





In addition to the low-level conflict activity in Daraa that continues to target Syrian military personnel, as well as civilians,<sup>2</sup> the most notable conflict event in the south this week was the shelling of two Syrian Government positions in Hadar in northern Quneitra governorate by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) on 3 March.

This is only the third time the IDF have shelled the majority Druze town in the past year, the earlier incidents being in July and May 2018. However, in the wider area, IDF have regularly targeted GoS positions in the governorate, in attempts to enforce the demilitarized designation of the Golan Heights area, most recently on 11 February in Quneitra City. Some attacks have also targeted Hezbollah and Iranian troops in the area, as was the case with the 11 February attack, that saw pro-government media [reporting](#) Iranian nationals among the casualties.

Conflict in the small ISIS pocket in Baghuz Fawqani village slowed down due to the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and its allies seeking to minimize civilian casualties in the 700m square area<sup>3</sup> and the high [number](#) of unexploded ordnance (UXO) and IEDs in the areas close to the village hampering SDF advances. Despite this, other events in the area were recorded including a coalition [airstrike](#) against an ISIS weapons storage site in the village as well as Syrian troops engaging ISIS members attempting to cross the Euphrates River.

