

## Stop Turkish Aggression Against North and East Syria!



**To the UN Secretary-General,  
To UN Women,  
To the UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism**

We, as a civil society in North and East Syria, call on the United Nations to stop the Turkish attacks. Although Turkey launched a military campaign against the civilian population in North and East Syria, the relevant international institutions remain silent.

From November 20th until today, the Turkish state has been committing war crimes, killing more than 19 civilians including women, children, health workers, and journalists and targeting by means of warplanes more than 45 vital infrastructure sites, especially power and petrol stations, oil and gas fields and grain silos. Hospitals, schools and mosques were also destroyed. Besides the daily attacks, Turkey still threatens to launch a ground military invasion against the region.

To demand an end to this ongoing aggression, eighteen civil society organizations in North and East Syria started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December a campaign to collect signatures to call on international institutions, especially the United Nations to break their silence<sup>1</sup>.

During our campaign, more than 300 organizations and civil society institutions, as well as public figures including politicians, writers, authors, intellectuals, artists, religious leaders and athletes from 29 different countries around the world signed the petition, calling on the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take action against the illegal attacks launched by the Turkish state against the people of North and East Syria.

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<sup>1</sup> See the List of signatures in the attachment

Turkey is deliberately violating international humanitarian law. Killing civilians, as well as attacks on civilian infrastructure are war crimes. Silence means complicity. So far, the United Nations has remained silent, which can be understood as a permission for Turkey to attack the civilian population in North and East Syria.

Accordingly, we call on the United Nations to fulfill its humanitarian and human rights responsibilities to stop the Turkish state's attacks on North and East Syria and to protect the lives of civilians.

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The Municipalities and Environment Committee in al-Jezeera Region  
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