

List of abbreviations and glossary

Term	Definition
ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
COI	Country of origin information
DAANES	Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria, formerly known as AANES
EUAA	European Union Agency for Asylum
GoS	Government of Syria under the Assad regime
HTS	Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham
IDP	Internally displaced person
IED	Improvised explosive device
IPA	Internal Protection Alternative
ISIL	The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the Islamic State, or Daesh
PKK	Kurdistan Worker's Party (<i>Partiya Karkerên Kurdistanê</i>)
QD (Qualification Directive)	Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted
QR (Qualification Regulation)	Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
RPG	Rocket-propelled grenades
SAF	Syrian Arab Forces under the Assad regime
SDF	Syrian Democratic Forces
Sharia	The religious law of Islam, Islamic canonical law
SNA	Syrian National Army
SOHR	Syrian Observatory of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNRWA	The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
YPG	Kurdish People's Protection Units

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