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Statement from the Press Secretary

Earlier today Turkey and SDF Forces announced a ceasefire between themselves, the President does not agree with this blatantly unfair deal but stands by the Kurds' right to negotiate and accept it. We stand by our Kurdish allies, we will never abandon them. That is why we are announcing the deployment of 500 troops to patrol the Kurdish side of the newly drawn buffer zone that is currently being patrolled by three of the Kurds' enemies.

These troop movements are nothing more but to ensure that our allies are never invaded again, especially with Russian, Syrian, and Turkish forces patrolling the border. The fact is that this deal is unfair, it helps the Turks, Russians, and Syrians while leaving the Kurds to face invasion anytime their enemies want. The President will not stand for this, that is why we are standing up for our Kurdish allies and stopping any future invasions.

Furthermore, we will not be lifting the sanctions layed upon Turkey sometime ago. Turkey has demonstrated it has no intention of removing itself from Kurdish land, so we've demonstrated no intention to remove the economic sanctions placed upon the country. If Turkey would like to see the economic sanctions imposed upon them lifted, they must remove every last troop from Kurdish land and leave the Kurds alone.

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