

Washington's Design is to Fracture Syria: US-backed Militia Says Raqqa to be Part of 'Federal Syria'

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Raqqa will be part of a decentralized federal Syria after the city has been freed from Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL), the US-backed militias that captured it said on Friday.

The Kurdish-dominated Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) said the people of the majority Arab city and surrounding province would decide their own future "within the framework of a decentralized, federal, democratic Syria," Reuters reports. In a declaration announcing Raqqa's liberation after four months of battles, the SDF pledged "to protect the frontiers of the province against all external threats," and to hand control to a civil council.

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