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Foreign powers wondered which sect should be supported because the leadership was changed frequently one sect to another. The United States tried to provide military training and supplied weapons to the Syrian Democratic Forces, which was liberal democratic sect among rebels. But the liberal forces got no meaningful power. West European type of democracy had little influence in the Middle East. Military and financial aid were wasted like spraying water in the desert.

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf secular monarchs supported the Syrian Democratic Force. This was their last option. GCC countries feared that Sarafist (Islamic extremist) of Sunni like the Al-Nusra Front or IS (Islamic State) would endanger their monarchs. At the same time GCC monarchs thought that the Syrian government supported by Iran was more unacceptable. And as far as they kept pace with Western countries, their absolute monarchy system was stable for a while. GCC monarchs supported SDF as the last option although they were wary of liberal democracy. Despite military support by US and financial support by the Gulf countries, Syrian Democratic Force was much inferior compared to other rebels in the military power. They can only protect themselves.

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