



1.1.1. Territorial control

The transitional government expanded its control over most parts of the country, including areas in northeast Syria where, following a military operation in January 2026, it took control of large swathes of territory previously held by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).^{[22](#)} As of early May 2026^{[23](#)}, the government controlled the majority of the country, with the exception of large parts of Sweida governorate^{[24](#)} and areas of Hasaka governorate around Hasaka and Qamishli cities, as well as Kobane/Ayn al-Arab in Aleppo governorate.^{[25](#)} The transitional government has also deployed security contingents in the cities of Hasaka, Qamishli and Kobane.^{[26](#)}

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Map 2. © United Nations, Syrian Arab Republic: Approximate areas of influence - as of 31 January 2026^{[27](#)}

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