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SITUATION UPDATE FOR KOBANI, ALEPPO GOVERNORATE, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Based on Satellite Imagery Acquired 1 & 6 November 2014



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The image shows destruction in a portion of the city of Kobani. Several buildings appear destroyed or heavily damaged; a large crater is also visible on the side of one of Kobani's main streets.

Center Coordinates:
38°21'7.79"E 36°53'33.74"N

This report provides an overview of the situation in the town of Kobani as of 6 November 2014, using high resolution imagery collected by the WorldView-3 satellite and compared with satellite imagery collected 22 October and 6 September. In support of the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) and 2165 (2014), UNOSAT reviewed the town for indicators of damage and destruction and signs of ongoing fighting and displaced civilians. Imagery shows widespread damage along the city and numerous destroyed and severely damaged structures and craters caused by munitions impacts. Roadblocks were detected and vehicle traffic is almost entirely absent throughout the town. Using imagery collected 22 October and 1 November, UNOSAT also identified the presence of an increased number of refugees in the nearby Turkish town of Suruc. This is a preliminary analysis and has not yet been validated in the field. Please send ground feedback to UNITAR / UNOSAT.

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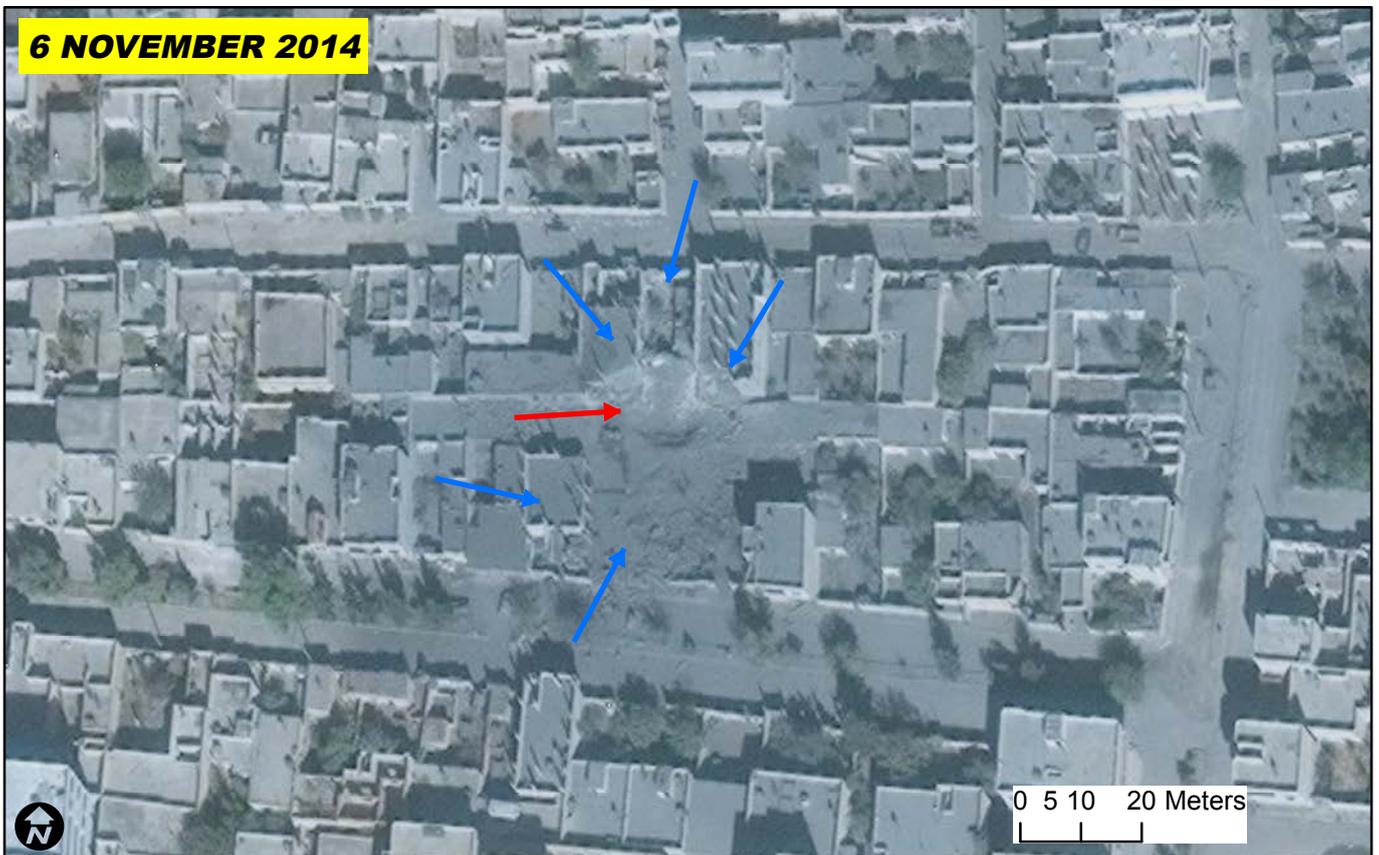
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Imagery Dates: 1 & 6 November 2014
Resolution: 40 cm
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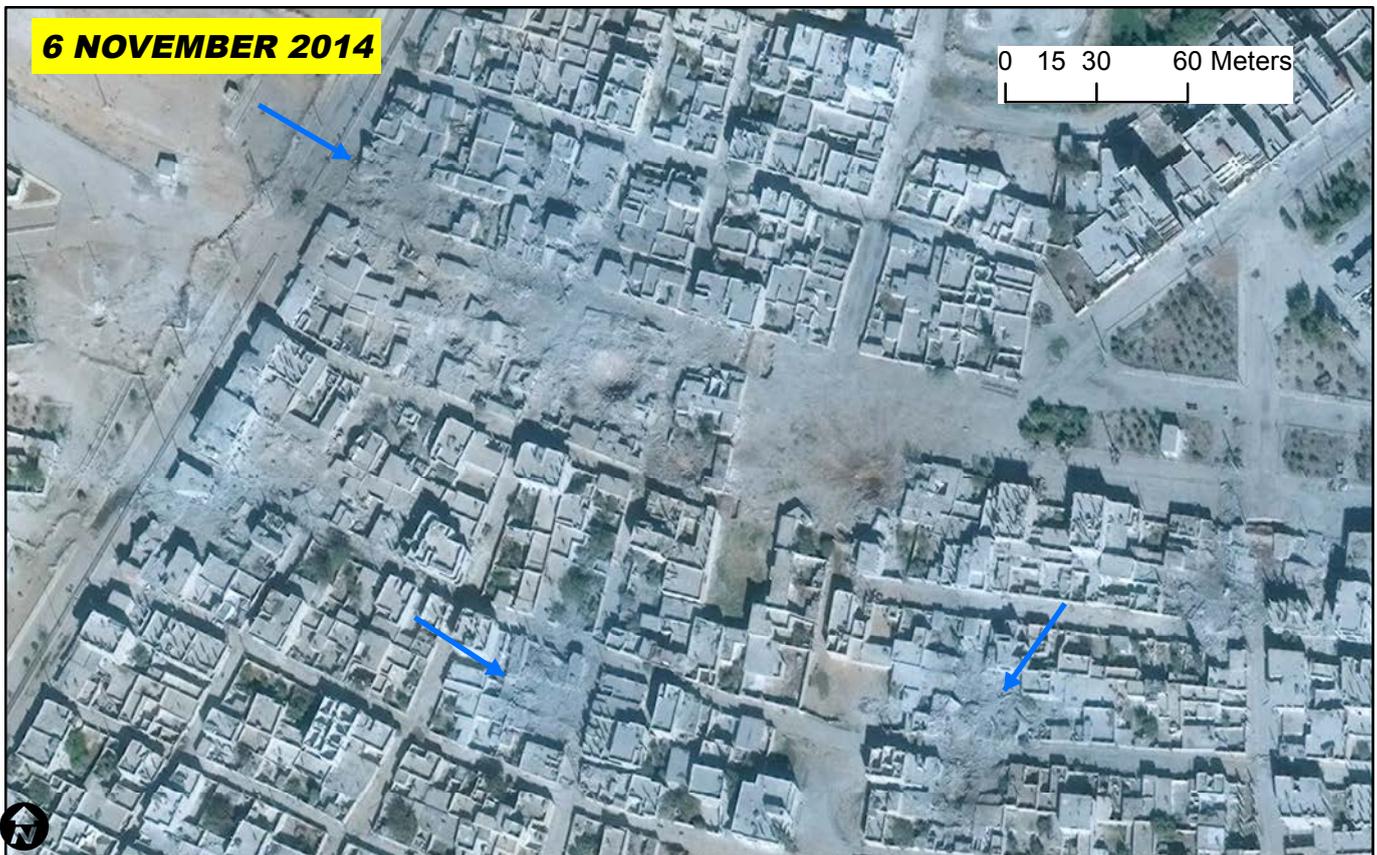
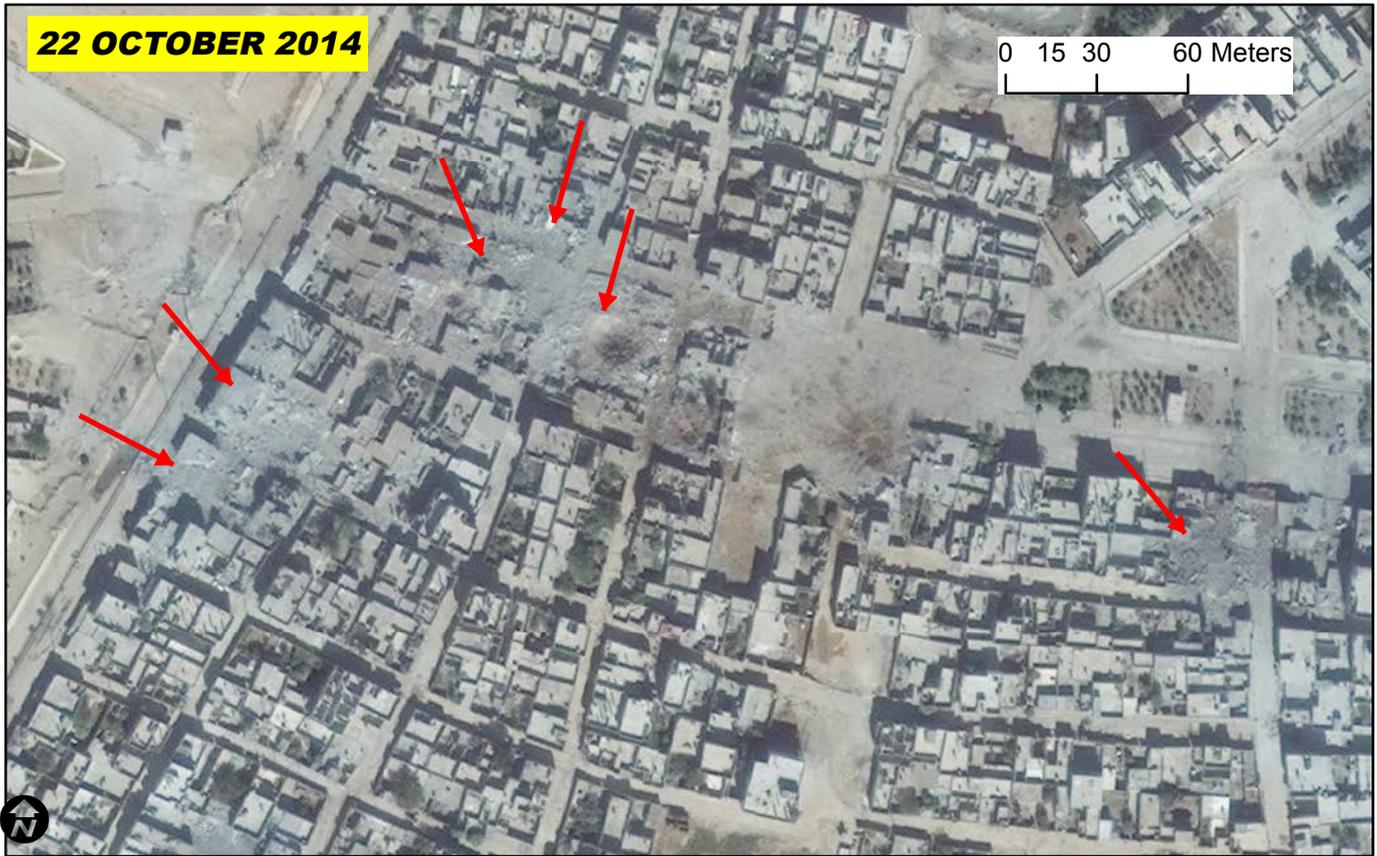
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Figure 1: Destroyed and damaged structures in Kobani



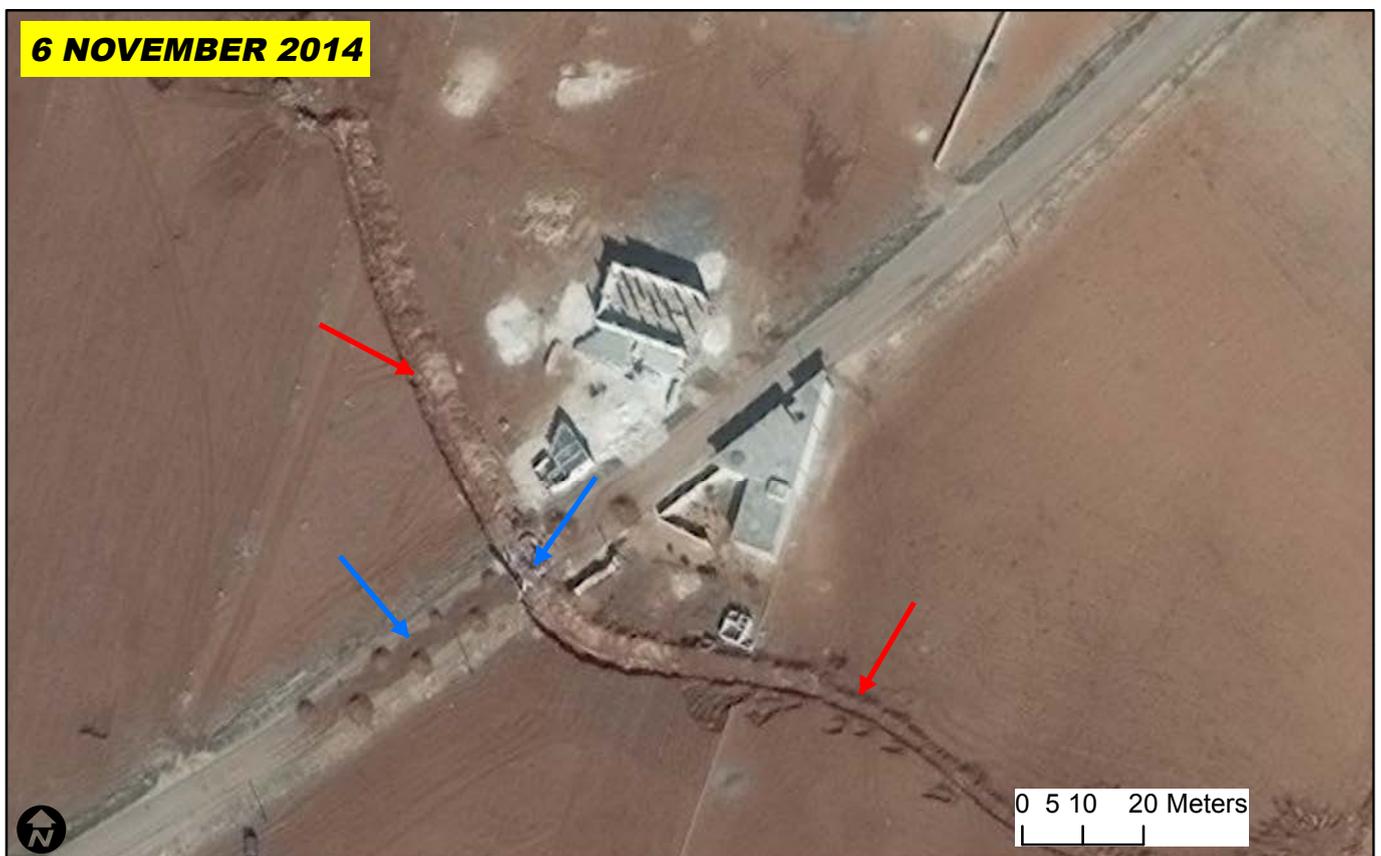
The figure shows a portion of the eastern part of the town of Kobani where a large crater is visible (red arrow) and several buildings around it are destroyed or severely damaged (blue arrows), possibly by an air strike. Images copyright 2014 DigitalGlobe.

Figure 2: Destroyed and damaged structures in Kobani



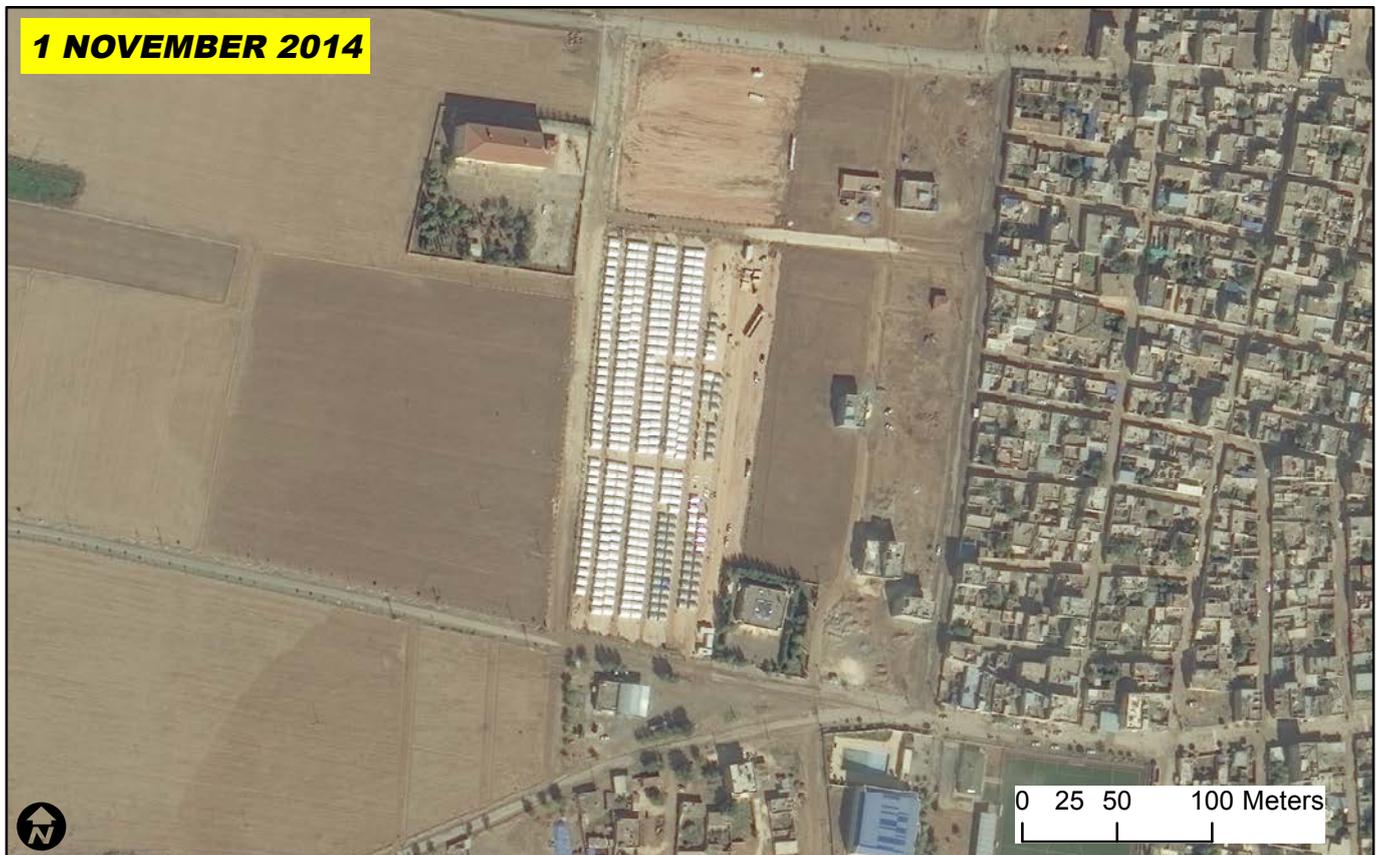
The figure shows a portion of the northern part of the town of Kobani that was heavily damaged by 22 October as imagery shows multiple buildings destroyed or severely damaged (red arrows). New imagery collected on 6 November shows that bombardments have continued over the area since 22 October and have caused the destruction of several structures (blue arrows). Images copyright 2014 DigitalGlobe.

Figure 3: Access control points



UNOSAT analysis also indicates ongoing humanitarian access constraints as imagery shows roadblocks and control points placed along the roads leading to Kobane (blue arrows). A probable fortified fighting line is also visible in this figure (red arrows). Images copyright 2014 DigitalGlobe.

Figure 4: Displaced civilians



Satellite imagery collected 22 October over the Turkish town of Suruc (11 km north east of Kobane) shows a total of 834 tent shelters distributed in 4 different refugee camps. This figure shows an additional refugee camp that is under construction and as of 1 November it has been occupied by a total of 287 new tent shelters. This means an increase of 32 % in the number of tent shelters in Suruc between 22 October and 1 November. Images copyright 2014 DigitalGlobe.

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