

Women's Revolution



Monthly Newsletter on Developments of the Women's Revolution and Agendas in North and East Syria

August 2022

The women's revolution is entering its 10th year and in August, women in northern and eastern Syria celebrated the anniversary of the liberation of Manbij, organised social activities to empower young women, Armenian women have founded the first Armenian Women's Union, but they also took to the streets and demonstrated, mourned the dead, held political debates and showed their strength of will and insistence for the revolution.



Women's Council of North and East Syria accuses "indifference" of the West



On August 7 the Women's Council of North and East Syria has accused the international community of a "shameful silence" in the face of violations of international law, war crimes and crimes against humanity by Turkey in the region. The background to the sharp criticism is the deadly drone strikes carried out by the Turkish NATO state in the region and especially the one in Qamishlo, which killed four people, including two teenagers, and injured two others. From the international community, the women's organization demands to immediately to break the silence in the face of these conditions in North and East Syria and to use all means at its disposal to end Turkey's belligerent aggression against the region.

Hilala Zêrîn Women's Cultural Movement condemned invasion attacks of Turkish state



The Hilala Zêrîn Women's Cultural Movement in North and East Syria has released a statement responding to Turkey's increasingly invasive attacks on North and East Syria. "We strongly condemn the crimes committed by the AKP government under the leadership of Erdogan against our safe zones. We also condemn the silence of the international community and organizations in the face of these attacks. Hilala Zêrîn made the following clear in their statement: "We will stand together against the occupation."

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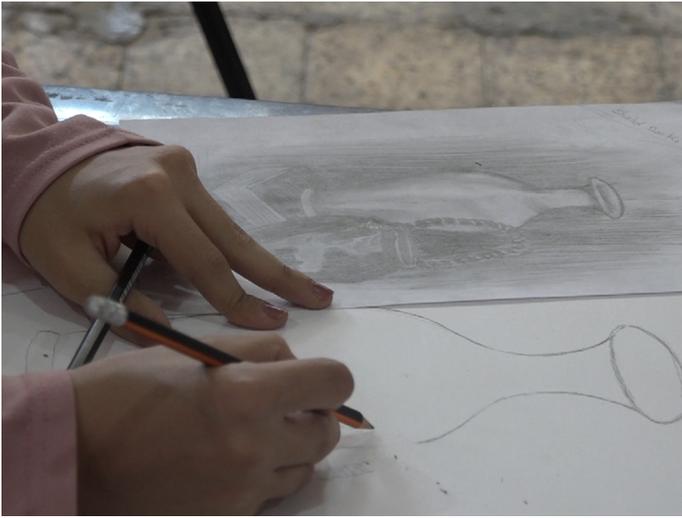
<https://anfenglishmobile.com/women/hilala-zer-in-movement-we-will-resist-turkish-occupation-together-61749>

Sit-in tent in front of the headquarters of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to demand a no-fly zone over the area



On August 13 a sit-in tent was set up in front of the headquarters of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in the city of Qamishlo to demand the imposition of a no-fly zone over the area of North and East Syria. The sit-in tent was organized by the Social Protection Forces (HPC) and Kongra Star and lasted until August 30. The aim of this action is to make the organizations claiming human rights live up to their duty and fulfill their promises and agreements in a practical way. The action demands no-fly zone and calls on the international community and the UN to take a stand against the crimes of the Turkish occupation state in northern and eastern Syria.

Young women opened an exhibition of paintings in Tabqa



13 young women who are members of the Young Women's Union of Tabqa participated in the exhibition of images with different themes aimed at promoting the culture and art of the region.

At the end of the exhibition, the Union of Young Women and the Cultural and Art Center of Tabqa distributed awards to the participants of the exhibition.

Women's Economic Committee supports Tannour bread project



The Kongra Star Economy Committee supports a women's cooperative for Tannour bread. In a village in Tirbespiye. Four women have formed a cooperative together. They sell their product, and after deducting the cost of flour, fuel and other expenses, they divide the profit equally among themselves. The Women's Economic Committee supports them with flour and other raw materials. The women started this project to help their community overcome economic crisis.

August 15 the 6th anniversary of the liberation of Manbic



The city of Manbij, which was occupied by ISIS was liberated on August 15, 2016 by the Women's Defense Units (YPJ), the Manbij Military Council (MMC) and the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). On the sixth anniversary, the liberation of the city was celebrated in many places. Meanwhile, women are active in all sectors of society and more than 10 thousand women are active in the Manbij Democratic Civil Administration.

Read more:

<https://jinhaagency.com/en/community-life/liberation-of-manbij-leads-to-positive-changes-for-women-31737>

Women of Tell Tamer learn self-defense



In Tell Tamer, the women have taken self-defense courses against possible invasion attacks by the Turkish State. These courses where they have learned self-defense and how to use weapons have been organized by the Social Defense Units for Women (HPC-JIN). The women are determined to protect their region.

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<https://jinhaagency.com/en/community-life/women-of-tell-tamer-learn-self-defense-31722>

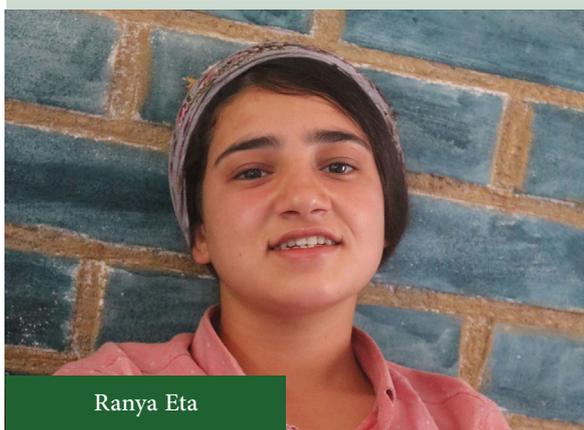
4 young women martyred in drone strike



Dilan Ezedin



Diyana Elo



Ranya Eta



Zozan Zedan

On the evening of August 18, a UN-supported education center for young girls in Heseke was bombed by a Turkish state drone. This children's education center is a product of joint UN and SDF efforts to prevent children from joining military units. In this attack, 4 girls were killed and 11 wounded. Those killed are Dilan Ezedin from Kobanê, Zozan Zedan from Manbij, Ranya Eta from Afrin and Diyana Elo from Afrin. With this attack, the Turkish state is once again demonstrating its femicidal policy. People across North and East Syria have taken to the streets in protest against the attack, demanding justice and the establishment of a no-fly zone in the region.

Dialogue forum in Raqqa under the slogan “Strengthening Together Feminist Democracy in Syria”



On August 25, the General Women’s Council of the Syrian Future Party held a dialogue forum in Raqqa under the slogan “Strengthening Feminist Democracy in Syria Together” with more than 70 delegates from various women’s organizations and activists from Syria, including the camps. The forum was about highlighting suffering of women in Syria & the occupied territories.

The forum covered these topics:

- Reality and suffering of women in Idlib.
- Why women actively working for democratic change have been targeted.
- The flight at home and abroad and its impact on security and stability in the region.
- Women’s political and military perspectives on resolving the crisis in Syria.

The final declaration called for the following:

- In order to solve the crisis in Syria, all occupied territories must be liberated and Turkey and its mercenaries must be expelled.
- forcibly displaced women must be allowed to return to their country with international guarantees.
- The Turkish state must be held accountable for the crimes committed by its groups and tried in international courts, including in the case of Hevrin Khalaf.
- Women must be included in the political process and decision making.
- all abducted women must be released and their fate must be disclosed
- Call for the establishment of rights committees by the UN and the opening of opportunities for the media in the occupied territories of Syria to observe and document violations
- Strengthening the feminist and social struggle for democracy.
- Halting military operations throughout Syria to protect women and children and ensure security and stability.

Armenian Women's Union was founded in North and East Syria



On 30 August, Armenian women held the first Armenian Women's Congress and founded an Armenian Women's Union. Under the slogan 'After 107 years of genocide, the unity of Armenian women is reviving', the congress was held and the Armenian Women's Union was founded. The preparation of the congress was made difficult by the constant attacks of Turkey, but nevertheless it was carried out with great will. Eighty meetings were held in the run-up to the event in various locations in the autonomous region of North and East Syria to draw attention to the importance of Armenian women having their own form of organization. The conference was attended by more than 150 representatives of women's organizations and unions from North and East Syria. At the end of the conference, the establishment of the Armenian Women's Union of North and East Syria was announced and Anahid Kasebyan was elected president of the union. This congress that was held has a very historical significance, it is the revenge for the Armenian genocide that was committed by Turkey 107 years ago.

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<https://anfenglishmobile.com/women/armenian-women-s-congress-held-in-heseke-62190>

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