

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 July 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.

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

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, 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.

¹ 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
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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.

N/A

(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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N/A

(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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N/A

(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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N/A

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

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)	Date Acquired
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9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² 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 and/or the Autonomous 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 A³ Yes No

Exhibit B⁴ 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.

² 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.)

³ 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.

⁴ 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

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 activity⁵ 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.

⁵ 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.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
February 2019 - July 2019	Various Syrian and Kurdish grassroots supporters in the United States	To support the US Mission of the Syrian Democratic Council's work	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 campaign⁷, 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 value⁹ 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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^{6, 7} 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)).

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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
February 2019 - July 2019	Property Manager/Owner	Rent for office space	\$4,200 per month
February 2019 - July 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 value¹⁰ 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 value¹¹ 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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10, 11 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?¹²

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.

Syrian Democratic Council, Syria

(also called the Self-Administration of North and East Syria and/or the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria)

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*) Online/website-based newspaper, Syrian Democratic Times

Electronic Communications

Email

Website URL(s): www.syriandemocratictimes.com

Social media websites URL(s): Facebook Page: @syriandemtimes / Twitter: @syriandemtimes

Other (*specify*) Verbal info offered in meetings, presentations, interviews. Please see attachment for details.

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*) _____

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.

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 signature¹³)

August 2, 2019

Sign



Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

August 2, 2019

Sign



Bassam Said Ishak

August 2, 2019

Sign



Bassam Saker

Sign

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: February 1, 2019 - July 31, 2019**

Meetings

February 1 - Washington DC

Meeting with Former Ambassador Michael Ratney

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

February 1 - Washington DC

Center for Strategic International Studies

Meeting with regional experts, CSIS personnel

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 1 - Washington DC

Meeting with Department of Defense

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 2 - Arlington, Virginia

Meeting/gathering with local Kurdish community

Organized by American Rojava Center for Democracy

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 4 - Washington DC

Interview with Foreign Policy Magazine

Lara Seligman, senior editor for defense and security

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 4 - Washington DC

Meeting with Family Research Council

Discussion on religious freedom in Northeastern Syria, protecting Syrian Christians, Kurds, Arabs, etc

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: Religious freedom in Syria and Middle East, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 4 - Washington DC

National Press Club, Panel Discussion on Syria with Ilham Ahmed

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: safe zone in Northern Syria, plight of Afrin, etc.

February 5 - Washington DC

VOA Interview with Ilham Ahmed, VOA Washington DC studios

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 5 - Washington DC

Meeting with US Department of State personnel

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: OFAC sanctions, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 5 - Washington DC

Meeting with Rep Tulsi Gabbard and staff, attend State of the Union address

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 6 - Washington DC

Meeting with Representative Bergman

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 6 - Washington DC

Meeting with Pari Ibrahim, Free Yezidi Foundation

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 6 - Washington DC

Presentation for Americans for Tax Reform, Grover Norquist
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 8 - Washington DC

Presentation to Republican Study Committee luncheon
Ilham give a briefing to luncheon with 20-30 Republican Congresspersons
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 6 - Washington DC

Meeting with Congressman Duncan Hunter
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 6 - Washington DC

Meeting with Michael Noblet, Eric Trager, Senate Armed Services Committee
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 6 - Washington DC

Meeting with Mr. Jonathan Lord, Professional Staff Member, House Armed Services Committee
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 6 - Washington DC

Middle East Forum
Discussion with regional experts, journalists, academics
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 7 - Washington DC

Interview with Eli Okun, POLITICO

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 7 - Washington DC

Meeting with office of Mike Harvey, Bureau Chief, Middle East Bureau, USAID

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 7 - Washington DC

Meeting with Joe Macaron, Arab Center

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 7 - Washington DC

Dinner with regional experts, journalists, Congresspersons

Organized by former Rep Thomas Garrett

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 8 - Washington DC

US Commission on International Religious Freedom

Organized by Kurt Wertmuller, Policy Analyst, USCIR

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 8 - Washington DC

Meeting with US Special Envoy James Jeffrey

US Department of State

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 8 - Washington DC

Meeting with White House personnel

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 8 - Washington DC

Meeting at National Democratic Institute

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: Discussion on democratic model and governance in Northeastern Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 8 - Washington DC

Meeting with group at Capitol Hill Club

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker, Ahel Al-Hendi

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 12 - Washington DC

Dan Gerig Legislative Assistant

Office of Sen Steve Daines

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 15 - Washington DC

Meeting with Foundation in Defense of Democracy

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 19 - Washington DC

Meeting with Brandon Wheeler

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

February 21 - Washington DC

Meeting/interview with Flavius Mihales

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

March 1 - Washington DC

Bassam Ishak speaking at Hudson Institute

Presentation of the AANES model and religious freedom, Syrian crisis and threats

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

March 7 - Washington DC

Meeting with Joel Rayburn

US Department of State

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

April 5 - College Station, Texas

"Syria's Long Road to Democracy" Presentation to college students by Mr. Bassam Ishak

Texas A&M University

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: History of Syria, AANES as a governance model, guiding principles of the AANES, structure of AANES, AANES, SDF, US-Syria policy, regional issues

April 10 - Chicago, Illinois

"Syria's Long Road to Democracy" Presentation to college students by Mr. Bassam Ishak

College of DuPage, Glen, Illinois

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: History of Syria, AANES as a governance model, guiding principles of the AANES, structure of AANES, AANES, SDF, US-Syria policy, regional issues

April 11 - Joliet, Illinois

"Syria's Long Road to Democracy" Presentation to college students by Mr. Bassam Ishak

Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: History of Syria, AANES as a governance model, guiding principles of the AANES, structure of AANES, AANES, SDF, US-Syria policy, regional issues

April 12 - Chicago, Illinois

"Syria's Long Road to Democracy" Presentation to college students by Mr. Bassam Ishak

University of Chicago

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: History of Syria, AANES as a governance model, guiding principles of the AANES, structure of AANES, AANES, SDF, US-Syria policy, regional issues

May 8 - Washington DC

Meeting with Joel Rayburn

US Department of State

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

May 9 - Washington DC

“The UN vs Israel,” Event at Hudson Institute

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Attended event

May 13 - Washington DC

Meeting with Nicholas Heras

Center for a New American Security

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

May 16 - Washington DC

Meeting with David Pollock

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

May 17 - Washington DC

Meeting with Wyndee Parker, Foreign Policy Advisor

Office of Rep Nancy Pelosi

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

May 21 - Washington DC

Meeting with Joe Bartlett, Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant

Office of Rep Francis Rooney

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

May 22 - Washington DC

House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing with US Special Envoy James Jeffrey

US Congress

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Attended hearing

May 23 - Washington DC

“US Role in Syria” event, Jones Day, with National Security Institute

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria,
US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues
Attended event

May 28 - Washington DC
Meeting with Joel Rayburn
US Department of State
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria,
US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

June 4 - Washington DC
"Countering Terrorism in Syria"
Event at Middle East Institute, Washington DC
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker
Attended event

June 6 - Washington DC
Meeting with Syrian Study Group, chairpersons only, Dana Stroul and Michael Singh
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria,
US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

June 14 - Washington DC
"The Assad Regime and Syria's Ongoing Tragedy," Middle East Institute event
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker
Attended event

June 18 - Washington DC
Meeting with Dr. Dafna Rand, member of Syria Study Group
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria,
US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

June 20 - Washington DC
Meeting with Kim Quarantello, Senior Policy Advisor
Sen Richard Blumenthal
SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker
Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria,
US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

June 21 - Washington DC

Washington Kurdish Institute

Sinam Mohamad presents, discusses Turkish occupation of Afrin, Kurdish marginalization, women's issues, challenges of the AANES.

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad

June 25 - Washington DC

Foundation for Defense of Democracies, event on Middle East and democracy

Sinam Mohamad attends event at special invitation

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

June 27 - Washington DC

"The World That Awaits" event with National Security Institute

House Office Building, US Congress

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Attended event

June 28 - Washington DC

Presentation by Nadia Murat

US Institute for Peace

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Attended event

July 1 - Washington DC

"Women's Rights in Syria" event

US Department of State

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Attended event

July 2 - Washington DC

International Religious Freedom Roundtable

Meeting with Ambassador Sam Brownback, religious freedom advocates

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

July 2 - Washington DC

Meeting with Mehmet Ayaz

National Security Educational Program, Georgetown University

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

July 3 - Washington DC

Meeting with Sebastian de Luca

Rep Adam Kinzinger's office

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

July 11 - Washington DC

Meeting with Bethany Poulos, Robert Zarate, legislative assistants

Sen Marco Rubio's office

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

July 12 - Washington DC

Meeting with Joel Rayburn

US Department of State

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

July 15 - Washington DC

Foundation in Defense of Democracies

Panel discussion on religious freedom, attended event

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Attended event

July 16 - Washington DC

"Will Religious Freedom Survive in Northeast Syria?"

Panel Discussion Family Research Council

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Sinam Mohamad and Bassam Ishak present remarks on religious freedom in Northeast Syria, US-Syria policy, the future of democracy in Syria, other regional issues

July 24 - Washington DC

Hudson Institute event

Foreign Policy Discussion and Q&A with Sen Sheldon Whitehouse

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Attended event

July 29 - Washington DC

Meeting with Joel Rayburn

US Department of State

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

July 30 - Washington DC

Meeting with Molly Lazio, Colin Brooks

Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff

US Congress

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Sinam Mohamad, Bassam Ishak, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, AANES, SDF, regional issues

Media Appearances

For the Period: February 1, 2019 - July 31, 2019

APPEARANCES WITH SINAM MOHAMAD:

May 20

Media Outlet: VOA News

Title: "What Is Behind Protests Against US-Backed Forces in Eastern Syria?"

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/what-behind-protests-against-us-backed-forces-eastern-syria>

Interview with Sinam Mohamad, Washington DC

June 23

Media Outlet: Defense Post

Title: "New Syrian military councils are the SDF's latest push for decentralization"

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/06/23/syria-sdf-military-councils/>

Interview with Sinam Mohamad, Washington DC

June 25

Media Outlet: VOA News

Title: "Kurdish Official Calls for Stronger US Role in Syria After IS"

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/kurdish-official-calls-stronger-us-role-syria-after>

Interview with Sinam Mohamad, Washington DC

July 18

Media Outlet: Patriot Post

Title: "They Only Let You Go When They Torture You To Death"

<https://patriotpost.us/opinion/64345-they-only-let-you-go-when-they-torture-you-to-death>

Interview with Sinam Mohamad, Washington DC

APPEARANCES WITH BASSAM ISHAK:

February 21

Media Outlet: Christian Broadcast News

Title: "New Democratic Government in Northeast Syria Could Be 'Holy Highway' Prophesied About in Scripture"

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/israel/2010/february/new-democratic-government-in-northeast-syria-could-be-holy-highway-prophesied-about-in-scripture>

Interview with Bassam Ishak, Washington DC

March 2

Media Outlet: Sputnik News

Title: "SDC Mulls Discussing Russian Working Group Proposal on Syria Normalization"

<https://sputniknews.com/middleeast/201903021072888831-syria-democratic-council-russia-proposal-talks/>

Interview with Bassam Ishak, Washington DC

July 18

Media Outlet: Crux Now

Title: "Syriac Christians living near border fear Turkey military incursion"

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-middle-east/2019/07/18/syriac-christians-living-near-border-fear-turkey-military-incursion/>

Interview with Bassam Ishak, Washington DC

July 19

Media Outlet: Christian Headlines

Title: "Syrian Christians Plead with United States to Protect Them from Possible Attack by Turkey"

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/will-maule/syrian-christians-implore-united-states-to-protect-them-from-possible-attack-by-turkey.html>

Interview with Bassam Ishak, Washington DC

July 25

Media Outlet: National Interest

Title: "US Maximum Pressure on Iran Unsettles Syria's Kurds"

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/middle-east-watch/us-maximum-pressure-iran-unsettles-syri-69107>

Interview with Bassam Ishak, Washington DC