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# List of abbreviations and glossary

Term	Definition
<b>ACLED</b>	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project
<b>CJEU</b>	Court of Justice of the European Union
<b>COI</b>	Country of origin information
<b>DAANES</b>	Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria, formerly known as AANES
<b>EUAA</b>	European Union Agency for Asylum
<b>GoS</b>	Government of Syria under the Assad regime
<b>HTS</b>	Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham
<b>IDP</b>	Internally displaced person
<b>IED</b>	Improvised explosive device
<b>IPA</b>	Internal Protection Alternative
<b>ISIL</b>	The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the Islamic State, or Daesh
<b>PKK</b>	Kurdistan Worker's Party ( <i>Partiya Karkerên Kurdistanê</i> )
<b>QD (Qualification Directive)</b>	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
<b>QR (Qualification Regulation)</b>	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
<b>RPG</b>	Rocket-propelled grenades
<b>SAF</b>	Syrian Arab Forces under the Assad regime
<b>SDF</b>	Syrian Democratic Forces
<b>Sharia</b>	The religious law of Islam, Islamic canonical law
<b>SNA</b>	Syrian National Army
<b>SOHR</b>	Syrian Observatory of Human Rights
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UNRWA</b>	The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
<b>YPG</b>	Kurdish People's Protection Units
<b>YPJ</b>	Kurdish Women's Protection Units

