

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Supplemental Statement**

**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending Jan 31, 2019

(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

US Mission of the Syrian Democratic Council 6516

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

807 Capitol Square Place SW  
Washington DC 20024

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

- (1) Residence address(es) Yes  No
- (2) Citizenship Yes  No
- (3) Occupation Yes  No

(b) If an organization:

- (1) Name Yes  No
- (2) Ownership or control Yes  No
- (3) Branch offices Yes  No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above:

Change for: Ms. Senam Mohamed  
New residence address:  
56 G St SW  
Washington DC 20024

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
Mr. Bassam Saker	807 Capitol Sq Pl SW Washington DC 20024	Syria (US Permanent Resident)	US Representative	Oct 1, 2018

5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

Attended meetings, advocated on behalf of interests/mission of foreign principal.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Syrian Democratic Council, Syria  
(also called the Self-Administration of North and East Syria)

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No

Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

**III - ACTIVITIES**

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?      Yes       No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Please see attachment.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below?  
Yes       No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Please see attachment.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)?      Yes       No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

**IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION****14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
August 2018 - January 2019	Various Syrian and Kurdish grassroots supporters in the United States	To support the US Mission of the Syrian Democratic Council's mission	Approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month

\$8k to \$10k per mo

Total

**(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No 

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
August 2018 - January 2019	Property Manager/Owner	Rent for office space	\$4,200 per month
August 2018 - January 2019	Utilities, rent, transportation expenditures, office supplies	Office operations, office expenses, transportation	\$3,000 per month

\$7,200 per mo

Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

**V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>

Yes  No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes  No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts       Magazine or newspaper       Motion picture films       Letters or telegrams  
 Advertising campaigns       Press releases       Pamphlets or other publications       Lectures or speeches  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Communications**

- Email  
 Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify) Verbal info only offered in meetings, presentations, interviews. Please see attachment.

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials       Newspapers       Libraries  
 Legislators       Editors       Educational institutions  
 Government agencies       Civic groups or associations       Nationality groups  
 Other (specify) Verbal info. Please see attachment.

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English       Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes  No

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.



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**VI - EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

ATTACHMENT to NSD-2 Form

Registrant: US Mission of the Syrian Democratic Council

Registration #6516

Pursuant to Item #12, Activities

## **FARA - Reporting Requirements**

**Syrian Democratic Council - Meetings and Media Appearances**

**For the Period: August 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019**

### **Meetings**

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Date: August 9, 2018

Meeting with: Christopher Alkhouiry, State Department

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: Recent developments in Northeastern Syria

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Date: August 10, 2018

Meeting at Hudson Institute

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: Future of Syrian Christians

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Date: 10-10-2018

Meeting with: Joe Bartlett, Legislative Assistant to Rep Francis Rooney

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: US-Syria foreign policy, Syria Study Group, US military support for SDF

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Date: 10-12-2018

Meeting with: US Representative Thomas Garrett

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: US-Syria foreign policy, possible diplomatic visits, Syria Study Group, US military support for SDF

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Date: 10-16-2018

Meeting with: Wyndee Parker, Legislative Assistant to Rep Nancy Pelosi

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: US-Syria foreign policy, Syria Study Group, US military support for SDF

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Date: 10-17-2018

Meeting with: Tony Pakuch, US Senate Armed Services Committee staff person

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: US-Syria foreign policy, Syria Study Group, US military support for SDF

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Date: 10-19-2018

Meeting with: Chris Alkhoury, Acting Policy Director

Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS, State Department

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: US-Syria foreign policy, OFAC license application approval, humanitarian and reconstruction aid, US military support for SDF

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Date: 10-22-2018

Meeting with: Michael Noblet, Armed Services Committee staff person

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics Discussed: US-Syria foreign policy, Syria Study Group, US military support for SDF

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Date: Friday, January 25, 2019

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Meeting with: Ms. Naz Durakoglu, Senator Jeanne Shaheen's office, Legislative Director at Shaheen's office, and State Department advisor at Shaheen's office

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Monday, January 28, 2019

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Meeting at Senate, Senator Chris Van Hollen

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

10 AM - 12:00 PM

Middle East Institute

Roundtable meeting with experts and media

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Wilson Center

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting with Senators:

Chris Van Hollen

Mark Rubio

Tim Kaine

Ron Johnson

Jeff Merkley

Tom Udall

Rick Scott

Richard Blumenthal

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

2 PM - 3 PM

Meeting with Representative Adam Schiff

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Meeting with Senator Joni Ernst

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

12 PM - 1 PM

Mira Resnick, House Foreign Affairs Committee

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

3 PM - 4 PM

Meeting with Sam Brownback, Religious Freedom Ambassador

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics Discussed: Planned US troop withdrawal from Syria, proposed "safe zone" on Turkey-US border, US-Syria foreign policy, humanitarian aid

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## **Media Appearances**

**For the Period: August 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019**

### **APPEARANCES FOR MS. SINAM MOHAMED, SDC PERSONNEL:**

Date: 08-22-2018

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamed

News Outlet: Wall Street Journal

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/syria-pressures-u-s-backed-kurds-to-hand-over-control-1534970451>

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Date: 10-04-2018

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamed

News Outlet: Newsweek

<https://www.newsweek.com/us-says-russia-new-missiles-syria-pose-greater-risk-allies-say-not-bad-1153379>

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Date: December 22, 2018

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamed

News Outlet: The Independent

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/syria-trump-kurdish-isis-turkey-us-t-roop-withdrawal-mattis-a8695151.html>

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Date: January 6, 2018

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamed

News Outlet: VICE

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_nz/article/a3mm74/how-trumps-sudden-withdrawal-from-syria-is-bringing-the-kurds-and-assad-together](https://www.vice.com/en_nz/article/a3mm74/how-trumps-sudden-withdrawal-from-syria-is-bringing-the-kurds-and-assad-together)

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Date: January 11, 2019

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamed

News Outlet: National Public Radio (NPR)

<https://www.npr.org/2019/01/11/684610142/pentagon-says-u-s-has-begun-its-withdrawal-from-syria>

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Date: January 23, 2019

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Sinam Mohamed

News Outlet: The Defense Post

<https://thedefensepost.com/2018/01/23/afrin-turkey-syria-war-sinam-mohamed/>

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**APPEARANCES FOR MR. BASSAM ISHAK, SDC PERSONNEL:**

Date: October 17, 2018

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Media Outlet: Algemeiner

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2018/10/17/turkey-experts-worry-erdogan-might-use-al-qaeda-against-kurds/>

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Date: December 20, 2018

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Media Outlet: The Compass

[https://www.thecompassnews.org/2018/12/christians-working-with-syrians-u-s-withdrawal-puts-minorities-at-risk/?fbclid=IwAR1v\\_fbFNTV2zBXPPhfMwNlNr5guLDfyMrmvGVJcZbNtYnQs6Hjibl2UjKc](https://www.thecompassnews.org/2018/12/christians-working-with-syrians-u-s-withdrawal-puts-minorities-at-risk/?fbclid=IwAR1v_fbFNTV2zBXPPhfMwNlNr5guLDfyMrmvGVJcZbNtYnQs6Hjibl2UjKc)

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Date: December 20, 2018

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Media Outlet: National Catholic Reporter

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/world/christians-working-syrians-us-withdrawal-puts-minorities-risk>

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Date: January 3, 2019

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Media Outlet: Salem Media Group, "The Ride Home with John and Kathy"

Topic Discussed: Latest developments in Northeastern Syria, US policy toward Syria

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Date: January 8, 2019

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Media Outlet: National Catholic Register

[www.ncregister.com/daily-news/what-a-us-troop-pullout-means-for-syrias-christians](http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/what-a-us-troop-pullout-means-for-syrias-christians)

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Date: January 16, 2019

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Media Outlet: National Public Radio (NPR)

<https://www.npr.org/2019/01/16/685651799/evangelicals-dont-like-trumps-syria-pullout-plan>

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Date: Monday, January 25, 2019

Media Appearance

SDC Personnel: Bassam Ishak

News Outlet: The Region

[https://theregion.org/article/13318-interview-bassam-ishak-on-what-turkey-039-s-threats-mean-for-syrian-christians?fbclid=IwARo6Rk9WOueLUPlhghohteKAiJJJo5Ob4UoGXBxjLgGbylOrLKEEYAPiZ\\_pk](https://theregion.org/article/13318-interview-bassam-ishak-on-what-turkey-039-s-threats-mean-for-syrian-christians?fbclid=IwARo6Rk9WOueLUPlhghohteKAiJJJo5Ob4UoGXBxjLgGbylOrLKEEYAPiZ_pk)

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