

## Text

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Perhaps you have followed the news in the last weeks and months. Due to the current situation, that there are attacks in almost all parts of Kurdistan, we, as internationalists, want to take a stand on the events and use our reach to make visible something that the world community is trying to close its eyes to.

If we start with Rojava (North and East Syria), the place where we are, we can say that almost every day there are reports of bombardments by unmanned drones, as in Kobanî, but also Minbic to Eyn Îsa and Til Temir. In the Turkish-occupied area of Efrîn, there are also battles and disappearances of people every day. At the same time, the destruction of the decades-old olive trees by Islamic gangs related to the Turkish state, for which Efrîn is famous, is destroying and changing the environment, and the settlement of families of militias loyal to Turkey is changing the demography, also in Serêkanîye and Gîrê Spî, which until now has been primarily populated by Kurds, Êzidis, Assyrians and Suryoye. But it is not enough that the population of Efrîn had to flee to Şehba, also there the Turkish state does not leave the people alone and frequently bombs civilians.

As if that were not enough, members of the self-defense units YPJ and YPG are also repeatedly targeted by attacks of unmanned drones and were executed by them. The same fighters were celebrated by the whole world in 2015 for liberating Kobanî and fighting Daesh (the so-called Islamic State), but now it is perceived as normal that these fighters are being murdered by the Turkish state with technology from the West. To give just one example of so many, most recently on April 20, 2022 Dilar, Ronahî and Kobanê were killed.

The statement of the YPJ for this event: "We stood up to ISIS for all humanity and fought for all women and the people of the region. The Turkish state has attacked the Rojava Revolution from the beginning in front of the eyes of world public. It is anti-women and special hostility against the organized forces of women. On the April 20, 2022, our companions Dilar, Ronahî and Kobanê were attacked and killed by an armed drone of the Turkish state while carrying out their task." For the Turkish state, a human life has no value, especially if it is a Kurdish one.

Even in its own territory, villages in the Kurdish-populated east of Turkey (Bakûr; Northern Kurdistan) are again being depopulated, as in Colemerg, and war machines are being brought to the border with Southern Kurdistan. Every outcry of the civil society about the economically miserable situation, the disappearance of fathers and children or the rape of women is tried to be silenced by police violence. Since the formation of the Turkish state, not much has changed and everyone who does not fit into the image of "one flag, one nation, one language", such as Armenians and Kurds are killed without batting an eye.

Turkey brings the weapons of war to the border of Southern Kurdistan (Başur; Northern Iraq), because there is the gerilla of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) founded in Bakûr since the 1980s, to fight against them. The PKK was organizing themselves against the fascist methods of the Turkish state against the eliminating of the Kurdish identity and for the fight for freedom and a free Kurdistan. Currently, fighting is also taking place there, especially in the areas of Zap, Avaşîn and Metîna, the Turkish state is primarily attacking with chemical weapons, which are provided by states of our origin, such as Germany and Great Britain. The Gerilla media reports that chemical weapons are used 23 times in just one day and bombs are dropped by airplanes more than a hundred times.

Also, 5 civilians were recently killed by Turkish warplanes in the area of Sulemaniyah. The

Mexmûr refugee camp, which is mainly home to refugees from northern Kurdistan who fled from the Erdoğan regime, is also not safe from attacks and was recently bombed.

In Başur is also the ancestral territory Şengal of the Êzidis, who survived their 74th attempted genocide with the attack by Daesh. Currently, fighting is also taking place again and again in Şengal.

What do all these areas have in common? First, they all belong to the former territory of the Ottoman Empire, which was divided among the victorious powers after World War 2, with the creation of the nation-states of Iraq and Syria. For this purpose, several treaties were concluded, including the Lausanne Treaty, which expires in the coming year 2023 and defines the current borders in the Middle East. On the other hand, these are all areas that are mostly populated by Kurds. We are talking about the 4 parts of Kurdistan.

All these parts have in common that after several slanderings, violence and genocides, which have lasted until today, based on the freedom of all people, areas like Rojava have developed with the pioneering role of the Kurds. The attempt to create a world together in which, on the one hand, every ethnic and religious identity has a place and, on the other hand, moral and communal values find their place in society again.

By 2023, Erdoğan wants to get serious and is using everything to destroy the achievements of the society of the Middle East. But behind him, there is a capitalist world community that closed its eyes to the wanted destruction, not only of the Kurdish identity, but also of an alternative to the exploitative and sickening system of capitalism, and that only for its own power interests in the Middle East. Who will dominate the capitalist system in the future depends to a large extent on the balance of power in the middle east.

In this process, he is calling everything and everyone a terrorist. But what is really terrorist? A state which commits murders in its own country for decades, which does not tolerate any other opinion, which switches everything to the same level and which invades other countries again and again and maltreats the civilian population there, but until today is also preferred by the countries of our origin, such as Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland and many others, preferred and supported again and again by money and weapons politically and militarily.

Recently, the Erdoğan regime spoke out again and brought back into play the occupation of parts of northern Syria (attacks and occupation of Serêkaniye and Gire Spî) that began in 2019. Erdoğan is talking about a so-called security zone that he wants to establish. against whom? First and foremost against the self-governing areas of Rojava and hence against the population here. Incidentally, security was not very important to him before the liberation by the YPJ/YPG (self-defense units) and the establishment of the self-government, because at that time Daesh was still in the area. And until today, Erdoğan supports the existing Islamist groups against the population of northern and eastern Syria.

As internationalists we came to Rojava in search of an alternative to capitalism, egoism and isolation and found our place in the self-defense units YPJ international against the attacks of the inhuman fascism of Turkey and the hypocritical European states to carry our responsibility at the side of our Kurdish, Arab, Êzidi and Suryoye friends.

We condemn the attacks on all parts of Kurdistan and will continue to take our place against the oppression of ethnic and religious identities, against the oppression of the struggle for freedom, equality and democracy.

We believe in a free society, in a community, which together can built up a free world where every human being has his place and lives with dignity. That's why we call the societies of our home countries to not be silent against the wrongs in the Middle East and also take their responsibility in the fight for freedom and democracy!

