



## FREEDOM FOR ÖCALAN IS WOMEN'S FREEDOM!

April 4 is the 71st birthday of the national leader of the Kurdish people, Abdullah Öcalan, who has been held in solitary confinement in Imrali prison since 1999. From Kongra Star Women's Movement, we want to share this day with the Kurdish people and all the peoples of the world. The birth of Abdullah Öcalan represents an important day for all those people who are fighting for a life in freedom, as his philosophy has brought new perspectives on the path towards a democratic society.

Abdullah Öcalan has especially contributed to placing the liberation of women as the basis for building free societies, and has strengthened with his thinking the self-organization of women in the struggle against the patriarchal mentality. That is why the various committees of the Kongra Star are dedicating a few words to him on this day.

As Kongra Star, Women's Movement, we take Abdullah Öcalan's philosophy as the basis for building a democratic society. We commit ourselves to continue to promote the participation and organisation of women in all areas of life and to continue to fight for the freedom of Abdullah Öcalan and all the peoples of the world.

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## **Rûken Ehmed - Member of the Kongra Star Committee for diplomatic relations**

Öcalan has shown us the way to a free life. He has analysed the historical approach to the consciousness of the dominant man and has fought for freedom and changes in the relationship between the two sexes.

Öcalan, as a guide, always in search of truth and calls on the Kurdish women and all women as well as all societies seeking peace and freedom to continue their struggle for peace and freedom. Like a guide, he is always in search of truth and bases his analyses on the will of the peoples.

## **Rihan - Spokeswoman for the education committee of Kongra Star**

We can say that the ideology of Abdullah Öcalan can open the eyes of the world to the struggle of the women's liberation. That's why the women of North and East Syria have become a symbol of struggle for all women in the world. These achievements exist thanks to the thoughts and philosophy of Abdullah Öcalan, who said that the liberation of woman is of utmost importance when it comes to struggling to liberate a society and rebuilding a free woman's personality.

We, the educational committee of Kongra Star, will continue to teach and educate women in the ideology of Abdullah Öcalan, in order to preserve the consciousness of free women, to defend their rights and encourage them to play an active role in their society. We promise to organise women's activism, give education to broaden their thinking, fight the traditions that hinders society from developing and do our best to find solutions whatever problems occurs, as well as give women a voice to express themselves and to defend their rights and dignity.

## **Horiyê Şemdîn - Spokeswoman of Women's Economy Committee**

He has shown us the power of women - as fighters, mothers, politicians - to build a society based on solidarity, human morality and free will.

The Committee for Women's Economy was founded as a result of Abdullah Öcalan's ideas. It was the first in the world that gave women the opportunity to defy the laws of capitalism, which built its system on social sexism and the exploitation of workers. As a result of the establishment of this committee, women now have the opportunity to develop their own regional community projects.

## **Behiye Silêman Mûrad - Head of the Mala Jin (House of Women) in Qamişlo**

With the revolution brought about by the thoughts and ideas of Abdullah Öcalan, women's rights organisations and institutions were also founded here. This Mala Jin (House of Women) Centre in Al-Qamishli is the place to solve social, family and societal problems, as well as all issues that affect women.

We congratulate Abdullah Öcalan's on his birthday and say that his ideas and philosophy are a perspective for all people.

## **Fatme Muhemed Reşan - Spokesperson for Women Society Protection Forces**

We the Society Protection Forces celebrate today the birthday of our representative Abdullah Öcalan and commend this day to all humanity and especially to the women who fought on the battlefield. For us Abdullah Öcalan is a defender who showed us the truth that had been hidden for thousands of years. With his ideas and philosophy he gave women back their rights and gave them the tools they needed to defend themselves, their rights, their freedom and their society. Our right and duty, as Society Protection Forces, is to defend society from who ever tries to harm it. We have members in all neighbourhoods, and mothers and daughters who with the ideas and ideology of Abdullah Öcalan help protect their families and society.

## **Gulistan Ali - Spokeswoman of the Kongra Star Committee for Social Affairs**

The basis of our work as a committee for social affairs is based on the principle of the third way, which is represented by Abdullah Öcalan.

With our social work we support society and community, especially women, children, elderly, people with special needs, migrants, refugees and people of different faiths. We take Öcalan's ideas and values as a basis for our work.

## **Zehra Semo - Member of the Democratic Union Party (PYD)**

In the patriarchal society, there is no place for women outside the home, as they are not believed to be able to participate in cultural and political life because they are a body without a soul, and therefore can only devote themselves to children and cooking. In this way women became the first colony in the world.

But with the support of Abdullah Öcalan's philosophy women have proven their existence and they played a great role as an avant-garde in all places and they have evolved themselves. They defended their achievements by strengthening their resistance. Nevertheless, this hegemonic system still tries to discriminate woman and to keep her in her traditional role.

