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**PEOPLE'S BRIDGE**

# DEFENDING THE ROJAVA REVOLUTION: CONTINUOUS RESISTANCE UNTIL NOVEMBER 1



Since October 5, the fascist Turkish regime has been attacking the self-government in northern and eastern Syria again. By air attacks on hospitals, electricity plants and oil fields, i.e. on the livelihood of the self-government, a new major offensive is to be prepared. This represents a new development, a new level of attacks. Until now, although the Turkish regime has been planning a major offensive for more than a year, it had to limit itself to a low-intensity war with targeted attacks on political and military leaders of the self-government, because the Turkish regime had not received permission for a major offensive from the imperialist forces of the USA and Russia. The aim of the large-scale offensive is to occupy further parts of Rojava and to crush the self-government, a plan

Erdogan has been pursuing since 2015. With the attacks that have begun, the Turkish regime is trying to avenge itself for the self-sacrifice campaign in Ankara, for the military defeat in Bashur, the political defeat in Rojava and the diplomatic weakness internationally. With the attacks, the political contradictions have also further escalated and reached a new level.

On the same day as the Turkish attacks, there was an attack against Syrian soldiers in Homs, a Syrian attack against Turkish and political Islamic soldiers in Idlib.

With the shooting down of a Turkish drone by the international coalition, contradictions within NATO at the military level have also intensified.

We, as progressive people, organizations, artists, journalists and migrants from Kurdistan, must not stand idly by and watch the attacks of the Turkish regime. We must strengthen the resistance in defense of the Rojava revolution. Therefore, we call on everyone to resist continuously until World Kobane Day, November 1, against the attacks of the Turkish regime, in defense of the revolution. The World Kobane Day embodies this uninterrupted resistance, which the people of Kobane and the self-government have led in the fight against the fascist IS gangs, and which we must now carry on.

We call on all progressive people, organizations, artists, journalists and migrants from Kurdistan to participate in actions in solidarity with the Rojava revolution, to organize their own rallies, demonstrations or other creative actions in the streets, to raise awareness in the places where we are, be it on social media, or in schools, universities and workplaces. Let's also strengthen the building of international solidarity with Rojava and strengthen the preparations for World Kobane Day.

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**TKŞ STATEMENT:**

**“Our struggle will continue until we expel the occupiers”**

*Revolutionary Communist Movement (TKŞ), Revolutionary Communist Women (JKŞ) and Revolutionary Communist Youth (CKŞ) made a statement on the anniversary of Serêkaniyê, Girê Spî occupation and the conspiracy against PKK leader Abdullah Öcalan. The statement also protested the recent attacks. “Everyone should know that the peoples of Northern and Eastern Syria are ready to resist to protect their freedom and lands. They will defend themselves against the occupation threats and attacks. They will continue the struggle until they expel the occupiers from their lands and will never submit to the imposition of slavery.”*

TKŞ, JKŞ and CKŞ made a statement in front of the TKŞ building in Heskê on the anniversary of the conspiracy against Serêkaniyê, Girê Spî and PKK leader Abdullah Öcalan. The statement also protested the recent attacks. Adil Qasim, a member of TKŞ, read the statement.

In his speech, Adil Qasim said that there was a new invasion attack against Rojava before 9 October, the anniversary of the international conspiracy against PKK leader Abdullah Öcalan in 1998 and the anniversary of the invasion attack on Serêkaniyê and Girê Spî in 2019. Pointing out that two hospitals, many power plants, oil, gas and water stations and civilian residential areas were bombed in the attacks, Qasim said that there were more than 100 air strikes and civilian and military casualties.

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Stating that the fascist Chief Erdogan and the AKP / MHP regime want to weaken the autonomous administration system in Rojava lands where the peoples of the region live freely, Qasim said, “He wants to destroy the national gains of the Kurdish people. It prepares a cover for its fascist colonialist and monist policies with the excuse of ‘terror’. It wants to foment Kurdish enmity among Turkish workers and labourers with the poison of chauvinism.”

Reminding that inhuman crimes are committed every day in the cities of Efrîn, Serêkaniyê and Girê Spî occupied by the Turkish state and its gangs, Qasim said: “The gangs, who commit dozens of crimes such as kidnapping for ransom, robbery, rape, extortion, even fight each other due to conflicts of interest.”

Reminding that 4 years have passed since the occupation of Serêkaniyê, Qasim stated that thousands of people left their living spaces and added: “Our people have been living in camps for 4 years with the hope of returning to their homes. Our people are trying to survive in difficult conditions due to the oppression of the Turkish state. Serêkaniyê is ours. We will increase the resistance against the occupation attacks and return to our lands.”

Stating that the Autonomous Administration system based on the equal and voluntary unity of the peoples living in the Autonomous Administration regions of Northern and Eastern Syria is an example for the peoples of the Middle East, Qasim said, “The Rojava revolution was established thanks to the heroic resistance of thousands of heroes. The Rojava revolution is the force that defeated the ISIS gang that plagues the peoples of the world. Our people know that they can stand against the dirty plans of the imperialist states and the siege and attacks of the reactionary regional states only and only by strengthening their self-defence. And it organises itself in this framework. Everyone should know that the peoples of Northern and Eastern Syria are ready to resist to protect their freedom and their lands. They will defend themselves against the occupation threats and attacks.

They will continue the struggle until they expel the occupiers from their lands and will never submit to the imposition of slavery.”

Adil Qasim continued as follows: “As the Communist Revolutionary Movement, we once again call on all our peoples to be sensitive to the occupation attacks of the fascist colonialist Turkish state and to increase their self-defense. The Turkish state wants to create fear among the peoples of the region with threats of invasion and to ensure the

evacuation of the lands of the revolution. Our peoples should ignore these threats and unite around the forces of revolution to defend their lands. Workers, labourers, women and oppressed peoples have no friends but each other. The forces of the revolution are ready to stand against the invaders, to frustrate the attacks, to defend the lands of the revolution and our freedom. Let’s grow the resistance against the invasion attacks together.”

The statement ended with the slogans:

**LONG LIVE OUR ROJAVA REVOLUTION!**

**LONG LIVE THE RESISTANCE OF OUR PEOPLES!**

**DOWN WITH THE INVADERS AND COLONISERS!**

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*THE SOCIALISATION OF DOMESTIC WORK STRENGTHENS  
THE PATH TO WOMEN'S LIBERATION*

The speaker went on to state, that marriage cannot be a guarantee of women's freedom, as many experience problems. The revolution, despite the gains it has achieved for women, has not been sufficient enough in counteracting patriarchal violence. In this context, she pointed out the inadequacy of the penalties given to men who commit violence.

She added that women's labor at home is not visible and thus, unique institutions and social projects are required for women domestic workers. Stating that there is a need for enlightenment and awareness-raising activities in society about the value of domestic labor, Sido said, "We must wage a strong struggle against the mentality that sees domestic work as solely a woman's responsibility and devalues women's domestic labor."

Sido said, "Our revolution must pave the way for women's liberation with even more assertion by socializing domestic work step by step."

Some women who attended the meeting, spoke about their personal situations and drew attention to the problems the experience at home. A participant said that although she does all the work around the house, her efforts are not valued. Instead, she said, men say: "Women were like this in the past, my mother did the same. You should do it too". This backward mentality is a relict of the past, handed down by mothers to their sons. When men come home and see that the food is ready, they get used to it. In the past, mothers even used to build clay houses, "They were preparing things and doing the housework. All the work was left to them. That's why this backward mentality remained and it affects us, the new generation as well".

*'A SYSTEM THAT CREATES EQUALITY AT HOME WILL WORK'*

Another female participant added that women do all the work at home, but also outside of the home, and stated: "But no one values this. Men do not do any work. Women do everything."

Another participant, a female domestic worker, said that women should feel safe and valued at home and said, "Our minds should not be mocked. The work done at home is actually huge. Women have to create everything. Everything falls on them. My husband does not do any work at home. 'My wife,' he says when he gets home 'what did you do all day to complain?'".

Another domestic worker, pointed out in her evaluation that in social life, all household chores and child care are seen as women's work. She said that she has started noticing change in the lands of the revolution and continued: "Now our society is changing. It is not the same as before, it has developed. Women go out, become teachers, lawyers, doctors, hairdressers, tailors. They also work outside the home. But when they return home, they still do the housework. They have to."

She continued that men do not undertake household chores at home and said, "Only a system which establishes equality within a home will work".

**JKŞ CONTINUES CAMPAIGN TITLED:**

**"Women's domestic labor is social labor"**

The organization *Revolutionary Communist Women* (JKŞ) is approaching women within the scope of the "Women's domestic labor is social labor" campaign. JKŞ members opened a stand in the market place in Qamishlo and distributed the *Raperîn* newspaper. They engaged in conversations with women regarding the campaign and held speeches to further turn attention to the project.

In Heseke, JKS invited local women to join them in an open meeting in the TKS building. At the meeting, JKŞ spokesperson Fadya Sido gave informed the attendees about the campaign. Sido pointed out the changes made by the Rojava revolution in laws and regulations that improved the woman's situation. She named the right to inheritance and women's right to have a say in divorces as gains of the revolution. Furthermore, she pointed to the recognition of women's right to self-defense a part of the law. In this context, she underlined the achievement that is the women's army YPJ, as wells as autonomous women's organizations within the realm of public order and social defense. Women were able to gain a place in the politics of the Rojava revolution by enforcing the rule of equal representation and a quota system.

Sido added however, that despite all the legal and political gains that have been achieved by women, male dominance in social life continues, mostly nourished by tribal structures. Additionally, despite being prohibited, polygamy and child marriage, as well as domestic violence, are still prevalent, according to the speaker.





## TKŞ STATEMENT:

# “Let’s unite around the forces of revolution as occupation attacks”

*Reacting to the attacks of the Turkish state against Rojava, TKŞ said, “The Turkish state wants to create fear among the peoples of the region with threats of invasion and to ensure the evacuation of the revolutionary lands. Our peoples should not pay attention to these threats and unite around the revolutionary forces to defend their lands.”*

*The Communist Revolutionary Movement (TKŞ) issued a written statement regarding the government’s attacks on Rojava-Northern and Eastern Syria. The statement included the following points:*

“The colonialist fascist chief regime is once again threatening Rojava-Northern and Eastern Syria with invasion attacks. In the last two days, we have suffered civilian and military casualties in airstrikes against the cities of Northern and Eastern Syria. On October 9, the anniversary of the 1998 international conspiracy against Kurdish People’s Leader Abdullah Öcalan and the 2019 invasion attack on Serêkaniyê and Girê Spî, new military attacks were carried out against the territory of Northern and Eastern Syria.

Turkey’s Foreign Minister, the anti-Kurdish Hakan Fidan, is a fascist who has previously said that he would fire 3-5 rockets from Syrian territory into Turkey in order to create confusion on the border and create a pretext for an attack. Following Hakan Fidan’s statements, power plants, factories and civilian residential areas were bombed in order to weaken the Autonomous Administration and harm the free life of the peoples of the region.

Our peoples of different nationalities and beliefs living in Turkey should not be a

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partner in the lies of the Erdoğan-Bahçeli fascist regime under any pretext. They must put a stop to the cross-border invasion attacks and these policies that sow enmity between the peoples. Those who exploit the labor of Turkish workers and laborers and those who want to destroy the Kurdish people are partners of the same capital power.

Fascist Chief Erdogan and his massacre regime want to weaken the autonomous administration system in the Rojava revolution lands where the peoples of the region live freely. It wants to destroy the national gains of the Kurdish people. It prepares a cover for its fascist, colonialist and monist policies with the excuse of ‘terror’. It wants to foment Kurdish enmity among Turkish workers and laborers with the poison of chauvinism.

The Turkish state authorities’ ‘cross-border terror operations’ are a big lie. In November last year, the fascist chief regime rained bombs with warplanes on the civilian population who wanted to make a press statement in the city of Derik in Northern and Eastern Syria and committed another massacre. In our cities of Efrîn, Serêkaniyê and Girê Spî occupied by the Turkish state and its gangs, crimes against humanity are committed every day. The gangs commit dozens of crimes such as kidnapping for ransom, robbery, rape, extortion and even fight each other due to conflicts of interest.

Northern and Eastern Syria has set an example for the peoples of the Middle East with its self-government system based on the equal and voluntary unity of the Kurdish, Arab, Assyrian, Armenian and Turkmen peoples living in the region. It was established thanks to the heroic resistance of thousands of heroes. The Rojava revolution is the force that defeated the ISIS gang that plagues the peoples of the world. Our people are well aware that they can only stand against the dirty plans of the imperialist states and the siege and attacks of the reactionary regional states by strengthening their self-defense and organize themselves in this framework. Everyone should know that the peoples of Northern and Eastern Syria are ready to resist to protect their freedom and their lands. They will defend themselves against the occupation threats and attacks. They will continue the struggle until they expel the occupiers from their lands and will never submit to the imposition of slavery.

As the Communist Revolutionary Movement, we once again call on all our peoples to be sensitive to the occupation attacks of the fascist colonialist Turkish state and to increase their self-defense. The Turkish state wants to create fear among the peoples of the region with threats of invasion and to ensure the evacuation of the lands of the revolution. Our peoples should ignore these threats and unite around the forces of revolution to defend their lands. Workers, laborers, women and oppressed peoples have no friends but each other. The forces of the revolution are ready to stand against the invaders, to frustrate the attacks, to defend the lands of the revolution and our freedom. Let’s grow the resistance against the occupation attacks together.”

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# **AGAINST THE GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE: LONG LIVE THE RESISTANCE**

The Palestinian resistance movement has declared war against the ongoing colonialist attacks of the Zionist, racist political-religious Netanyahu government. Coinciding with Turkey's war of aggression against Rojava, Palestine is now also under attack.

In the Middle East, the oppressed can only win by joining forces and creating solidarity.

At a time when Palestinians and Kurds are fighting for their existence, international solidarity is even more important.

We call on all forces to stand up against the genocidal practice of Turkey and Israel, to fight international support for these two reactionary states.



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