

PRAY THE NEWS

In January 2026, clashes erupted between the Syrian transitional government and the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).

The violence followed the collapse of a March 2025 integration agreement. Heavy fighting broke out around Aleppo and across Raqqa, Deir ez-Zor, and Hasakah. At least 1,000 fighters and 152 civilians were killed, with hundreds more injured.

A January 30 ceasefire has paved the way for phased integration, including the withdrawal of SDF units from urban frontlines.

But the deal's future is uncertain. The SDF's role in Syria's security—and the protection of Kurdish rights—remains contested. Security vacuums also allowed ISIS activity to rise.

For civilians, the toll is immense: education disrupted, healthcare inaccessible, futures uprooted. A pause in fighting offers hope—but true peace remains fragile.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR SYRIA.

- We pray for civilians who are displaced or wounded, that they may find safety, shelter, and peace.
- We pray for leaders on all sides — that they would protect human life and uphold justice and accountability in implementing agreements.
- We pray for communities in northeast Syria — that the ceasefire may hold, pathways to reintegration be genuine, and long-term reconciliation and dignity be pursued with compassion.