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Glossary of Local Terms¹

<i>'Aaruf</i>	Bedouin judge
<i>Abu Ka'ab</i>	Mumps (disease)
<i>Addan</i>	Length of rotation (in days) of specific turns in irrigation water right
<i>Al 'Atba</i>	The followers of a specific Bedouin tribe. Those who pay protection tax.
<i>Al Lafiiif</i>	Similar to Al Atba, also translated as “the attached”. These people are in some way attached to a particular Bedouin tribe and pay protection tax
<i>'Ammaal</i>	Seasonal workers
<i>'Ayn</i>	Source
<i>Ba'ath</i>	Revival (from Ba'ta: to send, evoke or awaken). The name of the main political party in Syria
<i>Badileh</i>	Exchange marriage, usually between parallel cousins
<i>Bayt</i>	House or lineage of a particular family
<i>Bi'a</i>	Mobile vendor in rural areas
<i>Biduun Fayedeh</i>	Without payment (working for free)
<i>Bint 'amm</i>	Female parallel cousin
<i>Birkeh</i>	Reservoir

¹ *These are local terms as opposed to Arabic terms. Some of these terms are not literally Arabic but could be of Turkish or Persian origin. All these terms are used locally at the research sites.*

<i>Caliph</i>	Islamic leader, usually claimed to be a successor of Muhammad.
<i>Dunum</i>	Area measurement commonly used in the Middle East. One dunum is 1000 m ²
<i>Dor</i>	Rightful turn in irrigation rotation
<i>Hakkih Fadih</i>	Empty talk (<i>lit</i>) "hot air"
<i>Haquun</i>	Owners of the irrigation rights
<i>Harim</i>	A defined boundary around the qanat tunnel, source area or outlet in which it is forbidden to drill wells or dig another qanat
<i>Hosh</i>	House or lineage
<i>Ibrik</i>	Small plastic water bucket
<i>Jiil</i>	Members of the same age group
<i>Jub</i>	(Water) Well or airshaft
<i>Khayr</i>	Good or The Good
<i>Kubbeh</i>	Name of a typical conical shaped dome roof of a traditional mudbrick house in northern Syria
<i>Madafa</i>	Guest room used as a meeting place to invite important guests and for achieving greater consensus for political and social domination
<i>Mafrag</i>	Crossing between two transects, such as tunnels, roads or lines
<i>Mai</i>	Water
<i>Mukhtaar</i>	The chosen leader, usually referred to as the head of the village community
<i>Muwaddafiin</i>	Government employees

<i>Natur</i>	Guard, someone who oversees
<i>Nebe'</i>	Source
<i>Oda</i>	Place for gathering and prestige, similar to <i>Madafa</i>
<i>Qaduz</i>	Large metal bucket container usually carried on the head
<i>Qanat (Romani)</i>	Traditional water tunnels in Syria
<i>Ras</i>	Head
<i>Saqiyeh</i>	Open channel
<i>Sarab</i>	Course or flow
<i>Semna 'Arabi</i>	Sheep butter or fat
<i>Sharaf</i>	Honour
<i>Shaykh</i>	Leader
<i>Showkah</i>	Thorn
<i>Shu bi'ulu an-nas</i>	What the people say (lit.)
<i>Sunduq</i>	Box or kitty
<i>Sunduqiye</i>	Boxed, type of tunnel construction used in qanat renovation
<i>Tanour</i>	Bread oven
<i>Wadi</i>	Valley
<i>Wasta</i>	Mediator or mediation
<i>Wasta Qawiyye</i>	Grand mediation
<i>Za'ater</i>	Thyme powder or paste, commonly used for breakfast