



# **DEFEND ROJAVA!**

## **STAND AGAINST TURKISH ATTACKS AND JIHADIST MILITIAS!**

**In the midst of the the ongoing war of imperial and islamist forces against the people of the Middle East, Turkey uses the situation to carry out one of the largest attacks against Rojava and Syria since 2019.** As part of Turkey's Neo-Ottoman project to become the hegemonic power in the region, the Turkish state aims to liquidate revolutionary Rojava and further destabilize Syria.

Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) - an offshoot of Al-Qaeda - and other militias have taken control of Aleppo without much resistance from the Syrian regime. Alongside the HTS militias, the so-called Syrian National Army (SNA), supported by Turkish artillery and air strikes, has carried out coordinated attacks on Kurdish regions. **These groups are not “rebels”, but a coalition of jihadists with a long list of war crimes and human rights violations.** The first videos of women abducted in areas seized by the SNA are appearing on social media.

The Kurdish majority regions of Shehba and Tel Rifat, alongside Aleppo’s Kurdish neighborhoods of Sheikh Maqsoud and Eşrefiye, are encircled and face a humanitarian crisis. Thousands of displaced people from Afrin, as well as Christian and other minorities seeking safety, have been fallen under siege. Facing massacres, the people in Shehba and Tel Rifat are being evacuated. The people are threatened by forces that are massively supported and equipped by Turkey and other state powers. In the last decade until this day the region has witnessed massacres and genocidal attacks, from Shengal in 2014 to the Genocide in Gaza. The self-defence forces in Rojava and North East Syria fight to prevent those attempts and if massacres are imminent they will do what is necessary to bring the population to safety. The people of Sheikh Maqsoud have decided to resist despite the encirclement. All of Rojava is on high alert as attacks on other fronts could be following.

The imperialist powers—USA, Turkey, and Russia—are yet again sacrificing the people of the region in favour of their own agendas. But the spirit of the Rojava Revolution remains unbroken. This revolution has stood as a beacon of hope, equality, women’s freedom and grass-roots democracy for over 12 years. Today, the people of Rojava and the Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (DAANES) are mobilizing to resist this aggression and defend the freedoms they have fought for. Kurdish communities around the world are mobilizing with them.

We cannot remain silent in the face of this attack. We say:  
Long live the Revolutionary People’s War! Bijî Şerê Gelê Şoreşgerî!

**We call on all democratic, revolutionary, and solidarity forces around the world to:**

- 1. Protest against institutions and profiteers of the Turkish state**
- 2. Organize rallies and actions** to raise awareness of the attacks and expose the complicity of international powers, especially the role of Turkey and Islamist forces
- 3. Follow our channels, updates on the situation, calls and ACT!**

Together, we can amplify the resistance and defend the revolution that with its slogan “Women, Life, Freedom” continues to give hope to millions!

**#Riseup4Rojava - #SmashTurkishFascism**  
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