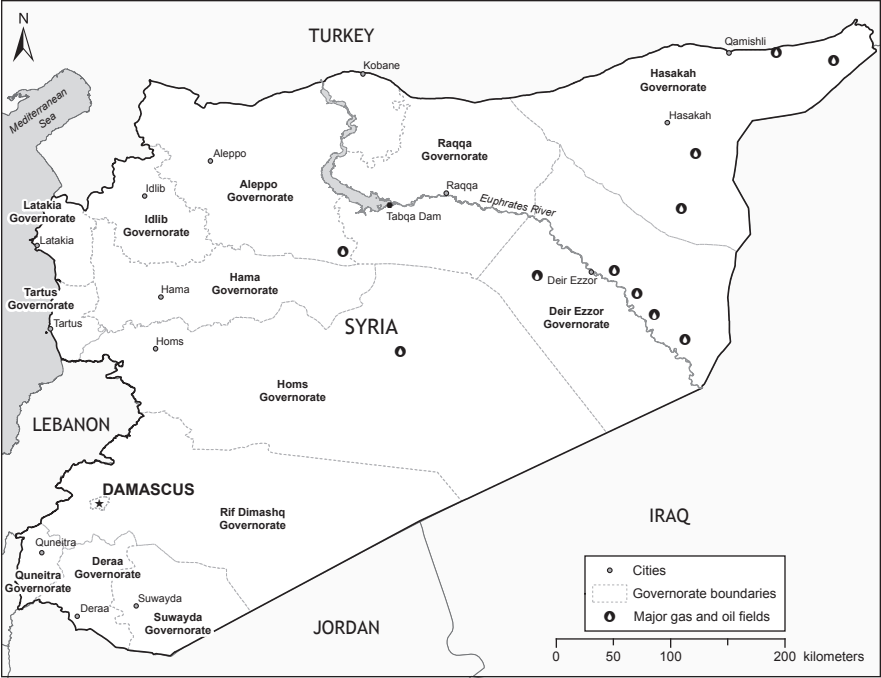


FIGURE 0.1 Syria.