



# Avaşîn Newsletter of People's Bridge

For international support and solidarity  
with the people of Rojava/North-East Syria

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## 11 Years of Rojava Revolution – Hope for the Peoples of North-East Syria and the Whole World

The revolution in Rojava has already existed for 11 years. On July 19, 2012, self-government was established in various cities of Rojava, West Kurdistan. Since then, it has given hope to the oppressed peoples for a world away from fascism and oppression. Because the revolution in Rojava, has managed to unite and liberate the woman, as well as all the peoples of northern and eastern Syria. After the victory over the fascist IS gangs, the revolution got even more clearly the character not only of a Kurdish revolution, but a revolution of all peoples in Northern and Eastern Syria. It also represents a glimmer of hope for countless people from all parts of the world, which has attracted many of these people to Rojava and who have participated in building and defending the revolution. In order to develop and strengthen the revolution, the current situation in Rojava makes it even more important to develop the revolution into a socialist revolution. In the imperialist countries, it is even more important to strengthen the solidarity with Rojava especially within the working left and to carry the ideals and perspectives of the revolution and the communists on the ground to the people. Let us

see it as our task to make known and defend the Rojava Revolution even more clearly, let us strengthen the solidarity with the self-government in Northern and Eastern Syria and the peoples of the region.

However, since the beginning of the revolution, 11 years ago, Rojava has also been under constant attack. Currently, Turkey is particularly waging a drone and artillery war, a war of so-called “low intensity” against the self-government. With drone and artillery attacks, mainly on civilian structures and the population. Just a few weeks ago, the co-chairwoman of Qamişlo Canton Yusra Derwêş, her deputy Lîman Şiwêş, and her driver Firat Tûma were assassinated by a drone. There are also repeated attacks on civilians, or on grain fields. All of these attacks, whether on members of the self-government, the self-defense forces, or the civilian population, are aimed at creating terror and weakening the self-government for another large-scale offensive with the goal of occupying further parts of northern and eastern Syria.

At the same time, it is the imperialist states, especially NATO under the leadership of the USA and Russia,

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which enables the Turkish state to carry out these drone attacks by opening the airspace over Syria for Turkey. Therefore, for the self-government, it is a central issue, also so that the self-government can develop and the people can live in peace, that the airspace over Syria is closed. However, we also know that the imperialist states will not do this voluntarily, especially the USA, which is linked to Turkey through NATO. Therefore, let us fight all the more resolutely for the establishment of a no-fly zone, so that the revolution can develop further and is not exposed to the constant drone terror of Turkey.

At the same time, the attacks are not limited to military attacks, but the self-government is also under constant political and economic attack. The self-government is affected by countless embargoes and blockades, which is why the most necessary things for the supply of the local people are still missing and the economic situation is also getting worse. On the one hand, the self-government is also affected by the international embargo imposed on Syria since the outbreak of the Syrian civil war, but there are also blockades by the Syrian state, in Southern Kurdistan by the Kurdish autonomy administration under Barzani and of course by Turkey. Turkey is also blocking the water supply to northern and eastern Syria, which is causing a humanitarian catastrophe in Heseke and the surrounding region, affecting more than 1 million people. We must therefore also take on the task of organizing concrete support for the self-government in the form of medical supplies, water or even specialist knowledge.

Or also through the construction of infrastructure on the ground. It is crucial that we manage to strengthen the self-government and organize practical assistance, but also clearly state that it is the imperialist and reactionary states that are in the region, which are fighting the Rojava revolution with all means. At the same time, the Rojava Revolution is still not recognized internationally. We see especially in the repatriation of IS members from countries like Ger-

many or France that this is still difficult. Also, in view of the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Lausanne, which fixed the interests of the imperialist state and redrew the borders after the First World War in the Middle East, the revolution in Rojava is a development against this treaty, which divided the Kurdish people among four states. An international recognition of the self-rule in Northern and Eastern Syria would increase the diplomatic possibilities, but would also make it more difficult for the Turkish state to continue its attacks on Rojava in this form. Therefore, after 11 years of the revolution's existence, let us finally ensure that the revolution receives an internationally recognized status.

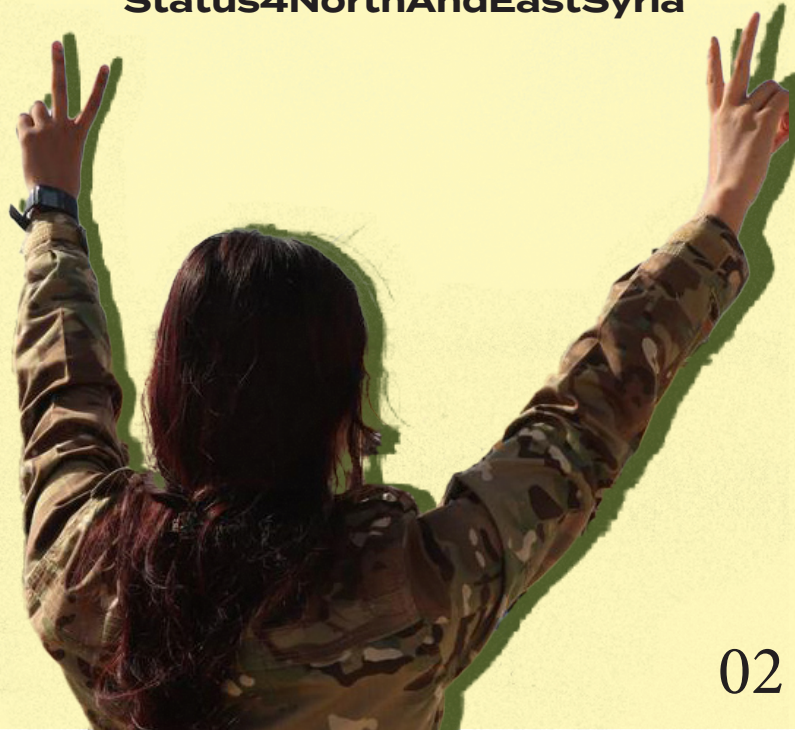
Even though it looks right now as if the revolution is threatened from all sides and its possibilities are limited, we see that it has already existed for 11 years. It is up to us, no matter where we are, to make sure that this revolution continues to exist for another 11 years and beyond, and that it develops ever more clearly as a perspective for the peoples of the Middle East and the world. Let us therefore strengthen solidarity with Rojava in all its forms.

**Long live the Rojava Revolution!**

**Biji Berxwedana Rojava!**

**NoFlyZone4Rojava!**

**Status4NorthAndEastSyria**





## TKŞ Statement:

**“We will continue our struggle with all our strength, following the path of our martyrs to protect the revolution and advance towards socialism”**

The July 19 Revolution in Rojava is the hope of all oppressed people in the world. Our women's revolution in Rojava, which was announced in Kobanê on July 19, 2012, is still the hope of all workers, laborers, youth, women and oppressed people. May the Rojava Revolution be celebrated in its 11th year by all the people of the world.

Towards the end of the 20th century, capitalists declared “the end of the revolutionary era”. But as history has shown, the era of revolutions will not end as long as the conflict between the rulers and the oppressed continues.

The actions that began in Tunisia in 2011 paved the way for the uprisings of the Arab people that swept the countries of the Middle East and North Africa. The popular uprising against dictatorship fueled the fire of regional revolution.

In Syria, the popular activities began against the dictatorial BAAS regime, which was under the rule of the Assad family. On the one hand, the uprising spread to all Syrian cities; on the other hand, an internal war began with the intervention of the regional states and the imperialists.

In the countryside of Rojava, our Kurdish people, who had fighting experience, transformed this process into a revolution. They defended their land with weapons and achieved national freedom. Syrians, Assyrians, Turkmen, Arabs and Armenians also joined the revolution started by the Kurdish people. The goal was to develop a democratic system that would include all people and faiths in the region in voluntary and free unity. With large sums of money, the autonomous administration of northern and eastern Syria was established.

At the same time, the Rojava Revolution established itself as a women's revolution. Under the banner of the YPJ, women came together for their freedom. This step played an important role for the women's emancipation side of the revolution. From the beginning until today, women have taken their place in every phase from building the revolution to defending it and have achieved great success. Like **Barîn Kobanê, Arin Mirkan, Sarya Ozgur, Avaşîn Têkoşin Güneş, Hevrin Khalef, Zehra Berkel, Jiyan Tolhildan, Liman Şiweş**, thousands of women start as martyrs of the revolution.

The rioters who want to destroy the achievements of our Kurdish people and the voluntary and equal unity of the people in the region are preparing new war plans against

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the revolution. The fascist oppressor state Turkey wants to implement its policy, which it could not implement with the help of IS, by attacking our country. It is negotiating with NATO countries against the Rojava revolution. The fascist Turkish state that occupied Serê Kaniyê, Girê Spî and Efrîn wants to change the demography of the region. In our occupied cities, they have committed crimes against women and our people in front of the eyes of the world. The international organizations also tacitly approve the attacks of the Turkish state.

The imperialists and backward states of the region are afraid of the spread of the Rojava revolution in the Middle East. Our revolution, which gives hope to all people in the world, is considered a threat to them. That is why they are watching the attacks of the fascist leader Erdogan, who is trying to eliminate the revolution by blocking the economy.

The forces of the Rojava Revolution have the strength and the will to strengthen the resistance against all attacks. Our fighters, who follow the path of thousands of martyrs such as **Xebat Dêrik**, **Arîn Mîrkan**, **Sosin Bîrhat**, **Farhad Erebo**, **Baran Serhed** and **Ahmed Şoreş**, are ready to fight for the defense of the revolution until the last drop of their blood, until their last shot.

We will do our best to live our revolution with the zeal and will of our people, who are not afraid to demand what is due to you and embrace life with all hands. We will continue our struggle with all our strength, following the path of our martyrs to protect the revolution and advance towards socialism. With the organized power of our people and our women, we will not yield to the invaders. We will liberate our occupied territories again. We will unite the struggle of our people against the op-

pressors and imperialists to organize the regional revolution in the Middle East that paved the way for the Rojava Revolution.

The 11th anniversary of the July 19 Revolution is first and foremost for the families of our martyrs and comrades, all those who advanced the revolution with hard work and their lives, the people of Kurds, Arabs, Syrians, Assyrians, Armenians, women, young people. May the Middle East and the world be blessed. The Rojava revolution will be the sea fan of new revolutions.

Workers, toilers, oppressed and women will win!

Misogynists, oppressors and imperialists will lose!

Long live our women's revolution  
on the 11th anniversary

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**TKŞ Statement:  
“For the Kurdish people, the Treaty of Lausanne  
has no justification,  
long live free Kurdistan !”**

The imperialist powers and the backward states of the region divided Kurdistan into four and colonized it 100 years ago.

They have denied our national existence, history, language and our traditions.

The history of the last 100 years of the Kurdish people is the history of the struggle against the colonialist mentality.

The soil of Kurdistan was divided into two parts with the Treaty of Qasr-e Shirin, signed by the Ottoman Empire and the Safavids, and then later colonized between the states of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria with the Treaty of Lausanne.

For the Kurdish people, the treaty, which was signed in the city of Lausanne in Switzerland on July 24, 1923, has no justification.

The heirs of the Ottoman Empire, which was on the verge of collapse, resorted to all kinds of tricks and lies in order to annul the Treaty of Sevre, signed in 1920, which recognized the territory of Kurdistan.

The lie of the Turkish state, which was to be used as a police state against the Soviet Union, "we also represent the Kurds", was not paid any attention by the Anglo-French imperialists. They did not allow the real representatives of the Kurdish people to travel to Lausanne, their demands were not asked.

But decisions were made about the Kurds. The rights of the Kurdish nation were left to the sovereignty of the colonialist states.

The Treaty of Lausanne, which established the current borders of the Turkish Republic, means denying the existence of the Kurdish nation and undermining its freedom.

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Lausanne was the beginning of a new genocidal attack on the lands of Kurdistan. The history, culture, social life and freedom struggle of the Kurdish nation were also divided. The aggressor states have committed dozens of massacres against our people. In all parts of Kurdistan, the Kurds were confronted with the assimilation policy. The Kurds, whose existence was denied, continued their struggle during these years with various uprisings and protests. However, as a result of the partition, the uprisings did not succeed. The colonialists, who wanted to weaken the national consciousness, wanted to prevent the development of the Kurdish freedom struggle in this way. But they did not succeed in this policy.

The Treaty of Lausanne means the international approval of the genocide against the Kurds. The Lausanne Agreement is not only the acceptance of the massacre of the Kurds, but also the approval of the massacres of the Yezidis, the Armenian Genocide and the Seyfo massacre.

The Treaty of Lausanne has lost its validity for our Kurdish people who want their freedom. Our women's revolution in Rojava, whose 11th anniversary is being celebrated, is an important step towards achieving freedom for all in four parts. The Rojava revolution was a victory against the imperialist and colonialist mentality that signed the Treaty of Lausanne.

We must protect our achievements and take even bolder steps for the independence of Kurdistan. The unity of the four parts of Kurdistan must be guaranteed, the tyrannical regimes must be overcome, and the Kurdish nation must develop its struggle for a united, free and socialist Kurdistan.

Death to colonialism !

Long live the struggle for the freedom of the Kurdish people !

Long live the free Kurdistan !

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## **Remembering the Şingal genocide 9 years later— Solidarity with the ongoing resistance of the Êzidi people!**

August 3th marked the 9th anniversary of the genocide of the Êzid:in. On this day, the fascist IS gangs invaded the main settlement areas of the Êzidi population of Şingals. Up to 10,000 people were murdered by the IS. Women and young girls were sold as sex slaves to members of the IS and mass rapes of thousands of women occurred. Adolescents and children were also forcibly trained as child soldiers. Some 400,000 people were forced to flee.

While the Pêşmerge, the PDK, which collaborated with the Turkish state, withdrew from the area and thus abandoned the Êzidi population, it was the People's and Women's Defense Units of the YPG and YPJ, the guerrillas of the Kurdish Freedom Movement and communist forces, such as the MLCP, that took the defense of the Êzid:in hand. Through this intervention, worse could be prevented, many êzidi women and girls could be freed from captivity, but about 3,000 of them are still missing. Since then, the people of Şingals have continued democratic self-government in the region. However, the attacks on the Êzid:ins and the continuation of the genocide is continued by the Turkish state through the continuous bombardments.

Democratic self-defense is also not accepted by the collaborating PDK and the Iraqi state, which is why the people are resisting with their resistance and women units YBŞ and YJŞ.

We have a duty to support the resistance of the Êzidi people and fight for their rights. This means to demand the recognition of the genocide against the Êzid:in and to work for the fact that this can not be continued - this is only possible if the arms deliveries to the Turkish state are stopped immediately. It also means for us that the proceedings against the IS supporters are supported by the self-government in Rojava and that the European IS supporters must be repatriated by their countries.



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