



Norwegian ID Centre

# The ID database

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### Welcome to the ID database

The ID database contains ID-related information, organized on a country-by-country basis. All relevant information is readily accessible in one place, making it easier to retrieve ID documents and latest facts concerning identity.

The ID database can be used by those whose work entails establishment of identity, such as the immigration authorities, the police and other public institutions.

### Latest news in the ID database

- New addition to the ID database: [Iran](#). You can find useful information for personal identity checks, such as facts about ethnic groups, religion, languages and society. There are also statistics concerning Iranians in Norway.
- [Romania](#) and [Italy](#) have recently been added to our list of countries. You will find relevant information and check lists to help you when examining documents.
- 2 short instructional videos showing you how to check [Syrian ID cards](#) and [Syrian passports](#).



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### Official name

Syrian Arab Republic (Al  
Jumhuriyah al Arabiyah  
as Suriyah/Suriyah)

### Population estimate

July 2014: 17 064 854 (CIA, 2015)

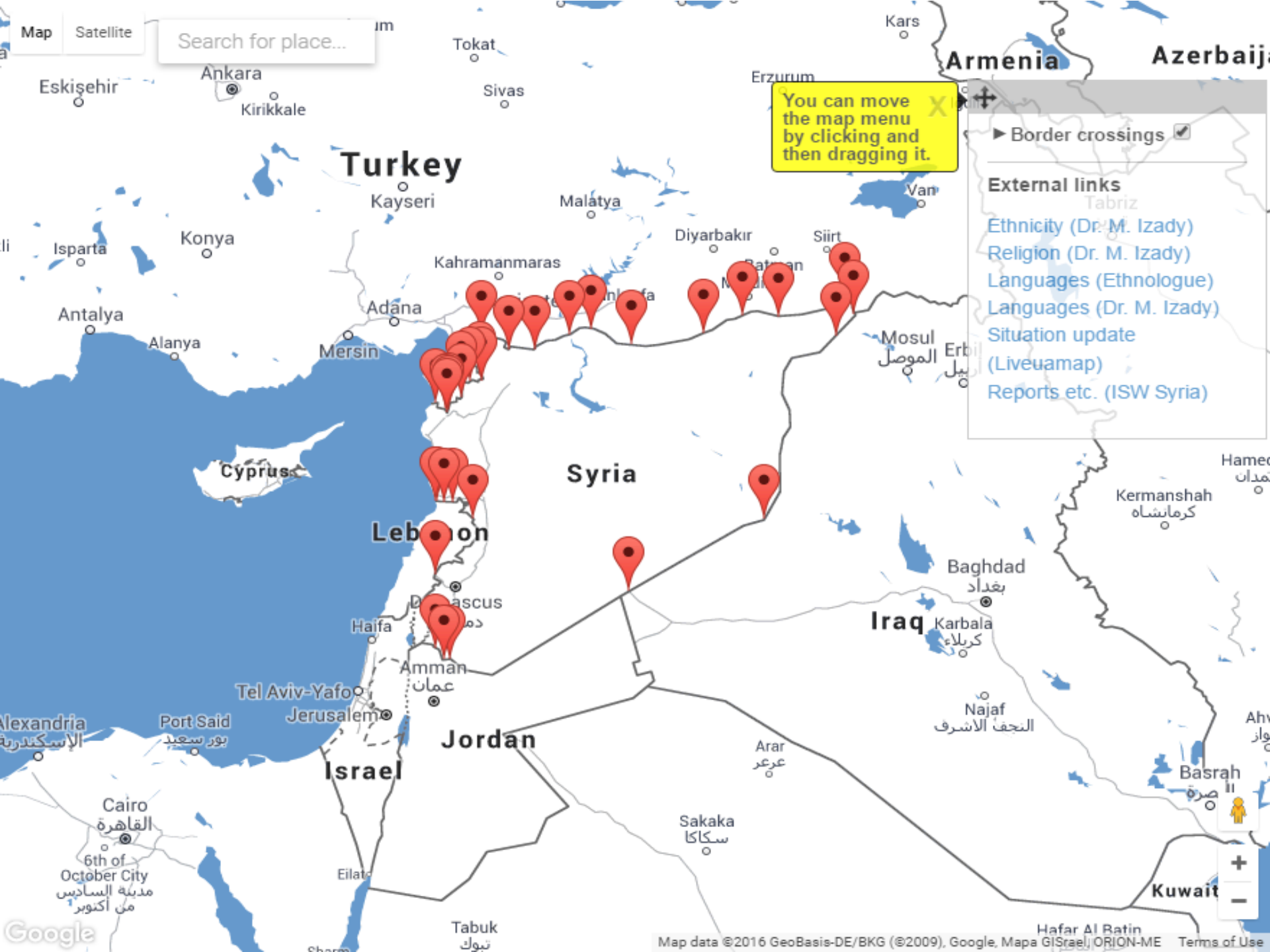
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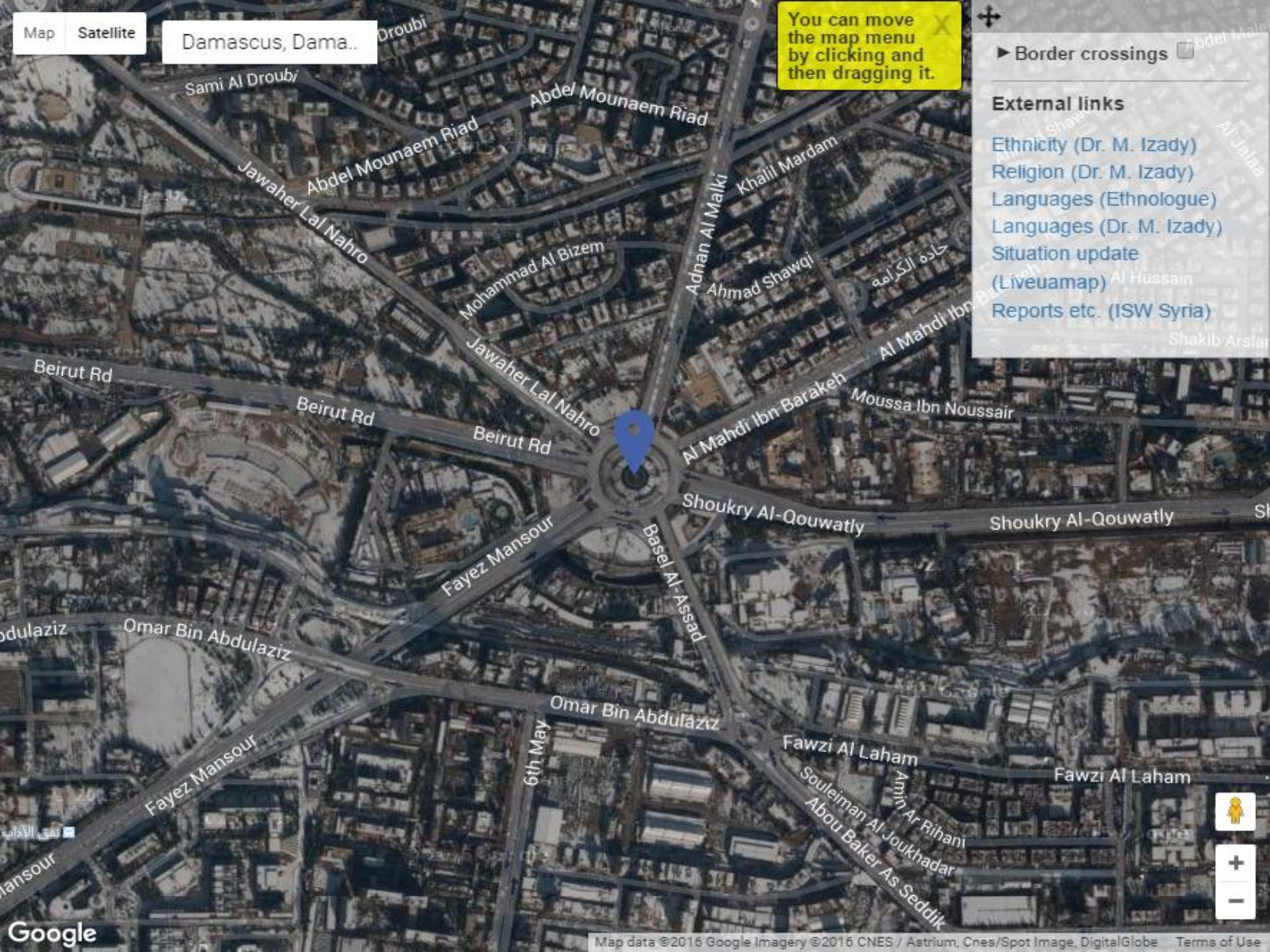
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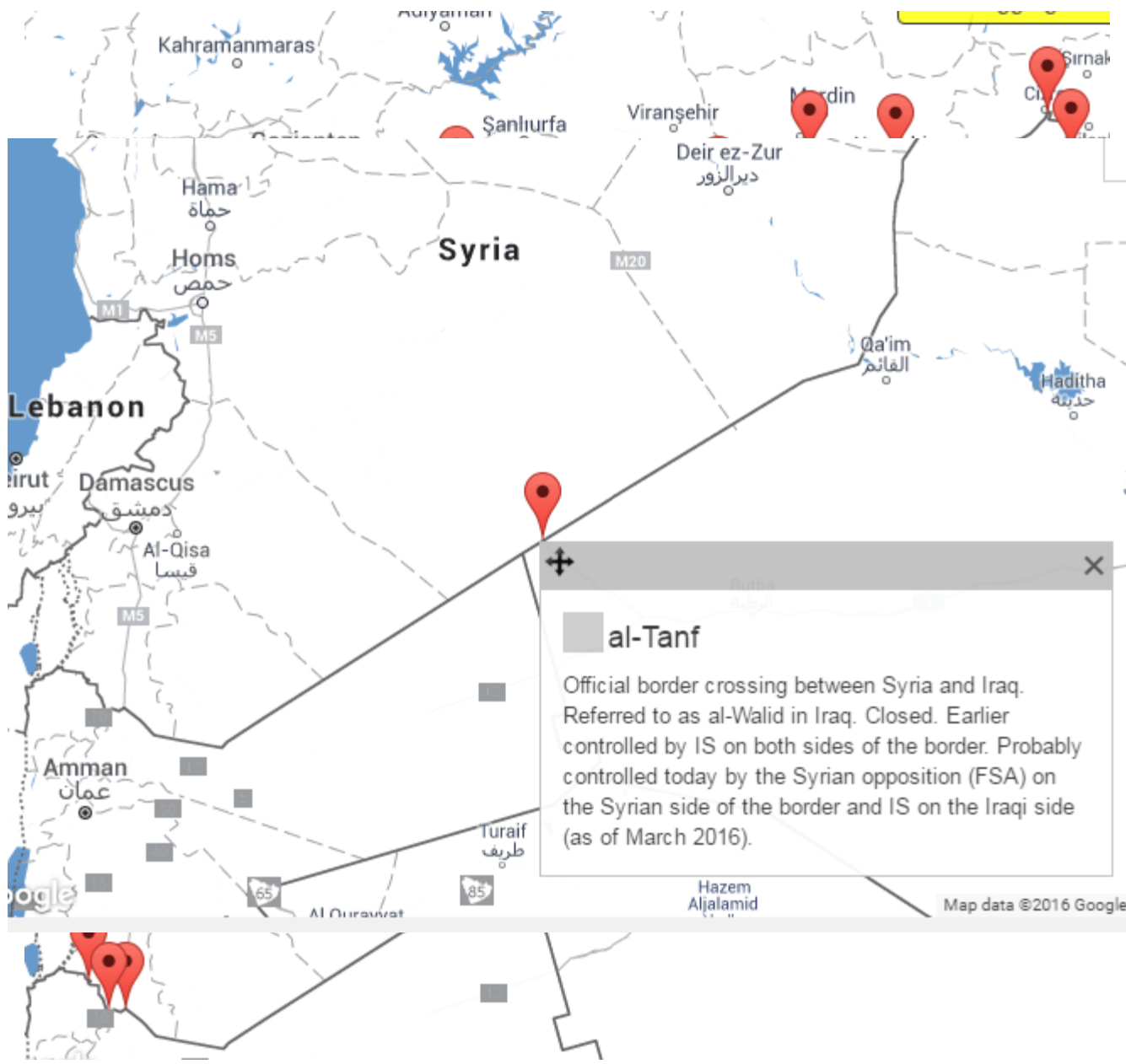
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**al-Tanf**

Official border crossing between Syria and Iraq. Referred to as al-Walid in Iraq. Closed. Earlier controlled by IS on both sides of the border. Probably controlled today by the Syrian opposition (FSA) on the Syrian side of the border and IS on the Iraqi side (as of March 2016).



### Semitic languages

	Arabic (Levantine, Jaziran and Nejd dialects)	86.8%
	Neo-Aramaic (Assyrian-Chaldean dialect)	1.1%
	Aramaic	0.05%



### Turkic languages

	Afshar, Baharlu, Ayrimlu, Aynalu, Buchak/Ojaq (Turkomani)	0.7%
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### Indo-European languages

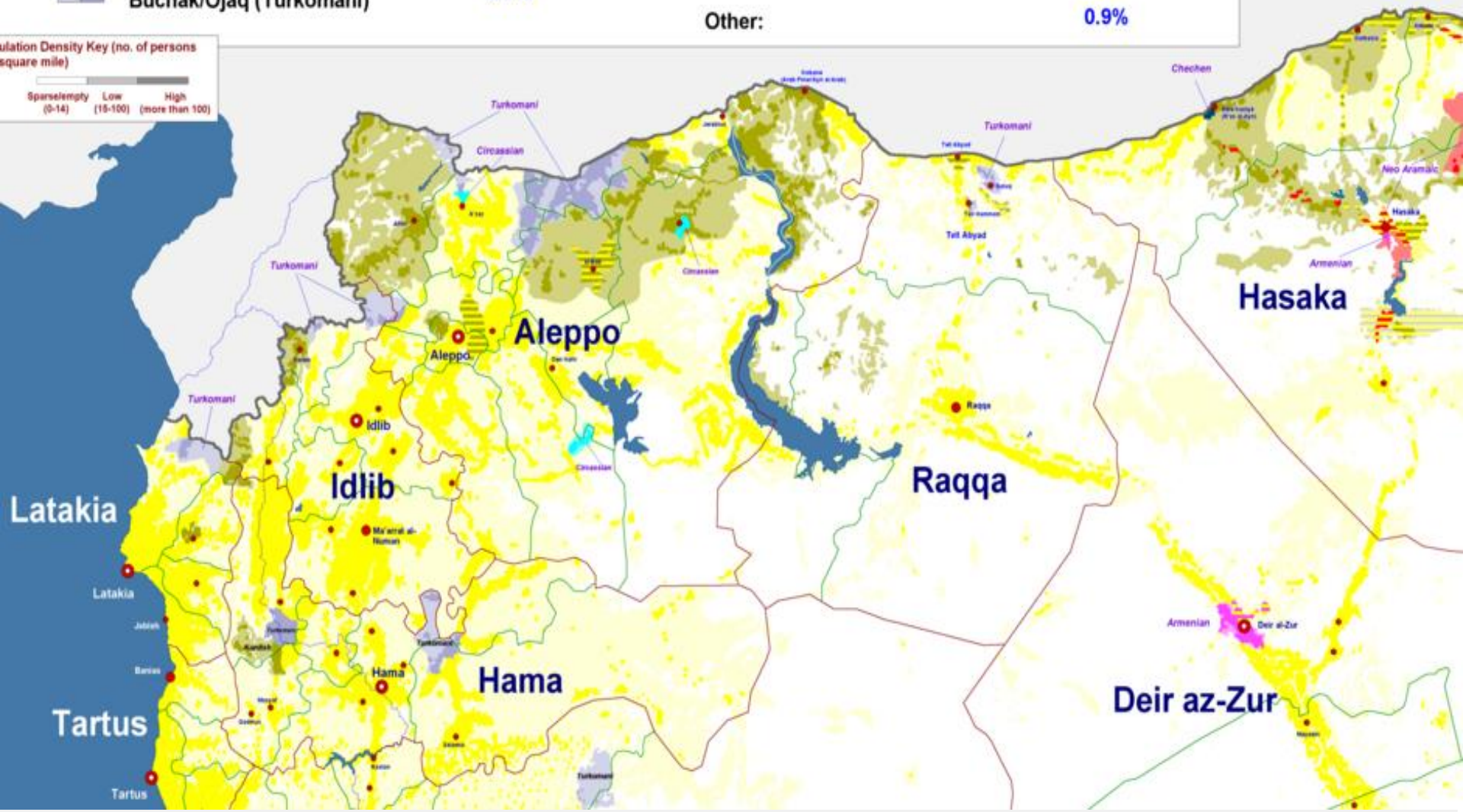
	Kurdish (Kurmanji dialect)	8.9%
	Armenian (Western dialect)	0.8%

### Caucasic languages

	Circassian and Kabarda	0.5%
	Chechen	0.1%

Other: 0.9%

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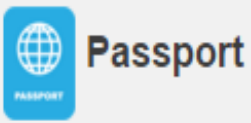


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ID documents are issued by various authorities. ID documents, together with information on the holder, are available in the National ID Register.



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## Authority

The Department of Migration and Passports (*Idara al-hijra wal-jawazat*), placed under the Ministry of Interior, is responsible for handling applications and issuing passports and travel documents to Syrians and Palestinian refugees in Syria (Syrian Mol, 2015). Diplomatic and service passports are issued by the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates.

According to The department they operate offices in all of Syria's 14 provincial capitals, with the exception of al-Raqqqa and Idlib, at present controlled respectively by The Islamic State (IS) and Jabhat al-Nusra/Ahrar al-Sham of the Syrian opposition (Syrian Mol, 2015). It is also reported that the passport office in Deir al-Zour is under control by the IS (ABC News, 2015).

According to the authorities, Syrians and Palestinians from Syria may apply for passports in any province, not only the one in which they are registered.

## Application procedure

Palestinians in Syria follow the same application and issuance procedures as Syrian citizens, except that Palestinians are issued with a travel document (*wathiqat safar*) rather than a passport (*jawaz safar*) (Syrian Mol, 2015).

According to the Syrian authorities, passport applications must be accompanied by the following (Syrian Mol, 2015):

- The application form, filled out in Arabic and English.
- Fingerprints of all ten digits.
- Presentation of the national ID card.
- Two passport photos.
- Government employees must present an authorization from their employer.
- Men between the age of 18 - 42 must present an authorization from the military authorities.
- Receipt showing that the fee has been paid.

Children under the age of 15 do not have a national ID card, and must produce the following (Syrian Mol, 2015):

- A transcript (*ikhrāj qa'id*) from the Civil Status database of the Civil Status Department.
- Two passport photos.
- An attestation from their legal guardian (for all applicants under 18).

## Application procedure by proxy

Close relatives of Syrians living abroad may apply on their behalf, according to the Syrian authorities (Syrian Mol, 2015). Theoretically speaking, the relative should apply to the provincial office that the applicant belongs to; however in practice, they can apply to any of the provinces (except al-Raqqqa, Idlib and possibly also Deir al-Zour). In cases where the deputy is not a close relative (i.e. parent, sibling, uncle etc.) it is necessary to provide a written authorization (*wikala*) from the applicant. This should be sent via a Syrian embassy or consulate.

Applications for passports by proxy can be sent to all operational offices under the Department for Passports and Migration. Application and issuance is handled by the office in which the application is first received, and is stamped and signed by the office manager there (Syrian Mol, 2015).

## Issuance procedure

According to Syrian authorities, all offices use the same equipment for issuing passports (Syrian Mol, 2015).



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