

Annex 17 Syrian fighters in Libya

Figure 17.1
Alaa Al-Junaid at Tikbali Camp, Tripoli


Tikbali Camp, Tripoli
(32°47'52.9"N 13°13'26.9"E)
(19 May 2021)

On 19 May 2021, open source media affiliated to the Hamza division of the 'Syrian National Army' published a video showing the Syrian commander of the division, Alaa Al-Junaid, paying a visit to members of his forces in Tikbali camp in Tripoli.

Primary sources

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bTL2c4mp48>, 22 May 2021.
2. Google Earth Pro.

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The figure consists of three main visual elements. At the top right is a video frame from a YouTube video showing a group of men in military-style clothing walking outdoors. A red box highlights a specific area in the background, a yellow box highlights a building, and a blue box highlights a man's face. Below the video frame are two inset images. The bottom left inset is a satellite view from Google Earth Pro showing a large paved area with a yellow pin and coordinates 32.798120, 13.224294. The bottom right inset is a close-up photo of a man with a beard and a black cap, identified as Alaa Al-Junaid. Arrows connect the red box in the video to the satellite view, the yellow box to the satellite view, and the blue box to the close-up photo.

1. On 18 July 2021, in a video interview,²³ Colonel Fadl Allah Hajji²⁴ of the 'Syrian National Army' admitted sending Turkish backed Syrian combatants to Libya "as part of a strategic plan of the cooperation between the (Syrian) National Army and the Turkish Army...and they are not considered as mercenaries by the Turks nor by the Libyans...we didn't send fighters to kill the Libyans, but to maintain peace and security, to protect airports and the Libyan oil interests...".

²³ https://mobile.facebook.com/watch/?v=294256929137721&_rdr, 18 July 2021.

²⁴ Identified from figures 13.2 and 13.3.