

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, 2020
(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
800 Maine Ave SW, Suite 311
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.

Business address of registrant has changed. New address is listed in Item 1(c), 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 |
|------|----------|-----------------------|
|------|----------|-----------------------|

(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 |
|------|-------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
|------|-------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|

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 |
|------------|--|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Ayal Frank | 8209 Tomlinson Ave Bethesda, MD 20817 | US | Consultant | July 2020 |

(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 |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|
|------|------------------------|-----------------|

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 |
|------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|

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.

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)² 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)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 2020 - July 2020 | Various Syrian and Kurdish grassroots supporters in the United States | To support the US Mission of the Syrian Democratic Council's work | Approximately \$14,000 to \$15,000 per month |
| | | | \$14k to \$15k / mo. |
| | | | <u>Total</u> |

(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 |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|

^{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 2020 - July 2020 | Property Manager/Owner | Rent for office space | \$4,200 per month |
| February 2020 - July 2020 | Utilities, rent, transportation expenditures, office supplies | Office operations, office expenses, transportation | \$4,000 per month |
| starting July 2020 | Consultant fees | Consulting on communications, lobbying, and public advocacy. | \$6,000 per month |

\$14,200 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 |
|------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
|------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|---------|

(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 |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|

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*) Arabic, Kurdish

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 7, 2020**

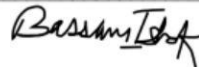
Sign



Sinam Sherkanly Mohamad

_____ **August 7, 2020**

Sign



Bassam Said Ishak

_____ **August 7, 2020**

Sign



Bassam Saker

Sign

¹³ 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, Events, and Media Appearances
For the Period: February 1, 2020 - July 31, 2020**

Wednesday-Thursday, February 5-6, 2020

National Prayer Breakfast Conference

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: International religious freedom, multi-ethnicity and religious freedom policy in North and East Syria, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting/film screening of "For Sama" film at US Dept of State

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad, Bassam Saker

Topics discussed: Syrian government, human rights abuses in Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Friday, February 14, 2020

Panel Discussion, EU and Middle East / North Africa Policy, Middle East Institute

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

Topics discussed: Syrian government, EU policy toward Syria, EU policy toward Middle East and North Africa, UN-sanctioned peace talks re Syria, US-Syria policy, regional issues

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Conference, "The Middle East in Crisis" hosted by Justice for Kurds, Yale University

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: US troop presence and timeline in Syria, Kurdish issues in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, human rights abuses, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting with Dr. Shirley Graham, Director of Gender Initiative in International Affairs, George Washington University

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Women's empowerment in Syria, women's inclusion in the AANES/SDC/councils, women's inclusion in UN-sanctioned peace talks, gender issues in the Middle East, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting with Family Research Council

SDC US Personnel: Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: International religious freedom, religious diversity in Syria, persecution of minority religions in Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting with reporter Aliza Marcus

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Kurdish issues in Syria, Turkish occupation of Syria, human rights abuses in Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Friday, February 28, 2020

Panel Discussion, "Effective Mediation," Georgetown Women in International Peace and Security

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Women's empowerment in Syria, women's inclusion in the AANES/SDC/councils, women's inclusion in UN-sanctioned peace talks, gender issues in the Middle East, regional issues

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Roundtable on International Religious Freedom, US Department of State

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Meeting with Bethany Poulos, Katie Perry, staff of Senator Marco Rubio

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

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Panel Discussion, author Seth Franzman, Washington Kurdish Institute

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Kurdish issues, Middle East and North Africa policy, ISIS and global terrorism, Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Panel Discussion, Women in Peacemaking, Elliot School of International Affairs, Georgetown University

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Women's empowerment in Syria, women's inclusion in the AANES/SDC/councils, women's inclusion in UN-sanctioned peace talks, gender issues in the Middle East, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing - Caesar Act - SDC US in attendance

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

Topics discussed: Caesar Act, Syrian government, human rights abuses in Syria

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting with In Defense of Christians

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad, Bassam Ishak

Topics discussed: International religious freedom, religious diversity in Syria, persecution of minority religions in Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting with Colin Brooks, Molly Lazio, Hannah Thoburn, Cate Sadler, Scott Richardson
Staff of US Senate Foreign Relations Committee

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

Topics discussed: Caesar Act, US troop presence in Syria, Turkish policy toward Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Friday, March 13, 2020

Meeting with Joel Rayburn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of State

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

Topics discussed: US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Webinar, "COVID-19: A New Threat to Kurds in Syria and Iraq and a Way Forward," Refugees International

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: COVID-19 threat in Syria, humanitarian aid, WHO policy, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Webinar, "On the Front Lines: How Public Health Systems are Confronting the Covid19 Crisis in the Middle East," Middle East Institute

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: COVID-19 threat in Syria, humanitarian aid, WHO policy, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Friday, April 17, 2020

Webinar, "Displacement During COVID-19: an Urgent Humanitarian Imperative," Middle East Institute

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: COVID-19 threat in Syria, humanitarian aid, WHO policy, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Online Meeting with Joel Rayburn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of State

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

Topics discussed: US-Syria policy, Caesar Act and its impact on the NES region, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Webinar, "Governance and security under the Kurdish-led Autonomous Administration and Turkish-backed groups in Syria," Washington Kurdish Institute

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Kurdish issues, Turkish policy towards Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Thursday, June 19, 2020

Webinar, COVID-19 in North and East Syria, Fight for Humanity

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: COVID-19 threat in Syria, humanitarian aid, WHO policy, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Monday, June 22, 2020

Webinar, "Northern Syria Since Turkey's Invasion," Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

SDC / SDC US Personnel: Ilham Ahmed, Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Kurdish issues in Syria, Turkish occupation of Syria, human rights abuses in Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Monday, June 22, 2020

Webinar, Caesar Act and Implications, Middle East Institute

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Caesar Act, US-Syria policy, Syrian government, regional issues

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Webinar, Turkey's Occupation of Afrin, hosted by the Friends of Afrin Collective

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Turkish invasion into North and East Syria, Turkish occupation of Afrin and other areas, human rights abuses in Syria, US-Syria policy, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Online Meeting with Marci Hodge, Senior Policy Advisor for Women and Girls in the Middle East and North Africa, US Department of State

SDC US Personnel: Sinam Sherkany Mohamad

Topics discussed: Human rights abuses against women in Syria, women's empowerment in Syria, women's inclusion in the AANES/SDC/councils, women's inclusion in UN-sanctioned peace talks, gender issues in the Middle East, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues

Monday, July 20, 2020

Webinar, "The Future of North and East Syria," hosted by the US Mission of the Syrian Democratic Council

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

Topics discussed: Caesar Act, economic policy, humanitarian aid, inclusion in UN-sanctioned peace talks, women's rights in Syria, COVID-19 and health policy, US-Syria policy, Turkish occupation of Syria, Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (AANES), Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), regional issues