

# **The Information Centre of Afrin Resistance**



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**Starting from Friday 02 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**

During an attack on Qurnê village, Turkish soldiers and their affiliated Islamist militias caught up an injured YPJ fighter, Barîn Kobanê, whom they tortured to death and exposed her mutilated body to the public.<sup>1</sup>

According to SDF sources, a group of jihadists who operate with the Turkish army killed 4 civilians in Elbîskê village, of Raco district.

Strong clashes between the SDF (Syrian Democratic Forces) and the Turkish army occurred in the Kafri Ker district, amid continuous air raids carried out by Turkish air force.<sup>2</sup>

According to local sources, Turkish warplanes bombed a number of villages in Raco district.

The SDF launched a rocket attack against a military vehicle in Raco and destroyed it.<sup>3</sup>

Violent clashes took place between the SDF and the Turkish army with its affiliated Islamist militias in Hemame village of Cindirêse district.

The SDF carried out an operation in Xelîl village, of Şiyê district, destroying two armored vehicles and a pick-up truck.<sup>4</sup>

## **Solidarity**

Protesters in Sydney called on the Australian government and the international community to act and put pressure on Turkey to halt its invasion of Efrîn. MP Jamie Parker from NSW Green, who delivered a speech, said: “The world must not let the Kurdish people down again”.<sup>5</sup>

The municipality of Rivoli in Italy condemned the Turkish assault calling upon the NATO and the international community to take a stance.

The spokesman of the Political Council of the Egyptian opposition, Al-Qanai, criticised the Turkish invasion, believing it is a war crime and genocide against the Kurdish people and a crime against humanity.<sup>6</sup>

## **Statement**

CNN: “This is a massacre”: Turkey’s bombs drive families into caves. Kurdish families huddle on blankets in a dimly lit cave. Others hide in the rubble of a bombed-out building, gathered around a campfire. Those that have basements seek shelter there.<sup>7</sup>

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1 <https://twitter.com/hashtag/SOHR?src=hash>

2 <http://en.hawarnews.com/strong-clashes-in-kafri-ker-2/>

3 <http://en.hawarnews.com/sdf-carried-out-qualitative-operation-against-vehicle-to-turkish-occupation-army/>

4 <http://en.hawarnews.com/sdf-destroyed-3-military-vehicles-of-turkish-occupation-army-in-shia/>

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

6 <http://en.hawarnews.com/egyptian-opposition-regards-turkish-aggression-as-war-crime-against-humanity/>

7 <https://us.cnn.com/2018/02/01/middleeast/syria-kurds-assault-civilians-intl/index.html>

Dr. Ciwan Mihemed from Efrîn Hospital said in a statement that since the beginning of the invasion, 127 civilians have been killed and 168 wounded.

The International Women's Alliance (IWA) released a statement, condemning in the strongest terms the Turkish invasion. "The Turkish forces are attacking Afrin because they want to destroy the Kurdish population living there. But the Kurdish army, the YPG (People's Protection Units) are bravely fighting and defending Afrin," the statement said.<sup>8</sup>

The SDF announced in a statement that until February 1 they have killed 473 Turkish soldiers and their affiliated Islamist jihadists, while losing 34 fighters. According to the statement, the balance sheet of operation carried out from January 26 to February 1 stands as follows:

- 1- The invading forces attacked civilian settlements in Afrin on all fronts and carried out bombardments 1893 times.
- 2- Turkish warplanes bombed civilian areas and fronts of resistance 460 times.
- 3- Cobra helicopters hit civilian settlements and fronts of resistance 15 times.
- 4- Reconnaissance aircraft flew over Afrin countless times. The Turkish army and affiliated Al-Qaeda terrorists used prohibited arms like Napalm and cluster bombs in their attacks. Schools and mosques were also targeted by the Turkish army and bombardments on these areas left several civilians dead or wounded.
- 1- Our forces harshly responded to the attacks, resulting in confrontations 250 times.
- 2- 473 members of the Turkish army and allied terrorists were confirmed killed.
- 3- 32 bodies of Turkish soldiers and members of allied gangs remain in clashes areas and they cannot even retrieve these bodies.
- 4- A drone was downed and 25 military vehicles, including armoured vehicles such as tanks and panzers, were destroyed.
- 5- 11 armoured vehicles were left unusable.
- 6- Our forces seized an armoured vehicle and a panzer, in addition to some ammunition.
- 7- Our forces engaged in armed confrontation with the enemy forces 72 times. The losses inflicted on the enemy in these clashes couldn't be clarified.
- 8- 34 fighters of ours fell putting up a brave fight.
- 9- As a result of the attacks by the Turkish army, 30 people, among them women and children, fell as martyrs and dozens of others got wounded.
- 10- A wounded fighter of ours was taken prisoner. The invading Turkish army and allied Al-Qaeda terror organisation kidnapped 6 civilians from border villages."

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<sup>8</sup> <https://anfenglish.com/women/international-women-s-alliance-expresses-solidarity-with-afrin-24640>