

SDF units coordinating efforts in Syria with Russia despite cooperation with U.S. – PYD

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The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) continue to cooperate with Russia despite coordination of their efforts with the United States, Salih Muslim, the former co-chairman of the Democratic Union Party (PYD), told Sputnik on Tuesday.

"We are cooperating with everyone: the United States, Russia. We are free in our activities. We are coordinating [with Russia] on the ground near [the city of] Afrin and its outskirts and that is good," Muslim said, adding that the SDF was also coordinating efforts with the US-led coalition.

The politician expressed hope that Russia would manage to promote peace in Syria.

"We believe that the Russians can bring peace to the Syrian people, the peaceful

resolution of conflict for all nationalities: Kurds, Assyrians and Arabs. Russia is a friend for everyone, that is why, it can play a very positive role, especially in persuading the regime [Syrian government], which still hopes to achieve a military solution," Muslim added.