



Reports suggest that an estimated 13,000 people have left the city of Menbij since the SDF campaign began on May 31. In the village of Hajj Abdeen, 5 km to the southeast of Menbij city center, the SDF claim to have provided safe passage for approximately 1,300 internally displaced persons (IDPs) leaving the city. Others from the city have sought shelter in the communities of Karsana, Qabr Imu, Abu Qalqal, and even Kobani (Ain al-Arab).

IDPs fleeing the conflict continue to arrive in areas across the northern Aleppo countryside, western Aleppo countryside, and even as far as the northern countryside of Idleb governorate near Sarmada and the Bab al-Hawa border crossing. The Kurdish-controlled area of Afrin in northwest Aleppo governorate has reportedly received some 1,000 IDPs between July 10-12 alone.

Strikes in Idleb and Hama have continued throughout this week, including an airstrike on a public market in Ariha, Idleb. Warplanes struck a Syrian IDP camp on the Jordanian border on July 12, only a couple of

Conclusion

The continued escalation of violence in Aleppo and Darayya imperils hundreds of thousands of civilians trapped in both cities. Given the ongoing offensives and all parties' continued disregard for ceasefire agreements and the indiscriminate targeting of civilians, parties to the conflict should work to secure safe