

# **The Information Centre of Afrin Resistance**



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**Starting from Thursday 01 February 2018, the Information Centre of Afrin Resistance provides a daily news bulletin from the invasion and resistance of the Afrin Canon.**

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## **Attack and skirmish**

According to local sources, Turkish warplanes once again bombed the Meydanke Dam.

Turkish warplanes bombed the villages of Xalta and Bircika Silêman in the Sherawa district, totally devastating the former, local sources said.

Turkish aircrafts continuously bombed Shera district, targeting particularly the villages of Gunde Mezin, Basufane and Bashemra inhabited by Êzidî Kurds.<sup>1</sup>

According to local sources, Turkish warplanes bombed several villages in the district of Bilbilê, where later heavy clashes between SDF and the Turkish military were also reported.

According to the SDF (Syrian Democratic Forces), the Turkish army and its affiliated Islamist groups kept shelling Cindirêse town.<sup>2</sup>

Local sources reported heavy clashes breaking out at several places in Bilbilê district, adding that in Qurne village the SDF destroyed a Turkish military vehicle, while killing several Turkish soldiers in Zara village.

YPG reported the losses of Turkish army and its related Salafist groups in Bilbilê and Raco districts. According to this, 15 Turkish soldiers and jihadists were killed and some military vehicles were destroyed.<sup>3</sup>

## **Solidarity**

February 3 is designed as The International Solidarity Day for Efrîn by 54 civil society organisations, political parties, social movements and women's movements. They called for an active participation in marches to be carried out in this day all over Europe, Asia and America.

The National Indigenous Congress declared their solidarity with the Efrîn Resistance, condemning the Turkish invasion of the region. It calls for global support.

The former candidate for the French presidency, Jean-Luc Melenchon, expresses solidarity with Efrîn. The Turkish state is bombing and threatening Efrîn, because it aims at Rojava's women revolution which no longer submits to patriarchal system.<sup>4</sup>

Afghanistan Resistance Party declared its solidarity with the Efrîn Resistance, stating revolutionaries like Avêsta Xabûr and Arin Mîrkan will never be forgotten. It called upon all conscious people to show the same kind of solidarity with Efrîn they did with Kobanê.<sup>5</sup>

## **Statement**

"We fought for our democracy. Now Turkey wants to destroy it." wrote Nûjin Dêrik, commander of the Women's Protection Units (YPJ) for the New York Times", adding: "The Turkish Army has been

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1 <https://twitter.com/hawarnews>

2 <https://twitter.com/hashtag/DefendEfrin?src=hash>

3 <https://twitter.com/ANF>

4 [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=10156172216973750&id=11450328749](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10156172216973750&id=11450328749)

5 <https://twitter.com/ANFKURDI01>

training the most extreme Islamist gangsters it could find as part of the so-called Free Syrian Army that is part of their assault, including members of the fascist Gray Wolf death squads and Qaeda affiliates, with high-tech weaponry purchased from the United States, Britain and Germany. They are being sent into our country backed by F-16 aircraft, German-made Leopard tanks and regular Turkish soldiers... We are asking the Western powers to act on their principles. Why are you not condemning a flagrant and unprovoked assault on the very men and women who stood shoulder to shoulder with you against the darkness of the Islamic State? Now a different evil, that of Mr. Erdogan's increasingly undemocratic Turkey, aims to destroy our fledgling democracy. And this time, it's claiming to act in your name".<sup>6</sup>

The head of SDF's Public Relations Office, Rêdûr Xelîl, said in a statement: Turkey has used proscribed weapons during the invasion of Efrîn, adding experts are gathering documents to prove this.<sup>7</sup>

Dr. Ciwan Mihemed from the Efrîn Hospital confirmed that until today 104 civilians have been killed while 156 others injured.<sup>8</sup>

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6 <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/29/opin>

7 <http://en.hawarnews.com/ridwar-khalil-turkey-has-used-unconventional-weapons-in-afirin-and-investigations-are-underway-to-prove-it/>

8 <https://twitter.com/hashtag/Afrin?src=hash>