

Russia says Moscow and Ankara must take swift decisions on Syria's Idlib

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Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu told his Turkish counterpart on Tuesday that Moscow and Ankara needed to take swift decisions to support a demilitarised zone in Syria's Idlib Province.

Russia earlier this month accused rebels in the insurgent-held region of trying to wreck a Russian-Turkish initiative to create a demilitarised zone there.

Shoigu, speaking to Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi, was cited by Russian news agencies as saying that the two countries needed to act to defend their initiative.