

# **The Information Centre of Afrin Resistance**



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## **Attack**

Today, the Turkish army and its affiliated Jihadist groups targeted Deqadmah, of the Shara district, causing extensive material damages.

The Robar Refugee Camp, housing around 8,000 displaced persons, have been under intense artillery and aerial bombardment for the last two days. Saher Mohammed, a refugee from al-Raqqa city told ANHA News Agency: “We have gone to Afrin for months, but the occupying Turkish army did not allow us to enjoy the safety of the area. It turned its guns and its planes to us, instead of directing them to fight IS jihadists, and here it is clear that the Turkish state is aiming to destroying Syria and eradicating the revolution.”

Turkish warplanes launched a fierce bombardment of Shikurza village of the Bilbilê district.

The Turkish army attacked SDF positions in Qestel Hill after being repelled by the SDF. After Turkish forces brought in reinforcement heavy fighting continued around the area. In the meantime, Turkish warplanes launched another attack on the Hill.

After Turkish warplanes bombed Meydanke Dam, it is possible that it might be destroyed.

Turkish warplanes bombed the vicinity of the Robar Refugee Camp and the vicinity of Kubla village. As a result, a number of people have been injured.

A heavy bombardment of Gobelê village resulted in the killing of three and wounding of seven civilians from the same family.

## **Response**

During a heavy confrontation between the SDF and the Turkish troops taking place in Hammam village of Jinderes an SDF female fighter, Avêsta Xabûr, carried out a suicide attack against a Turkish tank. Killing several Turkish soldiers and destroying the tank, she moved into immortality.

2The SDF counteracted a Turkish attack on the hill of Qestel of the Shara district. After being repelled, Turkish warplanes targeted the hill as well as Quda village of Rajo district.

The SDF killed Mehmud El Damis, known as Abu Rakan, a jihadist ringleader from the Salafist group of Faylaq al-Sham.

The SDF claimed that Kevirê Ker Hill in Rajo region is under their control after a Turkish attack was successfully repelled. SDF fighters also confiscated weapons and ammunition belonging to the Turkish army.

## **Statement**

In an interview with our Centre, Salih Muslim, member of TEV-DEM’s Diplomatic Committee, said: There is a reality about Efrîn. Efrîn was a safe haven for the displaced people from all over Syria. The number of displaced people who live in Efrîn are about 500,000. The people of Efrîn have organised

themselves. They have defence units under the name of YPG and YPJ which have been part of the Syrian Democratic Forces. They have been defending Efrîn for the last five years against the Salafists and Jihadists. They have offered a lot of martyrs in their fight against the Jihadist groups.

We believe Turkey have their own plan for Syria. They reject any political solution for Syria. They supported the Jihadists, especially ISIS and Jabhat al-Nusra. Everyone knows who fought and defeated these groups. Turkey could not stand this. And because Efrîn is not protected by the international allies, it attacked the Efrîn area. Now they have their own plan for Efrîn and Şehba areas; to control them and to replace these Salafist-Jihadist groups they brought from everywhere, and to make this demographic change.

For the last 9 days, there have been brutal attacks on the Efrîn area. The Efrîn people who have organised themselves have been standing up against these attacks. We have been helping them in their attempt to defend themselves. Efrîn is under the siege. From the logistic and medical sides, there are shortages. The regime sometimes allows delivery of medicine, and sometimes it does not. The people of Efrîn asked for help but the regime has not done anything. So now we call upon all to help Efrîn.

In a statement, the Self-Administration of Efrîn Canton called upon all the Kurdish people and their friends to support Efrîn, hoping that through sustained demonstrations and protests the reality of Efrîn invasion would be exposed to the world.

Sînem Mihemed, Rojava Representative in Germany, said: ISIS destroyed all archaeological site in everywhere they controlled. Now this is Turkey that is destroying the most beautiful place IN DARA in Afrin. Both ISIS and Turkey are the same. Destroying, killing and calling for jihad in Afrin. What are the differences? Save Afrin heritage!

## **Solidarity**

Avaaz, the world's largest and most effective online campaign group for change, launched a petition to stop the Turkish invasion. Avaaz wrote: "Stop the Turkish bombardment of Afrin: the Turkish state and its president, Erdogan, killed dozens of children and women, and Turkish 3aircraft committed massacres against civilians. International silence allows Turkey to commit more massacres." The petition can be signed through the following link:

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/wqfw\\_lqSf\\_ltrky\\_l\\_fryn\\_ldwl\\_ltrky\\_wryysh\\_rdwGn/?atGFKmb](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/wqfw_lqSf_ltrky_l_fryn_ldwl_ltrky_wryysh_rdwGn/?atGFKmb)

The Turkish well-known sociologist, Professor Ismail Bêşikçi said: "Afrin is Kurdistan, Afrin will not be like Kirkuk. Afrin is Kurdistan, with a population of about 1 million. Since the beginning of the civil war in Syria, Afrin has been the safest area. More than 400,000 Syrians have taken refuge in Afrin. War on Afrin is a war against all Kurds".

The Communist Labour Party of Syria condemned the Turkish invasion, pointing out that such an invasion is a direct intervention in Syrian internal affairs. It called upon Turkey to stop the war and find a political solution.

International volunteers who have recently arrived in Afrin called upon all to raise their voice against the Turkish invasion. In their statement, they said: "The fascist army of Turkey started an attack on

Afrin. We as the international fighters of YPG are going to defend Afrin against the fascist Turkish state. From Germany to China from the United States to Britain and Russia we came to fight against the terrorism of DAESH gangs who were actively supported by the Erdogan regime. We now confront the fascist terrorism under a new flag the Turkish flag. Most of the world watch as Kobane was burned and bled and learned that Rojava will not fall. That YPG and YPJ will not be broken.”

Arab activists in Manbij city, Syria, pitched a tent solidarity in support of the Afrin Resistance. The campaign was sponsored by the Culture and Art Committee.