

Syria-SDF ceasefire in peril

An agreement to transfer control of the Kurdish autonomous region in Syria appears to be collapsing, after renewed fighting between government troops and the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)

■ **Jan 18:** Deal between Syria's President **Ahmed al-Sharaa** (right) and SDF leader **Mazloum Abdi** (far right) follows rapid government gains in Kurdish-held territory

■ Agreement includes Kurdish administration's handover of **Raqqa** and **Deir al-Zour** provinces to government

■ Sharaa aims to integrate SDF into state institutions, dealing a blow to Kurdish hopes of preserving decade-long de facto autonomy in northeast Syria



■ **Jan 19:** Clashes around prisons holding members of so-called Islamic State (IS) group underscores fragility of deal, with government and SDF accusing each other of trying to derail agreement

