

# Defend The Women's Revolution

Weekly Newsletter About The Attacks On and The Defense  
Of the Women's Revolution in North and East Syria

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## Turkey Aims At Emptying The Area From Its Population



*Eyn Isa under Turkish shelling*



*Education Board of the Autonomous Administration*

Turkish attacks have lessened for the time being, but still continue. In the district of Eyn Îsa, 200 bombs were fired within one week, and 530 bombs were fired at Zirgan district within two weeks. Turkey is also still repeating its threats to launch a ground invasion into North and East Syria.

On December 5, 2022 a car connected to the Education Board of the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria was planted with a car bomb and exploded in the morning hours. The driver was heavily injured and had to go to the hospital. The Education Board and many of the region's teachers evaluated the attack as part of a larger massacre, one targeting our future and our children.

On December 10, 2022 Salih Elî Selame (61) was killed in a mortar shelling originating from a Turkish base in the occupied areas between Girê Spî and Eyn Îsa. Since the occupation of these areas in October 2019, 28 citizens have been martyred and 77 injured there as a result of the attacks of the occupying Turkish state.

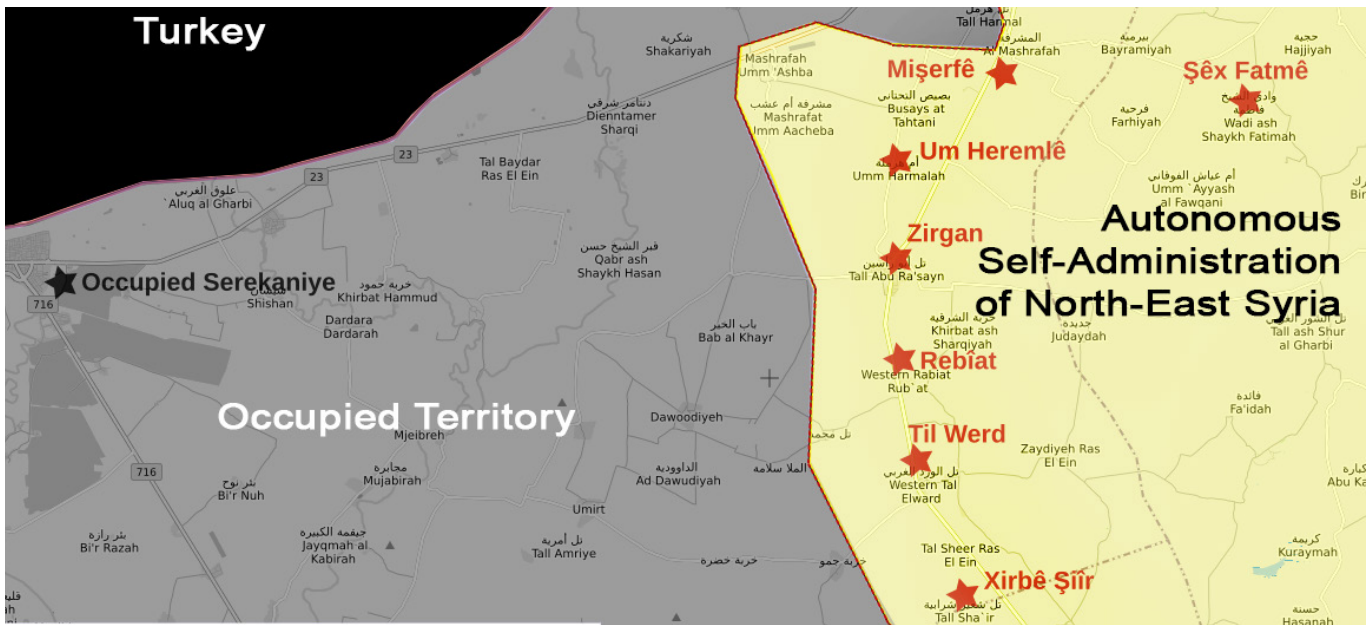
On December 6, 2022 the only bakery in the village of Rebât in Zirgan district was destroyed after having been deliberately attacked several times in the last weeks. It was providing around 20 villages with bread.

On December 9, 2022 the women in Zirgan rose up against the constant attacks on their district and repeated their determination to stay on their land, despite the Turkish occupation's attempts to empty the area of its indigenous population. The co-chair of the council of Zirgan made a statement that three years of constant shelling by Turkey has destroyed a third of their district.



*Protest in Zirgan on December 9*

This includes municipal buildings, schools and other infrastructure, as well as 400 houses of villagers. We created a map of the district of Zirgan, pinpointing the villages that have been attacked most often, in both their Kurdish and Arabic names.



Also on December 9, 2022 the Turkish state and its mercenaries attacked the communications tower in Salûk in the district of Girê Spî, which had been providing internet and telephone access for the population in the entire area. It was forced out of service, leaving the whole area without connection to the outer world.



*Resistant women in Shebba*

In the last week, the situation in Shebba and the neighborhoods of Şêxmeqsûd and Eşrefiyê in Aleppo worsened significantly under an embargo that the Syrian Regime has been enforcing for two months. No diesel or medical equipment can pass into those areas, meaning the generators for electricity cannot function. Those living in these two neighborhoods of Aleppo have been without electricity for two weeks now and the Avrîn hospital in Shebba, the only one in the region, had to go out of service. Also, all schools and public institutions are closed and will be for at least another week. In Shebba, 200,000 Arab, Turkmen, and Kurdish refugees from Efrîn are living in camps and are now faced with harsh conditions as winter is beginning. People who were forced to flee from the Turkish occupation in 2018 are living in the tent cities and now have no means of heating or cooking besides making fires from trash.



*Mizgîn Yusuf*

Nevertheless, the women in the refugee camps are resisting under these hard conditions and show their fighting spirit. Mizgîn Yusuf living in Şêxmeqşûd states: “Those who cut off our food should know that the policies they use against us are useless. We provide the necessities of life with our small resources.” Also Lutfiye Hesen, a refugee from Efrîn and mother of several small children, describes all the hardships in the refugee camp and then adds: “However, we struggle with great persistence.”

### **The Defense of the Women’s Revolution: Until our last drop of blood – we will not leave this land!**

Many local women’s organizations across the region made statements and declarations against the ongoing Turkish threats. On December 5, 2022, the Women’s Zenobia Assembly in Minbic declared that they are ready to stand against the attacks of the occupying Turkish state: “We will not allow any state to destroy the achievements that have been made thanks to the martyrs.”

In other parts of Syria there were more significant events this week. In the Idlib countryside people rose up against the occupying Turkish army after a grandmother and her granddaughter were rolled over and killed by a Turkish armed vehicle. Furthermore, there were major uprisings in the region of Suweda – people stormed government buildings and held street protests for several days. Following these events, the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria and other civil society organizations, called on resisting people all over Syria to join the democratic struggle.

Kongra Star participated in the call-out for a No-Fly-Zone over the territory of North and East Syria, to prevent Turkish war planes and armed and unarmed drones from entering the air space. The Autonomous Administration and countless civil society organizations supported this appeal. The women’s movement in North and East Syria has been repeatedly targeted by assassinations carried out by drone strikes in the last years.

The current condition of Abdullah Ocalan, the ideological leader of the Kurdish freedom movement currently imprisoned on Imrali island, remains unclear after a statement from the CPT (European Organization Against Torture of Prisoners) claimed they had been prevented from seeing him the last few times they had visited the prison. Many women all over North and East Syria took to the streets this week in order to demand information about his health and well being: on December 6 in Dirbesiye, on December 7 in Aleppo and Tabqa, and by the Mother of Peace on December 10.



*Mother of Peace on December 10, calling out to CPT*



*Women in Dirbesiye on December 6*



*Women's Assembly of Zenubia in Tabqa December 7*

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