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Starting from Friday 26 January 2018, the Information Centre of Afrin Resistance provides a daily news bulletin about the invasion and resistance of Afrin Canton.

Our Centre is located at the heart of the events. Hence, all our news is based on primary sources.

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Overview

On 8 February, the Turkish affiliated terrorist groups continued to release footage of mutilating the body of YPG fighters, which showed their brutality and disrespect of all human values. The Turkish army continued shelling the villages of Efrin. A lot of academics, political parties, and politicians from different parts of the world expressed their condemnation of the Turkish operation against Efrin.

War and Humanitarian Situation

Heavy fighting between YPG/YPJ forces and the Turkish army were reported in the village Kevire Kere of Rajo district. (local sources)

Since yesterday night, the Turkish army has been attacking Shiye district using mortars, hawitzers, and other heavy weapons. (local sources)

The Turkish army shelled with mortars the villages of Ceqmaqa and Cela in Bilbile District. (local sources)

According to the SDF media center, YPG/YPJ destroyed a Turkish Dotshka-borne military vehicle in Khalil village of Shiye district.

On Northern Syria Front Line, U.S. and Turkey Head Into Tense Face-off. (1)

General Erdogan's First War: Turkey's Islamist president is the first civilian with control over his country's military – and you can tell by the results.(2)

Turkish Interior Ministry stated that 449 people were detained on charge of “propagandizing for terrorism” due to their social media posts about Afrin operation. (3)

The US has launched rare air strikes in eastern Syria to thwart an attack on allied Kurdish and Arab fighters by forces aligned to Syria's government. (4)

According to state-run Russia Today, Erdogan briefed his Russian counterpart on the latest developments in Turkey's ongoing incursion into the Kurdish-held canton of Afrin in northwestern Syria. They tentatively agreed to a trilateral summit with Iran to be held in Istanbul, according to news reports on Thursday. (5)

Statements

Barcelona Mayor and over 100 academics, politicians, and human rights activists call for immediate halt to Turkish aggression toward Afrin in Syria.(6)

SDF media center released a statement, condemning the terrorist Jihadist groups' mutilation of the bodies of their fighters. The SDF said that the silence of the international community and the humanitarian organizations may undermine their credibility.

The SDF media center released the outcome of the military operations in the last 24 hours: 27 Turkish soldiers and tens of the affiliated terrorist groups were confirmed dead during the clashes in Shekhorze village of Bilbile district.

The Armenian National Committee of Canada wrote to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chrystia Freeland, and stated that the military operation of the Turkish army against Afrin is illegal and a threat for a peaceful solution (7)

Solidarity

Long march from Luxembourg to Strassbourg started under the slogan "NO to Turkey's attacks on Efrîn". Two hundred internationalist activists from 17 countries joined the march. The marchers declared their solidarity with the call of women from Efrîn: "Women Rise Up for Efrin!".

Sources

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