



Fact Sheet: Drone War Against The Women's Revolution

In the last years Turkey has been using armed drones (UAVs) to target and assassinate individuals with an important role in the women's revolution. Additionally, civilians and infrastructure are frequently struck in an attempt to weaken the revolution in North and East Syria (NES). Especially in recent weeks, Turkey has initiated a new phase in its operations against the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria, escalating with air strikes. Among the sites targeted by UAV air strikes between November 19 and November 27, were health clinics and a hospital, power stations, the main gas production site in NES, various oil pumps, and grain silos (see our November 28, 2022 background dossier for detailed information). Several civilian cars were also targeted during this period. Using double-tap air strikes, Turkey hit a power station in the village of Teqil Beqil, killing 11 civilians who had rushed to the place of the initial bombing to help. Among them were Hediye Abdullah, member of HPC-Jin (women's civil protection units), and Çiçek Harûnî, female member of the Syria Future Party.

Some Of The Martyrs of the Women's Revolution Assasinated by UAV strikes

- **June 23, 2020 – Zehra Berkel & Hebûn Mele Xelîl, and Amina Waysî**, members of Kongra Star Coordination. They were martyred in a targeted drone strike of a private house in the village of Helinç near Kobanê.
- **December 25, 2021 – Nûjîyan Ocalan, Viyan Kobanê, and Rojîn Ehmed Îsa**, members of the Revolutionary Youth Movement (Tevgera Ciwanên Şoreşger). They were martyred in a targeted drone attack in a private house in Kobanê.
- **August 21, 2022 & September 1, 2022 – Silava Remedan, Zozan Zêdan, Diyana Elo, Dilan Ezedîn, and Ranya Etawere**, all of whom were teenager. They were murdered by a drone strike while playing volleyball in front of the UN-sponsored Chamouka learning center for teenage girls located between Heseke and Til Temir.
- **July 22, 2022 – Şehîd Jiyan Tolhildan, Roj Xabûr, and Barîn Botan**, assassinated by a drone strike on the road to Qamişlo. Şehîd Jiyan Tolhildan was a leading commander in the fight against ISIS. All three were members of YPJ and the Anti-Terror-Units.
- **September 27, 2022 – Zeyneb Mohamed**, Co-chair of the Justice and Reform Affairs Office in the Cizire (al-Jazeera) region (Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria). She was martyred while on duty, hit by a Turkish UAV strike on the road to Dêrik. She had recently put in charge of preparing court trials for ISIS fighters, who were kept in prison by SDF.



International Voices

“Turkey seems to be taking over the United States as the country using armed drones most for extra-judicial killings, in this case against Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in northeast Syria. (...) These strikes have resulted in the death of civilians, including children.”
PAX for Peace – November 22, 2022

“Turkey wages drone war in Syrian Kurdistan – Ankara is heading an assassination campaign against the Syrian Kurdish military and administrative apparatus.” Le Monde – October 8, 2022

“On Thursday, a Turkish drone struck a group of teenage girls playing volleyball. (...). Turkey has increased its use of drones to carry out assassinations in Syria, often targeting what it claims are “terrorists.” Over the years Turkey and pro-Turkey extremists in Syria have often targeted women activists, such as Hevrin Khalaf, the head of the Future Party, and also members of the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.”
The Jerusalem Post – August 21, 2022

“Turkish airstrikes since November 20, 2022, are inflicting damage on densely populated areas and critical infrastructure across north and northeast Syria and exacerbating an already catastrophic humanitarian crisis for Kurds, Arabs, and other communities in the region.”
Human Rights Watch – December 7, 2022

We Demand:

- Members of the Global Coalition to ensure that Turkey stops its aggression against the Autonomous Administration and the self-defense forces of North and East Syria. All attacks must be immediately halted.
- Turkey’s plans to launch a new military occupation offensive must not be tolerated and authorised by the Global Coalition, especially US and Russia.
- The airspace of North and East Syria must be closed to Turkish war planes as well as armed or unarmed UAVs by the US and Russia.

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