

List of abbreviations and glossary

| Term | Definition |
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| 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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Kurdish Women's Protection Units

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