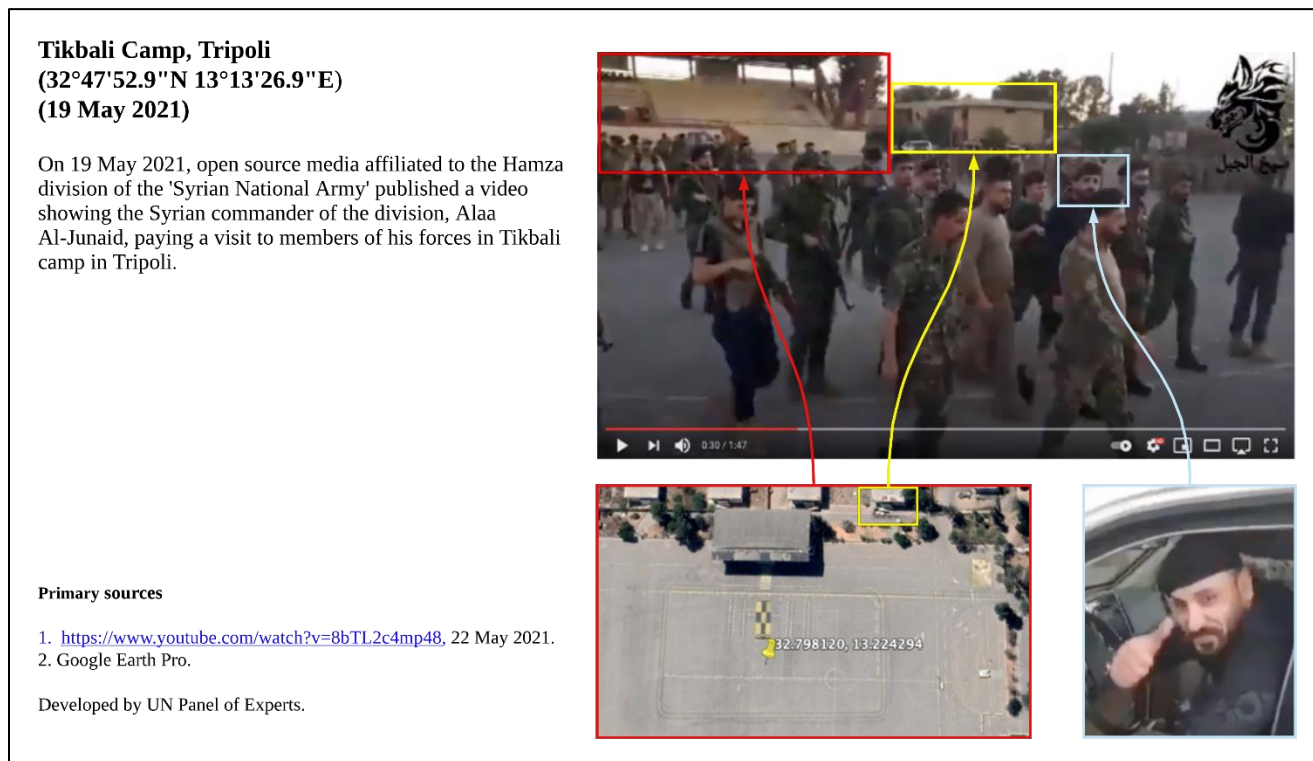


## Annex 17 Syrian fighters in Libya

Figure 17.1  
Alaa Al-Junaid at Tikbali Camp, Tripoli



1. On 18 July 2021, in a video interview,<sup>23</sup> Colonel Fadl Allah Hajji<sup>24</sup> 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...".

<sup>23</sup> [https://mobile.facebook.com/watch/?v=294256929137721&\\_rdr](https://mobile.facebook.com/watch/?v=294256929137721&_rdr), 18 July 2021.

<sup>24</sup> Identified from figures 13.2 and 13.3.

Figure 17.2  
Colonel Fadl Allah Hajji



Figure 17.3  
Video still of Hajji



Source: <https://jisrtv.com/أخبار-الجسر-الأخبار-السورية/استقالة-القائد-العام-للجبهة-الوطنية-للتحرير>, 1 August 2021.

2. On 31 August 2021 a group of GNU-AF Syrians demonstrated outside their base camp of Al Yarmouk against the delay in their salaries for over four months (figure 13.4). They put road blockades on a main road and set small fires in the immediate surroundings in front of the entrance gate of the camp. A GNU-AF commander stated to the Panel that the Syrians present in those camps were not engaged in any military activity and some escaped to attempt to migrate illegally to Europe.

Figure 17.4  
Demonstration at Al Yarmouk Camp, Tripoli

**Al Yarmouk Camp, Tripoli**  
(32°47'52.9"N 13°13'26.9"E)  
(31 August 2021)

On 31 August 2021, a video widely published on social media shows a group of individuals, later identified as Syrians based in the Al Yarmouk Camp, putting blockades on a road, setting fire and demonstrating in front of the main gate of the same camp.

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