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Starting from Wednesday 31 January 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

According to the local people, the Turkish army and its affiliated jihadist groups pounded the Shia district of Cindirêsê area with artillery fire. “Their shelling will not make us surrender though,” they added.

The Turkish army and its allies targeted civilian areas in the center of Cindirêsê area and Bavlura village with artillery and Katyusha rockets.

Turkish artillery shelled the surroundings of Raco and Bilbilê districts late last night. Airstrikes also targeted the Dersana village and its surroundings in Shera district.

In a bit to stifle internal critics, the Turkish authorities arrested 311 people who spoke out against the invasion of Efrîn.

Counterattack

The SDF repelled an attack by the Turkish army and Nusra Front on Hemmam village.

Violent clashes broke out on the outskirts of Xelîl and Mamala villages between the Turkish troops and the SDF.

After the Turkish army pummeled the vicinity of Kavri Ker village with artillery rockets, heavy confrontation followed between them and the SDF.

Solidarity

In solidarity with the Efrîn Resistance, South Kurdistan Patriotic Youth’s Movement and Revolutionary Women’s Movement initiated a long march from Silêmanî to the border-crossing of Simalka between Iraq and Syria.

Over a hundred thousand people from all over the Cizîre Canton gathered in Qamişlo to denounce the Turkish invasion of Efrîn and to show solidarity and support for the Efrîn Resistance. They demanded an abrupt end to the what they called a genocidal Turkish operation and urged the international community to break their ongoing silence.

East and South Kurdistan youth announced they are joining the Efrîn Resistance. In their statement, they outlined: “The Turkish state and their allied terror groups continue their attacks against Afrin. These attacks are not geared towards a part of Kurdistan, they are against all four parts. The youth flocked here from all four parts of Kurdistan during the ISIS gangs’ attacks against Kobanê, and didn’t let the terrorist groups take one handful of land from them. So we as the youth from Southern and Eastern Kurdistan are going to Afrin. The fascist Turkish state should know that all hands that reach for Kurdistan will be broken.”

Statement

Amnesty International: “The Turkish Medical Association (TTB) and its prominent members have been subjected to threats of violence, following a statement they issued on 24 January, calling for an end to the ongoing military operation by the Turkish armed forces in Afrin, northern Syria. The TTB lodged a request with the Ankara Governorship to provide protection for its offices and members, but they have received no response.”

The World Medical Association expressed its grave concern over the arrests of leaders of the Turkish Medical Association.

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) Politbureau Member Mela Bextiyar condemned the invasion of Efrîn saying: “The Turkish state has been attacking the Kurdish people for days, these attacks have no rightful cause. The Turkish state speaks of ‘olive branch’ and then bombs 10 million olive trees in Afrin with 80 fighter jets. They kill civilians. Afrin has been free for years, peoples were living there in freedom. The Turkish state’s attacks against peoples living in peace in Afrin can have no justification.”

A number of Arab people in Efrîn say that the people of Efrîn are united and alongside the SDF will face the Turkish army. An inhabitant, Henan Zidan, told ANHA: “The occupationist Turkish army is brutally bombing civilians and populated areas, and then it claims that it is bombing the military areas. This is a clear lie. Erdogan has committed numerous massacres against the civilian Kurds and the Arabs. Hence, the Kurds, the Arabs and Christians will all stay united against the Turkish aggression.”