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YPG, a leading force in the SDF, was a military organization by Kurds who lived in the northeastern Syria. The Kurds are scattered in the four countries of Syria, Turkey, Iran and Iraq. They are confronting with respective governments for independence and/or autonomy. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) is secular military forces of Sunnis and supported by the US, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Turkey tries to eliminate YPG from SDF to constrain the Kurdish independence movement in the country.

Al-Nusra Front was the descendent of international terrorist organization al-Qaeda. They were one of the religious wings which advocates Islamic fundamentalism and Salafism. Islamic State (IS) was originally called Islamic State of Iraq (ISI). They started terrorist activities in December 2013 when US President Obama declared the end of the Iraq war and withdraw US military forces from Iraq. Islamic State expanded its activity to Syria and renamed "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)". They declared the independence of "Islamic State (IS)" in 2014. Although they proclaimed an independent state, it was identified that they were cruel terrorists and burglary group. No countries have recognized IS as a independent state.

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