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## **ACS Welcomes Agreement to Integrate Syrian Democratic Forces into the Syrian State, A Historic Step Towards Unity**

**Washington, D.C. – March 10, 2025** The American Coalition for Syria (ACS) welcomes today's landmark agreement **signed between Syrian President Ahmad Al-Sharaa and Mazloum Abdi, the commander of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)**, marking a monumental step toward national unity and stability. This agreement recognizes the rights of Syria's Kurdish population—long oppressed under former Syrian governments—as an inseparable part of Syria's social fabric, granting them full citizenship and guaranteeing their cultural and constitutional rights.

Under the deal, signed in Damascus today, SDF forces will be integrated into the Syrian army by the end of the year, and all border crossings with Iraq and Turkey in the northeast, as well as airports and oil fields, will be placed under the control of the Syrian government. Additionally, the deal commits to supporting the Syrian state in its fight against remnants of the Assad regime and all threats that endanger Syria's security and unity, ensuring that the new government can fully consolidate authority and prevent destabilizing forces from undermining national progress. The deal also rejects hate speech and divisive rhetoric, including calls for the division of Syria, demonstrating again the overwhelming unity of Syrians and their desire for national progress.

*"For decades, Syria's Kurds have fought for recognition and equality. Today, their rightful place in Syria has been reaffirmed, reinforcing the country's diverse and inclusive future,"* said **Farouk Belal**, president of the Syrian American Council, a member of ACS. *"We are witnessing the rebirth of Syria before our eyes."*

This agreement also **paves the way for a responsible U.S. military drawdown**, as Syria can now assume full responsibility for counter-ISIS operations. *"With a unified Syria taking charge of its security, the mission against ISIS is no longer a burden for U.S. troops,"* said **Qutaiba Idlbi, ACS National Coordinator**. *"This moment offers the U.S. a real opportunity to responsibly withdraw forces while ensuring the security gains are maintained."*



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Additionally, this deal **opens the door for a just resolution to the crisis at al-Hol camp**, where tens of thousands of family members of ISIS fighters remain stranded in limbo. With Syria now positioned to address the judicial process for holding ISIS fighters accountable, a long-term solution for de-radicalizing, rehabilitating, and re-integrating ISIS fighters and their families is finally within reach.

Given this historic breakthrough, the **United States must seize the moment to fully engage with Syria's new government**, opening direct channels of communication to foster dialogue, supporting diplomatic efforts, and lifting outdated sanctions that no longer reflect the reality on the ground and exacerbate the economic suffering of millions of Syrians. The **Assad regime is long gone**—a new, free, and more inclusive Syria is emerging. It is time for the U.S. government and the international community to recognize and support this transformation.

ACS stands in full support of this new era for Syria and congratulates all Syrians on this remarkable achievement of unity and diplomacy.

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