

## PRESS STATEMENT

## **SAVE ROJAVA**

Munich Kurds demand sanctions against Turkey Vigil in front of the US Consulate in Munich / Tuesday, 15.10.2019 / 14:00

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Shortly after the invasion in Rojava, Ilham Ehmed, chairman of the Democratic Forces of Syria (SDF), published an article in the Washington Post stating that she has always been a defender of a US backed alliance.

Despite the many reservations and at the insistence of the US, she had ordered the surrender of the kurdish defense line along the Turkish border. In return, the US pledged to protect the Kurds against potential aggressions from Turkey and their allied jihadist troops. Despite those promises, the US forces left.

According to Ehmed, when the Kurds fought against ISIS, they knew that the sacrifice they made wasn't just to protect the people of Rojava, it was a fight for all those affected by terror. She was sure that their loyalty would not be dismissed. That belief proved to be a fatal misconception.

Still now she never lost her faith in the core values of the United States of America.

Now, it would be up to the US and the international community to choose between peace and stability or chaos and war.

To avoid an ethnical mass slaughter, the SDF now has no other choice but to urge Russia and the Assad Regime to come to their aid.

Time is running. Hour after hour, Turkey attacks more and more villages, killing civilians and letting their jihadist troops commit atrocities.

On Tuesday, 15.10.2018, plans for severe sanctions against Turkey will be submitted to the U.S. senate. These shall apply until the Turkish forces and their jihadist troops have reportedly left Syria.

On that same day, we, the people of Kurdistan, will come together outside the American consulate to express our hopes and our commitment to all those who stand against the Genozide of the Kurds and for the human values of Rojava.

Meanwhile, until the potential sanctions come into force and after a long period of reconstruction, the disaster of Afrin will repeat itself and our hopes for a better future will, again, be smashed.

Therefore, we call for every one of you to stand up against the Turkish invasion and to send the clear message that their War will not be tolerated.

We know that a military intervention is not going to take place.

Never the less, we urge the international community to consider the following:

- To implement a no-fly zone
- The immediate removal of the Ambassadors from Turkey
- The exclusion of Turkey from NATO
- The condemnation of the Turkish invasion
- Every possible support for the Kurdish resistance in Rojava

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