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I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic from 10 to 22 August 2019 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 23 August 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (10 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,179 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,524.96 tons.

Refugees continue to return to their pre-war abodes. The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides operates 10 checkpoints, including one airport and one maritime checkpoint, as well as a humanitarian corridor and the Julayb checkpoint.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 578,466 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,801 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 9 August 2019, a total of 32,150 houses, 881 educational institutions and 191 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,077.4 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 9 August, 24 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Khalifat, Halisah, Sukkariyah, Sabiqiyah, Binyamin, Makanis al-Duwayri, Khalidiyah and Buraykat in Aleppo Governorate; on Salma, Nahshabba, Jayqurjiq, Sirmaniyah, Karmil, Kakhbaniyah, Safsafah, Saraf and Hawash in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; and on Salihiyah in Idlib Governorate.

Terrorist groups continue to attempt to expand the area under their control by force and are concentrating armed units in the southern part of the Idlib de-escalation area.

Approximately 120 Levant Liberation Organization militants, supported by three armoured vehicles and four pickup trucks mounted with heavy machine guns, were observed moving from the area around Hish village.

Some 200 militants of the Ajnad al-Qavkaz (Soldiers of the Caucasus) terrorist group were deployed from Kafr Sajnah to the line of contact with 5 armoured vehicles, 10 pickup trucks mounted with heavy machine guns and 2 mined trucks.

In addition, the Turkistan Islamic Party deployed up to 150 terrorist militants and 13 pickup trucks equipped with mortars, multiple rocket launchers and heavy machine guns to the area around Kinaddah.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (11 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out two humanitarian operations: in Salihyah, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate, and in Kirsana, Ladhqiyyah Governorate. One thousand food parcels weighing a total of 4.84 tons were distributed to persons in need.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,181 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,529.8 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 580,561 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,805 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 10 August 2019, a total of 32,156 houses, 882 educational institutions and 191 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,077.7 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 10 August, 20 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Sabiqiyah, Tall Jiqji and Makanis al-Duwayri in Aleppo Governorate; on Ayn al-Qantarah, Al-Asi, Bayt Janawuru, Ardash Dagh, Sanjaq, Safsafah, Qarah Jaliyah, Ayn Sulaymu, Qara Jaghiz and Araym in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; on Salihyah, Wasitah and Tall Kalbah in Idlib Governorate; and on Rubay‘ah in Hama Governorate.

Terrorist groups continue to attempt to expand the area under their control by force and are attacking Government-held positions.

On 10 August, at 6.30 p.m., up to 150 militants, supported by nine pickup trucks mounted with heavy machine-guns, attacked from the north and east in the area around Ikku;

At 7.50 p.m., up to 130 Levant Liberation Organization militants, supported by seven pickups with heavy machine guns, advanced towards Sukayk-Atshan under cover of mortar fire and balloon bombs.

On 11 August, at 4.15 a.m., up to 100 militants, supported by four pickups mounted with heavy machine guns, advanced towards Murak-Atshan;

At 6.05 a.m., up to 300 Levant Liberation Organization militants, supported by three tanks, two infantry fighting vehicles, one improvised armoured vehicle and two pickup trucks mounted with heavy machine guns, advanced towards the Kafr Ayn-Kafr Nabudah area.

All the attacks by terrorist militants were repulsed by Syrian government forces and the militants suffered heavy casualties. In repelling the attacks, 23 members of the Syrian Arab Armed Forces were killed and 7 wounded.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (12 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,181 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,529.8 tons.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 11 August 2019, a total of 32,160 houses, 882 educational institutions and 191 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,077.9 km of roads had been repaired.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 583,625 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,805 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 11 August, 30 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Sabiqiyah, Makanis-al-Duwayri, Khalidiyah, Salihiyah, Binyamin, Aleppo, Kafr Hamra, Halisah and Qarasi in Aleppo Governorate; on Salihiyah in Idlib Governorate; on Saraf, Jayqurjiq, Qalaz Tahtani, Kansaki, Karmil, Ziyarah, Janajiq, Safsafah, Muqattal and Kinsibba in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; and on Jayyid in Hama Governorate.

On 11 August 2019, from 8.04 p.m. to 8.47 p.m., air defence forces at Humayyim airbase repelled an attack by six drones launched by militants from the northeast. All six were shot down by the air defence units on duty at the airbase. No casualties or damage have been reported. The Humayyim airbase is operating as per usual.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (13 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,181 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,529.8 tons.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 12 August 2019, a total of 32,161 houses, 882 educational institutions and 191 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,078.2 km of roads had been repaired.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 585,380 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,805 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 12 August, 25 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Aleppo, Binyamin and Sabihiyah in Aleppo Governorate; on Salihiyah in Idlib Governorate; and on Ardash Dagh, Mazra'at al-Shamali, Ayn al-Qantarah, Sandiran, Bayt Janawuru, Jubb al-Magharah, Qarah Jaliyah, Safsafah and Ayn al-Asharah in Ladhikiyah Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (14 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,181 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,529.8 tons.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 13 August 2019, a total of 32,163 houses, 882 educational institutions and 191 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,078.3 km of roads had been repaired.

Since 30 September 2015, 586,393 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,807 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 13 August, 32 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Haruqah, Hama Governorate; Mugharat Mirza and Sukkariyah in Idlib Governorate; on Binyamin, Sabilqiyah, Aleppo, Kafr Hamra, Makanis al-Duwayri and Halisah in Aleppo Governorate; and on Saraf, Qal'at Marza, Ardash Dagh, Sandiran, Ayn al-Qantarah, Jayqurjiq, Karmil, Kakhbaniyah, Qabuh, Ayn al-Asharah, Hamrat, Muqattal and Zahr Abu Asad in Ladhhiqiyah Governorate.

On 14 August 2019, military police units of the armed forces of the Russian Federation and Turkey conducted a joint patrol from 12 noon to 12.40 p.m. in the Tall Rif'at deconfliction area. They patrolled along the road between Harbul and Shaykh Isa.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (15 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian action: in Billin, Hama Governorate, 500 food parcels weighing a total of 2.4 tons were distributed.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,182 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,532.2 tons.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 14 August 2019, a total of 32,167 houses, 883 educational institutions and 191 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,078.5 km of roads had been repaired.

Since 30 September 2015, 587,309 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,807 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 14 August, 35 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Binyamin, Sabiqiyah, Aleppo, Kafr Hamra, Khirbat Hirs, Mugharat Mirza, Burayj and Tall Jiqji in Aleppo Governorate; and on Karmil, Safsafah, Kharab al-Khitazu, Jayqurjiq, Ikku, Sandiran, Nahshabba, Bayt Janawuru, Haruf, Ardash Dagh, Ayn al-Qantarah, Saraf, Qal'at Marza, Araym and Ayn Sulaymu in Ladhqiyyah Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (16 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian action: in Sakhur-2, Aleppo Governorate, 500 food parcels weighing a total of 2.5 tons were distributed. With the assistance of the Akhmad Kadyrov Fund, 1 ton of fresh bread was distributed to persons in need.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,183 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,534.7 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 588,408 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,811 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 15 August 2019, a total of 32,167 houses, 884 educational institutions and 191 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,078.5 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 15 August, 31 incidents of gunfire were fired. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Ayn Sulaymu in Hama Governorate; on Sukkariyah in Idlib Governorate; on Buraykat, Aleppo, Sabiqiyah, Makanis al-Duwayri and Halisah in Aleppo Governorate; and on Saraf, Nahshabba, Murtlu, Sandiran, Kinsibba, Ardash Dagh, Sanjaq, Karmil, Ayn al-Qantarah and Quljiq in Ladhqiyyah Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (17 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,183 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,534.7 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 589,309 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,813 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 16 August 2019, a total of 32,170 houses, 884 educational institutions and 192 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,078.5 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 16 August, 32 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Binyamin, Sabiqiyah, Burayj, Halisah and Aleppo in Aleppo Governorate; on Kinsibba, Ayn al-Qantarah, Al-Asi, Bayt Janawuru, Ardash Dagh, Sanjaq, Qarah Jaliyah, Safsafah, Qara Jaghiz, Ayn Sulaymu, Sandiran and Ayn al-Asharah in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; and on Makanis al-Duwayri, Mugharat Mirza, Sukkariyah and Salihiyah in Idlib Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (18 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out two humanitarian operations: in Bdirah, Tartus Governorate, and in Hatla, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate. One thousand food parcels weighing a total of 4.95 tons were distributed to persons in need.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,185 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,539.64 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 590,268 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,813 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 17 August 2019, a total of 32,172 houses, 884 educational institutions and 192 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,078.6 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 17 August, 35 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Nits, Kafr Hamra, Makanis al-Duwayri, Aleppo, Shaykh Maqsud, Khalidiyah, Sabiqiyah, Buraykat, Halisah and Binyamin in Aleppo Governorate; on Jayqurjiq, Ayn al-Qantarah, Ziyarah, Qal'at Marza, Araym, Karmil, Hamrat, Jayyid, Saraf, Quljiq, Sandiran in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; and on Salihiyah in Idlib Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (19 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian action: in Dayr al-‘Adas, Dar’a Governorate, 750 food parcels weighing a total of 3.63 tons were distributed to persons in need.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,186 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,543.3 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 591,307 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,821 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 17 August 2019, a total of 32,178 houses, 885 educational institutions and 192 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,078.8 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 18 August, 36 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Kafr Hamra, Makanis al-Duwayri, Aleppo, Sabiqiyah, Halisah and Binyamin in Aleppo Governorate; on Sanjaq, Kasab, Qarah Jaliyah, Kharab al-Khitazu, Shathah al-Tahta, Ayn al-Qantarah, Ardash Dagh, Araym, Saraf, Jurin, Sandiran, Ayn Sulaymu, Qara Jaghiz and Safsafah in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; and on Salihiyah and Tall Khatrah in Idlib Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (20 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,186 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,543.3 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, 592,391 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,821 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 19 August 2019, a total of 32,183 houses, 885 educational institutions and 192 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,079.1 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 19 August, 32 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Binyamin, Sabiqiyah, Kafr Hamra, Shaykh Maqsud, Aleppo, Khirbat Hirs, Makanis al-Duwayri and Halisah in Aleppo Governorate; on Haruqah, Ardash Dagh, Muqattal, Ayn al-Qantarah, Sandiran, Haruf, Zahr Abu Asad, Saraf, Quljiq, Bayt Sumayrah and Qara Jaghiz in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; and on Mugharat Mirza in Idlib Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (21 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian action: in Karm al-Qasr, Aleppo Governorate, 500 food parcels weighing a total of 2.48 tons were distributed to persons in need.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,187 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,545.75 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, 593,557 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,829 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 20 August 2019, a total of 32,190 houses, 885 educational institutions and 192 medical centres had been rebuilt and 1,079.3 km of roads had been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 20 August, 27 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Binyamin, Sabiqiyah, Makanis al-Duwayri, Aleppo and Tall Jiqji in Aleppo Governorate; on Ayn al-Qantarah, Al-Asi, Sanjaq, Sandiran, Ayn al-Asharah, Ayn Sulaymu, Safsafah, Bayt Janawuru, Qal'at Marza, Qarah Jaliyah, Ardash Dagh and Haruf in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; and on Sukkariyah in Idlib Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

Briefing by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides and Refugee Migration Monitoring in the Syrian Arab Republic (22 August 2019)

Efforts are ongoing in the Syrian Arab Republic to resolve the conflict by non-military means and provide comprehensive assistance to the Syrian people in restoring peace.

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian action: in Tarin, Homs Governorate, 500 food parcels weighing a total of 2.47 tons were distributed to persons in need.

Since the beginning of the process to reach a peaceful settlement, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out a total of 2,188 humanitarian operations. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered amounts to 3,548.22 tons.

Since 30 September 2015, a total of 594,929 people have returned to the Syrian Arab Republic from other countries and 1,303,833 internally displaced persons have returned to their pre-war abodes.

Assistance continues to be provided to rebuild infrastructure and create conditions conducive to the return of refugees. As at 22 August 2019, a total of 32,196 houses, 886 educational institutions and 192 medical centres have been rebuilt and 1,080 km of roads have been repaired.

Illegal armed groups active in the Idlib de-escalation area continue to violate the ceasefire regime.

On 21 August, 31 incidents of gunfire were reported. Militants of illegal armed groups fired on Binyamin, Aleppo, Sabiqiyah and Halisah in Aleppo Governorate; on Ayn al-Qantarah, Saraf, Sanjaq, Jayqurjiq, Qal'at Marza, Ardash Dagh and Karmil in Ladhqiyyah Governorate; on Wasitah and Salihiyah in Idlib Governorate; and on Tall Mutawazi in Hama Governorate.

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides calls on the commanders of illegal armed groups to cease their armed provocations and move to peacefully resolve the situation in the areas under their control.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has opened a humanitarian corridor and a checkpoint at Suran, Hama Governorate, to allow civilians and militants who wish to lay down their arms to leave the Idlib de-escalation area freely and without hindrance. First aid stations have been set up and drinking water, hot food, medicines and basic necessities are being made available for those leaving territory controlled by illegal armed groups, and transportation to safe areas has been arranged for them.