

YPG spokesman: Qamishlo clash 'must not hinder the political solution' in Syria

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YPG spokesperson Nuri Mahmoud issued a [statement](#) condemning recent clashes between Syrian government forces and Asayish, saying that the event “must not hinder the political solution” and that an investigation was underway.

“As General Command of the People's Protection Units, we extend condolences to the families of the victims and express our deep sorrow over what happened. In that same time, we confirm that as YPG, we also have opened an investigation concerning incident. The results of the investigation will be revealed as soon as it will be completed,” the statement read.

The clashes occurred on September 8th in Qamishlo, where both government- and SDF-affiliated forces are present. There were several casualties on both sides.

An earlier statement by the Syrian Democratic Council also expressed hope that the conflict would not hinder [negotiations](#) between Northern Syrian authorities and the central government in Damascus. “We assure to our Syrian people that what

happened in Qamishlo is done by those who want to thwart our talks and meetings of those who lurk regionally and internationally,” that statement [concluded](#).

While some observers have used the tension to suggest that the diplomatic process should break down, the YPG and SDC make it clear that they view such efforts as serving outside interests. The investigation and condemnation show that regardless of individual actions on the ground, Northern Syria as a whole hopes to continue what many local officials have termed “intra-Syrian” or “Syrian-Syrian” dialogue.