



To all the women whose hearts beat for freedom

We, the Command of the Women's Protection Units (YPJ), from the land of Rojava, Kurdistan and North-East Syria, send you our warmest revolutionary greetings. We are not just a military force; we are also the voice, will, and consciousness of women who defend the light against the darkness. We are the self-defence force of freedom-loving women. In this context, we call on all the women of the world to walk together on the path of freedom, dignity and justice.

Our struggle against ISIS and all reactionary ideologies such as religious fundamentalism, nationalism, positivism and sexism has shown that when women become autonomous and organise themselves, no force can stand in their way. In Kobane, Raqqa and many other places, we defended not only our land but also the honour of all women around the world. This struggle is, at the same time, the defence of life and human values. We have proven with our effort and resistance that self-defence is the fundamental condition for a dignified and free life.

Dear sisters,

Today, the women's revolution is passing through severe political and military conditions. Although many peoples and societies recognise our struggle, the dominant forces and state institutions deliberately refuse to acknowledge our political status. These policies of denial and leaving without official status are, at their core, a continuation of the patriarchal mindset that fears the strength of the autonomy of women and refuses to recognise it. They seek to weaken the will of women through blockades and destruction; But our strength does not come from their documents and statements, but from our resistance in the streets and from the trust of women. We state clearly: we will stand against any policy that erases the will of women, disregards our status, or seeks to assimilate us into the dominant system. Women's freedom is not given, it is taken; and this is only achieved through continuous struggle, organisation, and the unity of women.

The oppression of women knows no borders. Whether in the Middle East, Europe or Abya Yala, the patriarchal system attacks women's achievements in different ways. From the murder of women to the breaking of their will, from exploitation to their exclusion from politics, all are forms of the same system. But in the face of this darkness, today a united voice of women is rising all over the world: 'Woman, Life, Freedom!'

We particularly call on all the women of the world, women's organisations, academics, artists, environmental activists and all those who stand for freedom:

- Raise your voices against the denialist policies that target the YPJ and the values of the women's revolution, and do not remain silent.
- Strengthen our joint struggle against violence, terror, colonialism, and all dominant systems.
- Spread the voice of the women's revolution, the philosophy of freedom, and our demand for a free and democratic status to the whole world.
- To protect life, nature, and democratic society, stand up against ecological destruction and the massacre of women (femicide).

Our strength is in our unity. As long as one woman anywhere in the world is without rights and oppressed, our freedom is not complete. True freedom is only achieved with the freedom of all women. The time has come for all the women of the world to become one voice and to stand up for the values that the YPJ has established.

With revolutionary greetings and respect,
The General Command of the YPJ
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