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Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel today (21 January) issued the following statement on the situation in northern Syria:

We are concerned about the situation in northern Syria. The military confrontation between Turkey and Kurdish units brings incalculable risks. Both sides now fighting against each other undertook huge efforts in combating IS terrorism, making major sacrifices in the process. After the success of the fight against IS, Syria needs further steps towards stability and peace. The last thing it needs is further military confrontation. The people in Syria are already suffering enough. Everyone must focus at long last on trying to make progress at political level. There will be another opportunity to do so at the next round of Geneva talks in Vienna this coming week.

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