

Syrian Coalition: Agreement on Border Crossings & Merger of FSA Groups is a Step Towards Free Syria

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The agreement on putting the border crossings under a unified management and the merger of the Free Syrian Army groups, which was reached on Tuesday, October 24, represents an important and positive step towards building a new Syria and a state that is based on the rule of law and institutions.

The agreement came at the conclusion of important meetings that brought together Vice-president of the Syrian Coalition Abdulrahman Mustafa, representatives of the Syrian Interim Government (SIG), officials of SIG's Ministry of Defense, commanders of the Free Syrian Army groups, and representatives of the Turkish government.

Under the agreement, the border crossings in the areas controlled by the Shield of the Euphrates FSA groups will be put under a unified management system operating under SIG's authority. In addition, the agreement has put forward a two-phase plan to merge the FSA groups into a national army comprising corps, divisions, and brigades. The agreement is an important and necessary step on the road to building a real national army.

The Coalition calls upon all forces of the Syrian revolution and friends of the Syrian people to support this agreement and ensure that all its items are implemented according to the agreed upon plan.