



## WOMEN DEFEND ROJAVA

**WE MUST STOP THE ATTACKS OF THE TURKISH STATE! WE WOMEN DEFEND ROJAVA!**

This evening armed drones of fascist Turkish state have bombed the village Helincê in Kobane. The fascist Turkish state directly targeted a house and killed at least three women. Two of the women are Zehra Berkel, executive member of Kongra Star women's movement in Euphrates region, and Emine Weysî.

This is a direct attack against us as women! This is an other femicide committed by the fascist Turkish state! Against our self-organisation and fight for women's liberation!

For years, women in North and East Syria have been organising themselves and fighting against the patriarchal mentality and for a change in society based on the liberation of women. From the beginning on Kongra Star, as women's movement in Rojava, played an important role for women's liberation and was build up to strengthen as well as organise the women. But also here they try to destroy these steps of women. As we can also see clearly with the murder of Hevrin Khalaf, the general secretary of the Syrian Future Party and an example for the role of women in the steps for the women's liberation, who was killed in October 2019 during the last Turkish invasion.

In North and East Syria, the attacks, the dirty war and the occupation by Turkey and its jihadist mercenaries continue. We see this clearly in the attacks this evening, in the situation of women in the areas occupied by the Turkish state and its jihadist mercenaries, such as Afrin. Every day there are reports of women being abducted or murdered by the jihadist mercenary groups supported by the Turkish state.

These attacks are in addition to the war declared by the Turkish state and its fascist regime against the Kurdish people and the women's revolution. In addition to the ongoing attacks and bombings in Bashur (South Kurdistan, Iraq). In addition to the situation in Bakur (Northern Kurdistan) where fascist Turkish state arrests women activists and parliamentarians who are clearly committed to feminist policies and women's rights, continuing with its coup d'état, which focuses on attacking women.

Furthermore we also cannot forget that today's attack took place in Kobane two day before the anniversary of the Kobane massacre. As city Kobane became a symbol of the resistance and defeat of the fascism of the Islamic State. Five years ago, on 25 June 2015, jihadists dressed in YPG uniforms entered the city and killed 252 people, including 35 children and 64 women. The Turkish state has the same brutal mentality as the Islamic State.

That is why we call on all women in the world to stand up against the war crimes committed by the Turkish state, to denounce the responsibility of Russia, as they are controlling the flyzone over Kobane, all NATO member states and all organisations, such as the United Nations, which turn a blind eye to the human rights violations committed throughout Kurdistan.

As Women Defend Rojava we call on all women to defend Rojava and Kurdistan against fascism, and to organize actions, demonstrations or rallies. We call on them to spread the atrocities of the Turkish state and to put pressure on those responsible. We call for taking our role as women and defending life against fascism. Let us organize our self-defense together as women worldwide! We have to end this patriarchal mentality!

**Stop Femicide! Stop Turkish War Crimes!**

**Women Defend Rojava! Women Defend Kurdistan!**

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