

Syria and the Battle of Maysalun

The Battle of Maysalun took place near Damascus on July 23, 1920 between Syrian and French forces. Following the Syrian defeat of the Ottomans, a newly proclaimed nationalist government under King Faisal refused to recognize French sovereignty (France had been awarded a mandate over Syria by the League of Nations in August, 1920, and had proceeded to install a republic ruled by Syria's Christian minority). French forces, under the command of General Henri Joseph Eugene Gouraud, advanced from Beirut and crushed Faisal's forces, effectively cementing French control over Syria.

