

'Truce hasn't changed anything, terrorists intensified attacks' – Aleppo residents to RT

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Having spent just two hours in Sheikh-Maqsood, Phelan said she rarely had a moment when she did not hear shelling. She passed by the ruins of a building which was leveled the day before. A whole family died there – four women and three children.

*"We saw something flying towards the house and then there was an explosion. The building collapsed in just a few seconds,"* their neighbor told the RT crew.

Phelan counted nine destroyed buildings in the neighborhood close to two front lines.

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*"It was definitely Al-Nusra,"* a local girl told RT, referring to one of the recent attacks on the district. *"They must have been targeting civilians because there are no fighters here. The only reason all these people were killed is because they lived in a district of strategic importance."*

The US-Russian agreement on a "cessation of hostilities" in Syria came into effect in late February. A total of 97 armed groups operating in Syria have agreed to the ceasefire. However, it does not apply to Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL), Al-Nusra Front, or "other terrorist organizations" designated by the UN.

*"For us the truce hasn't changed anything. In fact, it's even worse than before. Terrorists have intensified their attacks,"* another resident said.

The Syrian Army insists that Al-Nusra Front, which is Al-Qaeda's branch in Syria, and Islamic State maintain a strong presence everywhere in parts of the city held by the opposition.

