

Turkey announces \$1 million bounty for arrest of Salih Muslim

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Turkey's Interior Ministry included the former leader of Syria's Democratic Union Party (PYD) Salih Muslim to the list of "most wanted terrorists".

The PYD describes itself as believing in "social equality, justice and the freedom of belief" as well as "pluralism and the freedom of political parties". It describes itself as "striving for a democratic solution that includes the recognition of cultural, national and political rights, and develops and enhances their peaceful struggle to be able to govern themselves in a multicultural, democratic society.

It is claimed that Muslim is one of the leaders of the armed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has waged a decades-long armed conflict in Turkey, and its alleged urban wing, the Kurdistan Communities Union (KCK).

In 2013 and 2014, Muslim was invited by the government to Ankara and Istanbul to hold talks on the war and the northern Syrian territories under Syrian Democratic Forces(SDF) control. However, meetings came to a deadlock. Following those visits,

a Turkish court rendered a verdict regarding PYD, People's Protection Units (YPG) and Women's Protection Units (YPJ), as "terrorist organisations."

According to a Turkish broadcaster, the ministry will pay more than \$1 million for any information, which may help find Muslim.