

Update on Alouk Water Pumping Station

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Important shift in political will to restart Alouk, but the repairs take time and a shortage of water will continue in Hasakeh

In early May, the Water for Hasakeh campaign collected updates on the Alouk Water Pumping Station in order to obtain a comprehensive picture of the announced efforts to restart its operation.

Main findings include:

- The political and security obstacles for restarting the station have been removed and there is now political will to restart it as soon as feasible.
- The Syrian Transitional Government is now in control of the area where Alouk is situated.
- Access to the station has been granted for relevant humanitarian organisations, some local government bodies, and contractors.
- Work to provide electricity to the station is underway, linking it with a limited capacity power line from Derbasiye, including clearance of the line from irregular connections.
- Maintenance and initial repair of the station is underway, while planning and procurement for the larger works, including replacing pumps and equipment, are ongoing.
- The timetable for the restart of the water flow from Alouk to the Himmeh reservoir is uncertain, and will depend on progress with the electricity connection and pump repairs, as well as the condition of the 67km pipeline.
- Distribution of water from the Himmeh reservoir to end users in Hasakeh is likely to start with limited water and challenges with the local water network, therefore the need for water trucking will continue.
- It is advisable to share more information on the restart of Alouk to the public and other local bodies since expectations are running high and delays and lower than expected supply can cause frustration.
- it is also advisable for all relevant actors to share the maximum amount of information and co-ordinate efforts for an effective outcome.
- For the sustained running of Alouk at full capacity, there is a need for further improvements in the security and governance of the area, as well as an electricity connection to the Tishreen hydro electric station, and a firm commitment to restarting Alouk as a high priority by all relevant authorities.
- Along with the renewed flow of Alouk there is a need to repair the distribution network, develop waste water treatment, and extend the water network to deprived areas.

- In the longer term, even with Alouk at full capacity there will be insufficient water supply in Hasakeh, so efforts are needed for water conservation and new supply schemes, such as rainwater harvesting.

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