Elevated levels of documented conflict continued along the southern frontlines of the Idleb pocket, a week after the latest Sochi talks between Iran, Russia and Turkey held on 14 February. At least 150 Government of Syria (GoS) rocket and artillery bombardments targeted Hayyat Tahrir ash Sham (HTS) dominated areas, compared to 195 incidents last week. Opposition groups targeted government positions with at least 17 rocket or artillery attacks. This included two anti-tank weapon uses by Jaish al Izza, affiliated with HTS, against fortified Syrian army positions in the Masasneh area of northern Hama governorate.

This activity occurred in key urban areas near the M5 highway, the main artery connecting Aleppo to