

**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT****SUMMARY UPDATE OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT
BY THE OPCW FACT-FINDING MISSION IN SYRIA****UPDATE**

1. This summary provides an update on the activities of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria (FFM) since the Eighty-Eighth Session of the Executive Council.
2. The FFM has deployed in order to gather relevant facts. All deployments and movements of the FFM took place with all necessary authorisations, including from the United Nations Department of Safety and Security.
3. The FFM received Note Verbale No. 88 (dated 20 September 2017) from the Syrian Arab Republic, referring to an allegation of use of an unknown toxic gas in Qalib al-Thawr, Al-Salimayah on 9 August 2017. The Syrian Arab Republic also addressed to the FFM Notes Verbales No. 103 (dated 26 October 2017), No. 116 (dated 10 November 2017), and No. 128 (dated 4 December 2017), requesting the OPCW to investigate two incidents that occurred in Khirbat Masasinah, Hama Governorate on 7 July and 4 August 2017. Furthermore, Note Verbale No. 127 (dated 24 November 2017) refers to an incident in Al-Balil, Souran, Hama Governorate on 8 November 2017.
4. After reviewing the information gathered by the FFM and provided by the authorities of the Syrian Arab Republic in regard to the incidents mentioned in paragraph 3 above, the FFM deployed in December 2017. Subsequently, the FFM identified a number of issues requiring clarification. This formed the basis for the FFM's deployment in September 2018, during which the FFM discussed certain issues with the Syrian Arab Republic and received clarifications through various documents, as well as written explanations from the Syrian authorities. The team was also able to gather more information pertaining to the incidents, such as original medical records for patients, hospital logbooks, and updated technical reports, including maps and coordinates for the incident location.
5. Note Verbale No. 106 (dated 1 November 2017) refers to the use of toxic chemicals in the southern area of Yarmouk Camp in Damascus on 22 October 2017.
6. During its deployment to the Syrian Arab Republic in December 2017, the FFM was not provided with any information relevant to the incident in Yarmouk. At the time,



the Syrian authorities informed the FFM that they did not have control over the area and would not be able to support the activities of the FFM.

7. During the deployment in September 2018, the FFM reiterated its inquiries about the incident. In response, the Syrian authorities announced that access was gained to the area, which therefore allowed the authorities to gather information and compile a technical report containing the coordinates of the incident location. The FFM was also provided with access to two relevant witnesses who were interviewed.
8. The FFM has noted regular alleged incidents in areas around Damascus, such as Ein Tarma, Douma, and Jobar. The FFM has held both face-to-face and Skype interviews with regard to allegations in these areas.
9. The FFM issued an interim report (S/1645/2018, dated 6 July 2018) on the alleged incident in Douma on 7 April 2018. Analysis, verification, and corroboration of data collected by the FFM are still ongoing. The splits of the remaining 65 samples collected in Douma were provided to the Syrian Arab Republic. Analysis of samples will continue to be carried out by designated laboratories.
10. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) issued Note S/1654/2018 (dated 20 July 2018) providing an update on the activities of the FFM.

NEXT STEPS

11. Taking all of the information gathered into account, the FFM is still in the process of collecting and analysing all available information in regard to the incidents reported in Notes Verbales No. 88, No. 103, No. 106, No. 116, No. 127, and No. 128. However, since the security situation inside the Syrian Arab Republic is evolving, additional information may become available at a later stage.
12. In relation to the incidents listed in the aforementioned notes verbales, the FFM is currently in the process of translating relevant documentation provided over the course of its deployments, transcribing the recently conducted interviews, and analysing all of the information provided by the Syrian Arab Republic and gathered by the team. Moreover, the FFM team is actively gathering information in relation to the reported incidents and is currently preparing for an upcoming deployment. The FFM also expects to be provided with more information from the Syrian Arab Republic authorities.
13. The FFM will concentrate on building upon its analysis of available evidence through the continued collection and evaluation of relevant information and evidence through all means available, with a view to issuing a final report in relation to the alleged incident of 7 April 2018 in Douma and the pending allegations which have been assessed as credible (listed in the Annex hereto).
14. The Secretariat will keep the State Parties informed of the progress of the FFM’s activities.

Annex (English only):

Open-Source Allegations of the Use of Chemicals as Weapons – 1 December 2015 to 8 October 2018

Annex

**OPEN-SOURCE ALLEGATIONS OF THE USE OF CHEMICALS AS WEAPONS
1 DECEMBER 2015 TO 8 OCTOBER 2018**

	Date	Approximate Location	Governorate
	2015		
1.	20 December	Teir Maalah	Homs
2.	22 December	Moadamiyah	Rif Dimashq
3.	27 December	Jobar	Damascus
	2016		
4.	23 January	al-Nashabiyah	Rif Dimashq
5.	27 January	Ghouta	Rif Dimashq
6.	31 January	Moadamiyah	Rif Dimashq
7.	8 March	Sheikh Maqsoud	Aleppo
8.	13 March	Sheikh Maqsoud	Aleppo
9.	3 April	Qaboun	Rif Dimashq
10.	4 April	Deir Ez-zor airbase	Deir Ez-zor
11.	7 April	Sheikh Maqsoud	Aleppo
12.	9 April	Al Tanf	Homs
13.	11 April	Al Mayadeen	Deir Ez-zor
14.	11 April (may be same as 9 April)	Al Tanf	Homs
15.	12 April	Sheikh Maqsoud	Aleppo
16.	14 April	Handarat	Aleppo
17.	16 April	Al Grindat	Aleppo
18.	16 April	Mt Dakwah	Rif Dimashq
19.	18 April	Al-Eis	Aleppo
20.	18 April	Al-Amqiyah Village	Hama
21.	24 April	Jisr al Shughur	Idlib
22.	26 April	Taqa village, near Shaddadi, ~60 km south of Hasakah city	Hasakah
23.	1 May	Al-Aqaba, Aleppo City	Aleppo
24.	2 May	North Aleppo	Aleppo
25.	22 May	Jobar	Damascus
26.	17 May	Sheikh Maqsoud	Aleppo
27.	30 May	Al-Waar	Homs
28.	End of May 2016	Karm al Qaterji	Aleppo
29.	13 June	Hawsh al Farah	Rif Dimashq
30.	15 June	E Ghouta	Rif Dimashq
31.	22 June	Near Tabqa (to the south) in western Raqqa	Raqqa
32.	23 June	Haritan	Aleppo
33.	26 June	East Ghouta	Rif Dimashq
34.	29 June	Jobar	Damascus
35.	29 June	Al-Mallah	Aleppo
36.	3 July	Karm Al-Myassar	Aleppo

	Date	Approximate Location	Governorate
37.	20 July	Kafr Hamrah	Aleppo
38.	23 July	Various, Aleppo City	Aleppo
39.	1 August	Saraqib	Idlib
40.	2 August	Old City in Aleppo	Aleppo
41.	2 August	Kafr Takarem	Idlib
42.	4 August	Mashhad	Aleppo
43.	No date given	Al-Aqaba	Aleppo
44.	7 August	Ramouseh	Aleppo
45.	8 August	Khan Al-asal	Aleppo
46.	10 August	Zebdiyeh, Aleppo	Aleppo
47.	12 August	Hraytan	Aleppo
48.	16 August	Marea	Aleppo
49.	16 August	Aleppo city	Aleppo
50.	20 August	Hasakah city	Hasakah
51.	25 August	Dandaniyah, near Manbij	Aleppo
52.	28 August	Qabr al Englizi/ Qabr al Inglizi	Aleppo
53.	5 September	Marea	Aleppo
54.	6 September	Al Sukari	Aleppo
55.	6 September	Tarma/Ghouta	Damascus
56.	16 September	Um-Housh	Aleppo
57.	28 September	Karah	Hama
58.	1 October	Locale of Kafr Zita	Hama
59.	3 October	Kafarya and Al Fu'ah villages	Idlib
60.	6 October	Um-Housh	Aleppo
61.	17 October	Ltamenah	Hama
62.	30 October	3000 apartments project, Hamadaniyah, Al-Assad, 1070 apartments project	Aleppo
63.	31 October	Rashidin	Aleppo
64.	2 November	Khan Al Assal and Kafr Naha	Aleppo
65.	3 November	New Aleppo Region	Aleppo
66.	7 November	Khan Al Assal	Aleppo
67.	13 November	Nayrab (near airport)	Aleppo
68.	18 November	Hanano	Aleppo
69.	18/19 November	Ard Al Hamra / Al Sakhour	Aleppo
70.	20 November	Al Sakhour	Aleppo
71.	20 November	Tariq al Bab	Aleppo
72.	21 November	Jisr Al Haj	Aleppo
73.	22 November	Qaterji district (and Dahret Awwad)	Aleppo
74.	23 November	Ard Al Hamra	Aleppo
75.	24 November	Ard Al Hamra	Aleppo
76.	26 November	Al Khaliliya	Aleppo
77.	26 November	Qabasin	Aleppo
78.	26 November	Al Bab	Aleppo
79.	28 November	Sheikh Maqsoud	Aleppo
80.	28 November	Qadi Askar	Aleppo
81.	8 December	Al Klasa	Aleppo

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82.	8 December	Al Maghayer	Aleppo
83.	8 December	Firdous	Aleppo
84.	9 December	Kallaseh	Aleppo
85.	9 December	Al Qasiliah	Aleppo
86.	11 December	Uqayribat	Homs (Salamiyah)
87.	26 December	Wadi Barada	Rif Dimashq
	2017		
88.	3 January	Wadi Barada	Rif Dimashq
89.	5 January	Basima village	Rif Dimashq
90.	8 January	Wadi Barada	Rif Dimashq
91.	30 January	Al Marj	Rif Dimashq
92.	7 February	Irbin	Rif Dimashq
93.	9 February	Irbin	Rif Dimashq
94.	10 February	Irbin	Rif Dimashq
95.	21 February	Hosh ad-Dawahra	Rif Dimashq
96.	26 February	Harasta	Rif Dimashq
97.	3 March	Habit	Idlib
98.	23 March	Maarrat al-Nu'man	Idlib
99.	25 March	Ltamenah	Hama
100.	29 March	Qaboun	Damascus
101.	30 March	Ltamenah	Hama
102.	4 April	Khan Shaykhun	Idlib
103.	7 April	Harasta	Damascus
104.	22 April	Zamalka and Irbin	Damascus
105.	29 April	Ltamenah	Hama
106.	22 June	Jobar	Damascus
107.	1 July	Ayn Tarma and Zamalka	Damascus
108.	6 July	Ayn Tarma/Jobar	Damascus
109.	7 July	Location information is unavailable	
110.	14 July	Ayn Tarma	Damascus
111.	20 July	Ayn Tarma	Damascus
112.	4 August	Khirbat Masasinah	Hama
113.	9 August	Al Salamiyah	Hama
114.	16 August	Ayn Tarma/Jobar	Damascus
115.	27 August	Ayn Tarma/Jobar	Damascus
116.	29 August	Ghanim al Ali	Al Raqqah
117.	10 September	Badia	Rif Dimashq
118.	7 October	Al Musheirfeh	Hama
119.	22 October	Yarmouk	Damascus
120.	7 November	Maqarrayn	Hama
121.	8 November	Harasta	Damascus
122.	15 November	Mazraat Brit Jinn, Kafr Hawar	Damascus
123.	16 November	Harasta	Damascus
124.	18 November	Harasta	Damascus
125.	16 November	Beit Jin	Damascus
126.	30 December	Al-Blaleah	Damascus

	Date	Approximate Location	Governorate
	2018		
127.	13 January	Duma/Harasta	Damascus
128.	13 January	Tall Marq	Idlib
129.	15/ January	Saloumiya	Idlib
130.	22 January	Douma, Eastern Ghouta	Damascus
131.	22 January	Abu-Al-Duhur Airbase	Idlib
132.	01 February	Douma, Eastern Ghouta	Damascus
133.	04 February	Saraqib	Idlib
134.	06 February	Sheikh Kharuz, Bulbul, Afrin	Aleppo
135.	16 February	Arinde, Afrin	Aleppo
136.	25/ February	Shifuniyah, Ghouta	Damascus
137.	05 March	Hamuriyah, Ghouta	Damascus
138.	07 March	Saqba and Hamuriyah	Damascus
139.	11 March	Irbin	Damascus
140.	14 March	Hamuriyah	Damascus
141.	15 March	Zamalka and Haza	Damascus
142.	18 March	Douma	Damascus
143.	07 April	Douma	Damascus