

# Avaşın Newsletter of Peoples' Bridge for International Solidarity and Support with Rojava/NE Syria

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## **Founding Declaration of the People's Bridge: We will strengthen the bridge between peoples, we will expand solidarity with Rojava/Northern Syria!**

### **THIS REVOLUTION IS OUR REVOLUTION**

The revolution of July 19th in Rojava has opened a new door on the road to freedom for the Kurdish people and the other peoples of the region.

It broke the colonialist chains by using the democratic and freedom power and will of the peoples by not supporting the reactionary forces under the conditions of the reactionary civil war. The women carried out the women's revolution on a line of gender liberation and organized women's self-defense.

With the defeat of ISIS, the Northeast Syrian Federation of Kurdish, Arab, and regional Peoples became the center of attention for internationalists from around the world. Revolutionaries, youth, libertarian individuals, organizations and parties from six continents flocked to Rojava/Northeast Syria to defend and develop the revolution.

For 12 years, the revolutionary administration of Rojava has been protecting its existence under the conditions of regional hegemony and imperialist divisional conflicts, under the siege and occupation by colonialist states, especially the colonial dictatorships of Syria and Turkey, while seeking the path of its development.

Since its foundation, Rojava/Northern Syria is not only Rojava. Rojava stands for a new way, a new way of life. It represents the self-management and the will of the peoples, women and youth within the reactionary conflicts in the Middle East. In the face of intensifying imperialist competition and capitalist barbarism, it continues to be a place of hope for a new life for the peoples of the world.

## LET'S DEFEND THE REVOLUTION AND STRENGTHEN ITS INFRASTRUCTURE

We all have the responsibility to defend the beleaguered revolution and to strengthen and develop its infrastructure under the intensifying conditions.

The Democratic Forces of Syria, which, in addition to YPG/YPJ as the main force, also include socialist patriotic forces such as the MLKP are continuously continuing the preparation of revolutionary defense. One of the urgent tasks of this period is to strengthen the solidarity with them, to call the peoples and the oppressed to solidarity and to call for struggle against the imperialist powers that support the colonialist states, especially the Turkish Republic, politically, diplomatically and militarily in the war.

Our main motivation is to remain faithful to the legacy and memory of the dozens of internationalist revolutionaries, the Ivana Hoffmanns, Anna Campbells, Kevin Jochims and Özgür Namoğlus who flocked to Rojava from Europe.

While the revolution is being defended on one side, social construction continues and has to continue on the other. Organizing solidarity with besieged Rojava/Northeast Syria, carrying out actions to strengthen the infrastructure of the revolution, organizing support for problems that require technical, logistical and skilled workforces remains one of the main tasks of this period.

It is a unique responsibility of the internationalist socialists to make known to the world the voice of the socialist patriots, the active component of the revolution, their political work and the program they have created for Rojava and the region. The historic step for our democratic revolution to develop towards socialism is only possible with the active solidarity of the worldwide socialist movement.

The Bridge of People's is founded to strengthen the solidarity with Rojava/Northeast Syria and to organize a unity that will overcome the siege.

Internationalist revolutionaries, solidarity institutions and organizations, socialists, all those fighting for women's liberation, intellectuals!

Only by strengthening unity and solidarity we can overcome the wave of reaction that is sweeping the world and the siege of Rojava/Northern Syria as the first comprehensive revolutionary experience of our century.

In this critical period, strengthen the bridge between the peoples by participating in our solidarity work, by locally strengthening the solidarity with Rojava/Northeast Syria, following the accounts on social media and spreading their posts and the appeals from Rojava, calling the people in your area, workers, women, youth, LGBTI+ and trade unions to solidarity with Rojava/Northeast Syria!

## Migrants from the four parts of Kurdistan and Northeast Syria!

On the one side there is your homeland, which you had to leave, and on the other side is Europe, where you live as migrants with all kinds of difficulties.

As migrant workers in Europe, strengthen the solidarity with the peoples living in Rojava/Northeast Syria, tell the workers of the country you are living in about Rojava, offer different ways to defend the revolution and strengthen its infrastructure, and organize yourselves.

Take up the People's Bridge founded for this purpose, carry it forward, give it strength!

Now is the time to strengthen solidarity with Rojava/Northeast Syria!

Long live the Rojava revolution!

Long live the women's revolution!

Long live international solidarity!

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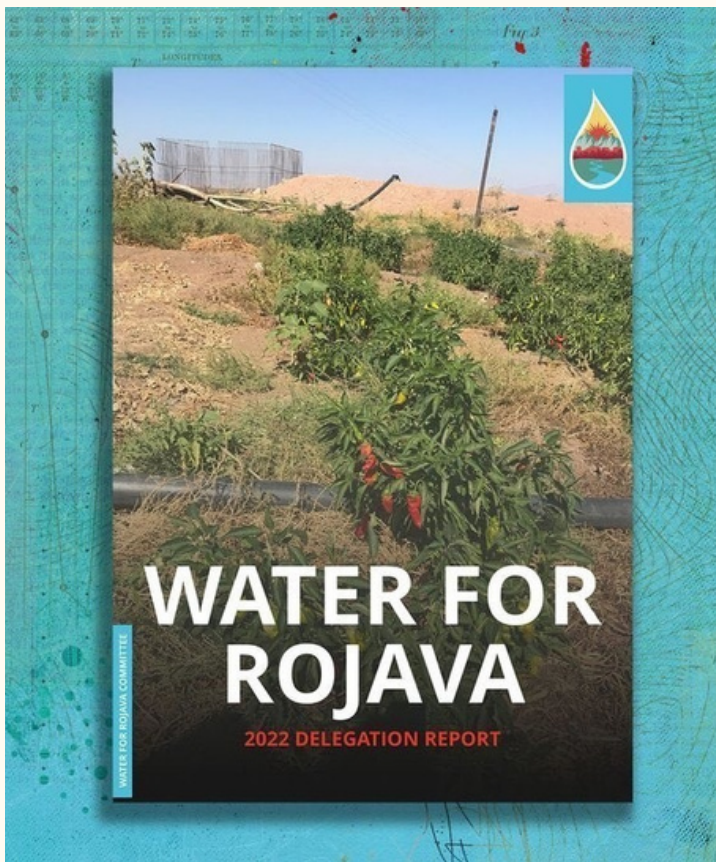
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## Water for Rojava:



“In October 2022 a delegation of the Water for Rojava Committee travelled to Northern and Eastern Syria (NES, also known as Rojava). The delegation included members of Siemenpuu (Finland), Solidarity Economy Association (UK), Roots for Change (Switzerland), and a local friend for translation and logistic support.”

The group organised a fundraiser, which they successfully completed by achieving their goal.

The primary goal of the group is to help the autonomous government with the problems related to water and drought.

The colonialist states, above all Turkey, are also waging war against Rojava on an ecological level. They want to dry out Rojava by constructing dams in Northern Kurdistan and intervening in the Euphrates river.

Projects like Water for Rojava give the region opportunities to overcome these wartime practices.

Let us show solidarity with these projects and let us support the administrative government in Rojava/Northeastern Syria in its social development.

For more information about the project and their delegation you can download the delegation's report: <https://mesopotamia.coop/news/water-for-rojava-2022-delegation-report/>

# TKŞ statement: “We will Defeat the Aggressive Attacks with Our Resistance and Organization“



The Communist Revolutionary Movement of North-Eastern Syria published a statement about the last attacks of the Turkish state against Rojava:

“We will Defeat the Aggressive Attacks with Our Resistance and Organization“

The fascist and oppressor Turkish state continues to occupy the lands of Rojava, Northern and Eastern Syria. After the elections, the fascist Turkish state and its mercenaries increased their threats of invasion and carried out dozens of drones and artillery co attacks on Kobanê, Manbij, Şehba,

Qamishlo and Tibespi. The attacks are still ongoing. There were martyrs and wounded of the revolutionary forces. As a result, civilian areas were also damaged. The occupying Turkish state and its mercenaries also targeted the forces of the Damascus government in the Shehba area. In the beginning, there are reconnaissance and aircraft movements in the bordering towns of Northern and Eastern Syria.

The fascist in-chief Erdoğan and his mercenaries want to prepare the basis for attacks on the lands of the revolution.

Erdoğan knows no bounds in his hostility towards the Kurds. He wants to be an obstacle to the liberated life of the local people. He wants to eliminate our system of Self-Government and our achievements, and we should stand up against his oppressive policies. We do not accept the invasion and threats of the fascist Turkish state. This attack must end immediately. It is necessary for the Turkish state and its mercenaries to withdraw from the territories they have occupied. This occupation primarily aims to remove the Autonomous

Administration that is responsible for the unity of the Kurds, Arabs, Syrians and the people of the region. We call on our people to wake up against these attacks and unite around the revolutionary forces.

We will defeat the invaders by increasing resistance, self-defence and organising the people. We will never back down. The victory will belong to the resistant people."

For more Information about the Revolutionary Communist Movement visit their Website:

<https://www.tevgerakomunist.com/>



# The Closure of Faysh Khabur crossing is a new episode in the chain of the PDK's betrayal - Mustafa Alou



On May 11th, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (PDK) closed the border crossing to NE Syria, in a new step in its approach of continuous hostility against the Kurds and their aspirations to achieve freedom.

The closure of the border crossing in Southern Kurdistan, opposite the Semalka crossing in Derik district of Qamishlo canton, was not a new matter for the citizens of NE Syria.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party has previously closed the crossing several times in service of its hostile tendencies towards the Kurdish Liberation Movement and an attempt to stifle the revolution in NE Syria. Its virtual trench digging on the artificial borders in 2014 are still fresh in our minds.

This phase was characterised by the transition from the stage of treachery and implicit collaboration to overt betrayal and direct collaboration with the Turkish occupation state. This recalls some of the practices committed by the Kurdistan Democratic Party from 2020 until present today.

In April 2020, the Kurdistan Democratic Party sent its forces to the Zinh Warti district, which includes high mountains, large and abyssal valleys, facing the Qandil Mountains, and extends to the Zarni Kiwi mountain range and the Rania district.

It is surrounded by the Qandil Mountains, Balayan, Sheikh Nasser, Halkurd, Khakurki, Barzan Mountains, and the city of Rania and its countryside.

On the other side there is the Karukh mountain range that extends to the city of Diana, and ends at the point where the course of the Zai and Avasin rivers meet. After Avasin begins in the Gari Mountains and extends from the North of this chain to the city of Aqri and the Khairi Mountains, the town of Jumanki, and the Khabour River in the South, it extends to the Lalish Mountains in Shingal.

Although the Zina Warti administratively and geographically belongs to the borders of Hewler Governorate, it is administered by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Workers' Party, according to an agreement between the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union in 1998. This led to the withdrawal of the former from that region.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party not only created tensions, but also committed more treasonous practices that reached the stage of ambushing the People's Defence Forces.

In late August 2021, members of the Kurdistan Democratic Party ambushed a group of the People's Defence Forces and the Free Women Units - Star, consisting of 7 fighters, in the Khalifan area in Southern Kurdistan, which caused the martyrdom of 6 fighters, while one fighter escaped from the ambush.

This crime sparked a wide wave of indignation in Kurdistan, specifically in NE Syria, who organised a sit-in at the Semalka crossing to demand the bodies of fighters, both male and female. At the time, the Kurdistan Democratic Party closed the Faysh Khabur crossing in return.

Of course, this was not the first time that the Kurdistan Democratic Party attacked freedom fighters. It was preceded by wider attacks in 1997 when a hospital in which wounded fighters from the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) was bombed on May 16th, 1997.

In September 2022, the KDP forces began paving a road towards the resistance areas in Girê Hakkari and Girê Amedeh in Metina.

After that, the central command of the People's Defence Center issued a written statement which stated "Our national strategic and democratic war is winning. Stop interfering in this war."



On September 5th, 2022, the forces of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, together with the Turkish occupation state, attacked another group of the People's Defence Forces in the Balisan Valley, killing 3 of them and wounding 2 others.

In late September 2022, scenes were filmed of KDP forces building an outpost for the Turkish occupation army and raising the party's flag on it in the Amadiya region in Southern Kurdistan.

The attacks of the Kurdistan Democratic Party were not limited to the military side only, but also targeted political figures and representatives of the Autonomous Administration of NE Syria.

KDP forces kidnapped the representative of the Autonomous Administration of NE Syria in Hewler, Jihad Hassan, accompanied by two members of the Democratic Union Party while they were on their way to Hewler Airport to receive guests on June 10, 2021.

KDP authorities released the two members of the Democratic Union Party after about 50 days, while they released Jihad Hassan after 112 days.

Also in April 2022, the Kurdistan Democratic Party claimed to have seized weapons sent by the People's Protection Units in the Dohuk region in Southern Kurdistan.

The official spokesman for the People's Protection Units described these allegations at the time as "an attempt to cover up its alliance with the Turkish occupation state. It also seeks to show the Turkish occupation attacks as legitimate.

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