

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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Chronology of the Attacks & Defense of the Women's Revolution

The attacks by the Turkish state have lessened, but are still continuing. As the SDF stated: "The occupying Turkish state continues to carry out inhumane massacres against the people of the region. By targeting civilians and the infrastructure of the region, it is trying to break the will of our people and carry out its occupation projects against the region." The Turkish mercenaries continue to shell the villages of Kobanê, Minbic, Shehba, Eyn Îsa, and Til Temir. Because of the ongoing attacks, 19 schools in the district of Kobanê remain closed. In Minbic around 45,000 people live in villages under constant shelling from Turkey and its mercenaries. Furthermore, the Turkish state is threatening to invade North and East Syria in the coming days if the SDF does not withdraw its forces 30km into Syria, behind a line drawn by Erdogan. Turkey is still seeking a common agreement with Russia and the Syrian regime to green light an invasion and occupation of additional territory. However, daily struggle and resistance within the Autonomous Administration continue. Fifty percent of the petrol pumps destroyed by Turkish aerial attacks since November 20 have been repaired and are back in service. Efforts to support residents in dire economic straits are also ongoing. For example, the Autonomous Administration of Waşûkanî and Serêkaniyê was able to distribute diesel for heating among the refugees of Serêkaniyê last week.



Actions protesting the isolation of Abdullah Ocalan also continued this week. On December 12, "peace mothers" in Raqqa (image on the top) and Qamishlo called on CPT to release information about his condition, and the Kongra Star Education Committee organized a panel in Heseke (image down). On December 15, actions took place all over Cizîrê canton, as well as in Kobanê and Minbic. On December 17 in Til Temir the culture and art movement Helîla Zerîn (Golden Crescent) also called on the CPT to clarify Abdullah Ocalan's situation. In Kobanê and Qamishlo women's organizations stressed the urgency of the struggle against Rêber Ocalan's isolation. Likewise, the movement of young women in the Euphrates region organized a



panel on the subject, and Kongra Star in Tirbespî organized a panel for women regarding the role of Abdullah Ocalan and his current conditions in prison. The women emphasized the importance of his philosophy for humanity, the crucial role he has to play in solving the current political crisis, and in the cause of women's liberation. It was agreed that his physical freedom is of the utmost importance.



Protests of in Til Temir (top right) and Minbic (top left), Qamishlo and Kobanê (down)



On December 15 a citizen named Fewaz Osê from the village of Bobanê in the west of Kobanê was injured by a bullet from the Turkish army.

On December 17 the Turkish state attacked a group of civilians by drone strike in the village of Reqas in the Çelebi district of Kobanê. Three people were martyred, including Muhammad Weysi, a 12 year old boy. Three more civilians were injured. This attack raised the number of civilians martyred by Turkish attacks in the last month to sixteen.

During the week residents in Qamishlo and Minbic held several meetings to discuss the current political situation and impending Turkish invasion. The people expressed their readiness to face the attacks and stand by the self-defense forces. On December 17 the Syrian Democratic Council organized a panel in Qamishlo to discuss the Turkish attacks and their effect on a potential political solution for Syria.



Women's Organizations Protest in Shebba



Shebba and the neighborhoods of Şêxmeqsûd and Eşrefiyê in Aleppo are still under embargo. In Shebba the schools and institutions will remain closed for another week due to lack of diesel for the generators, depriving 15,000 students of their education. The agricultural committee warned that the planting of wheat and other vegetables will have to be postponed. On December 15 Kurdish, Arabic, and Turkmen residents of Til Rifat protested against the Syrian regime's embargo and the resulting humanitarian catastrophe. On December 18 the residents of camp Berxwedan, which primarily houses IDPs from Efrîn, once again protested the embargo which blocks diesel from other parts of the Autonomous Administration from entering the area. Also on December 18, women from the Berxwedan camp issued a call to international humanitarian organizations: "Hear the voice of freedom and peace, take action and end the war and siege on the region." A member of the PYD council, Zelal Ceger, stated that the starvation policy of the government in Damascus is one in the same with the Turkish occupation of Syrian territory: both sides do not harm anyone except the Syrian people.

At least 85 families arrived as IDPs to Kobanê and Minbic after fleeing the difficult conditions in the regime held areas. Big bakeries in Damascus, Aleppo and Homs were forced to stop their work due to a critical diesel shortage which also brought traffic to a near standstill.

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