

YPG capture 8 foreign ISIS fighters in Hajin

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The YPG have captured eight foreign ISIS fighters planning attacks on civilians in Deir Ezzor, the group announced in a statement Wednesday morning.

"A group of terrorists of different nationalities that had been planning the mentioned attack were captured and put under long-term technical and physical surveillance by our relevant forces," the [statement](#) read.

"Eight Daesh terrorists of American, Russian, Ukrainian, German, Kazakh, Tajik and Uzbek origin were captured during the operations carried out by our Special Operations Team on January 6th and 7th."

Operations against the final ISIS pocket in eastern Syria continue, despite the recent announcement that the United States would be withdrawing all of its military personnel from the country. The US-led Coalition has [continued](#) to provide the YPG-led SDF with air support.

The question of foreign fighters is one of the many issues [complicating](#) withdrawal plans. While authorities in Northeast Syria have encouraged countries to take back any of their nationals who joined ISIS, many states have been reluctant to do so. A Turkish military incursion into the region, local authorities warn, might allow these fighters— as well as local ISIS members— to escape and regroup.