

Daesh – Statement by M. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs (23 March 2019)

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The Syrian Democratic Forces have today announced the territorial defeat of Daesh in Syria.

I pay tribute to the courage, determination and effectiveness of these free fighters, who have been engaged for more than four years against Daesh and have just secured a final victory in the city of Baghuz. I also recall France's commitment to this fight from the very outset, in both Iraq and Syria.

On this decisive day, my heartfelt thoughts are with the too many victims of Daesh in the Levant and all over the world, particularly in our country.

The greatest determination is still necessary to prevent a resurgence of Daesh. This is the purpose of the resolute action France is continuing to take against terrorism and to ensure a lasting solution is found to the Syria crisis.