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operations in the area.

The cost of the fight against ISIS also became apparent this week, with the SDF announcing the loss of 11,000 personnel since 2012 due to the campaign against the group, in addition to the 21,000 SDF personnel injured.

On the humanitarian front, the UN <u>released</u> the latest figures on al Hole Camp in Hassakah governorate, currently holding over 73,000 people from former ISIS-controlled areas. Notably, the majority of those in the camp are non-Syrian. The largest portions are from Iraq (42%) while 15% are nationals from Europe, North Africa, and Asia. The remaining 43% of the population are Syrian nationals. The humanitarian situation remains <u>dire</u> and security concerns remain (as previously reported).

Elsewhere, ISIS <u>claimed</u> a 25 March attack against a YPG checkpoint between Aleppo and Menbej City that killed eight YPG militias. Of the recorded 149 attacks in the Menbej district in the past year, the different locations, types, and targets of attacks suggest multiple actors responsible rather than just ISIS. ISIS-linked activity in the Menbej district has been low – just 7% (10) of the total reported conflict activity since January 2018.

WATCH LIST

The watch list outlines various dynamics the Carter Center is monitoring in the coming weeks:

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