

## ***Updated: Northern Syria: 200 Syrian Organizations Condemn Turkey's Attacks and Call on the International Community to Intervene***

*The UN Security Council must hold an emergency meeting regarding the recent Turkish attacks, exert pressure to stop them, and protect civilians and infrastructure, giving effect to the provisions of international law*

### **Press Release:**

Turkey intensified military activities in the northeastern parts and several areas in the western parts of Syria over the second half of 2022. However, the escalation climaxed on 20 November 2022, when the Turkish army launched the operation code-named "claw-sword." With the new incursion, Turkey purportedly is responding to the terrorist attack on Taksim Street even though the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) denied involvement in the bombing.

Over the first two days of the operation, Turkish aircraft and drones bombarded several civilian objects, including a hospital equipped to offer medical services to children and a former COVID-19 care facility in Kobani/Ayn al-Arab, in Aleppo's countryside. Additionally, the airstrikes targeted the silos in the suburbs of al-Dirbasiyah, in al-Hasakah, and a power station in the suburbs of al-Malikiyah/Derik. The attacks killed several civilians, among them a journalist, and injured others.

Following the initial attacks, the Turkish military widened the scope of their airstrikes. Turkish air forces targeted new areas in the rural parts of al-Hasakah and Deir ez-Zor and even hit the Hol Camp. With the expansion, aerial bombing also became more hostile.

Turkish aircraft hit several vital facilities, including power stations and oil and gas resources. The attacks rendered several of the targeted facilities inoperable, straining the infrastructure already dilapidated by the conflict, which has been ongoing since 2011. Consequently, the attacks denied the local communities in the affected areas and millions of residents across other Syrian territories access to energy.

In parallel with the Turkish incursion, several missiles also landed in A'zaz, controlled by the Syrian armed opposition groups, on 22 November 2022. The attack killed and injured civilians.

Notably, grave human rights violations and war crimes marked all of Turkey's incursions into Syria since 2016. During and after the Turkey-led operations, the military repeatedly horrified and initiated attacks on the villages, towns, and cities across northern Syria. Hostilities destabilized these areas, which today are home to hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) who fled their original places of residence in other parts of the country to the safety of its north.

The recent Turkish attacks renewed concerns over displacement. The hostilities have already forced several locals to escape their homes and threaten to displace thousands of

others should they continue, and in case Turkey decides to start a ground incursion. Notably, prospective displacement waves threaten to over-stretch humanitarian response efforts that have already been exhausted by previous incursions. Considering this, the undersigned organizations condemn the military escalation in northeastern Syria and the Istanbul bombing and demand that Turkey end attacks on civilians and civilian objects immediately and demonstrate respect for international humanitarian law. Additionally, the undersigned organizations demand that:

1. The United Nations Security Council hold an emergency meeting regarding the recent military escalation and Turkish attacks, exert pressure to stop the hostilities, and protect civilians and infrastructure, implementing the provisions of international law and the powers of the Council under the Charter of the United Nations (UN).
2. The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic issue a special briefing on the violations that accompanied the recent military attacks and publish a special report on human rights violations perpetrated across northern Syria by all parties in the conflict.
3. The International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism intensify the collection of evidence so that it is comprehensive and attests to all parties in the conflict and the violations they perpetrated against civilians and civilian objects in northern Syria.
4. War crimes units in European countries, whose national laws warrant universal jurisdiction, expand structural investigations into international crimes in Syria, to include those committed across the northern parts of the country by all parties in the conflict.
5. UN agencies and humanitarian organizations intensify relief and humanitarian efforts so that there is an immediate response to the humanitarian needs resulting from the recent military escalation, especially since the attacks have been targeting civilian objects, vital facilities, and infrastructure.

#### Organizations and Associations Signing the Statement:

1. Aataa for Relief and Development
2. Abdaa Organisation for Developmant
3. Adel Center For Human Rights
4. Afrin Platform
5. Ajyal Organizati
6. Al Birr organization in Qamishli
7. Al Manarah Organization For Development
8. Al-Asil Association for Development
9. Albaghooz Hope for Development
10. Al-Diyar Society

11. Al-Hasakah Organization for Relief and Deve
12. Allied for Peace Organization
13. Al-Raja Organization for Relief and Development
14. Amal Al-Furat Organisation
15. Anwar Algad Organaization
16. Arak of East Organization
17. ARAS Charity
18. Areej Organization for Social Development
19. Arjuan for Human Development
20. ASHNA for Development
21. Ashtar Development Organization
22. Ashti Peacebuilding Center
23. ASO Analysis and Strategic Studies Organization
24. Assyrian Society for Helping and Development
25. Ataa al-Baghouz Organization
26. Atyaf Development Association
27. Awda for DEVELOPMENT
28. Ayadi Moubsra Organization - SoS
29. Baladna Organization for Civil Society
30. Balsam Center for Health Education
31. Bedaya Organization
32. Better Hope for Al-Tabqa
33. Better Life Organization
34. Better Tomorrow Organization
35. Bridges of Love Organization
36. Bukra Ahla Association for Relief and Development
37. Bzoug Organization for Development
38. C.R.O Organization
39. Center for Defense of Liberties

40. Center for research and Protection women's rights in Syria
41. Civil Community Youth Organization
42. Cloud Organization
43. Community Solidarity Organaization
44. DAN for Relief and Development
45. Dari Organisation
46. Deirna Organization for Development
47. Demos
48. Development - Seed - Center
49. Development Without Borders Organization
50. Dijla Organization for Development and Environment
51. Documentation Violations Center in Northern Syria
52. DOZ
53. DURAT ALFURAT Organization
54. dyaalami
55. Ebdaa organisation for develop ment
56. Edraak Organization for Development and Peace
57. Ella Organization for Development and Peacebuilding
58. Emaar Mansura
59. ENGINEERING for service's
60. Enlil Center
61. Enma Aljazera Organization
62. ENMAA Organisation
63. Ensaf for Development
64. Euphrates Organization for Relief and Development
65. EWAS (Environment and Water Association)
66. Ezdina
67. F.M.T - Future Makers Team
68. Faith Organisation for Development

69. Fajr Organization
70. FDO - Organisation
71. Fikra Organization
72. For Them Organisation
73. FOR YOU Organization
74. Free Kurdish Women Organization
75. Friends Charity Association
76. Furatna for Development
77. Future Hands Organization
78. Ghaith Organisation for Development
79. Green Branch Organization
80. Green Tress
81. Green Women's Association
82. Hadaf Organaization for Humanitarian
83. Hajen Technicians Organization
84. Haneen AlFurat
85. Hevdesti-Synergy Association for Victims
86. Hevy Organisation for Relief and Development
87. HLD - Association for Development
88. Holm Organization For Development
89. Hope Makers
90. House of Citizenship
91. Humanity Ray
92. Inaash Organization for Development
93. Intensive Care Association
94. IWAA Organization
95. Jan center for special needs
96. Jasmine Association
97. Jian Charity Association

98. Jinar for for Development
99. Jiyan Foundation for Human Rights
100. Jsor Alamal Organization
101. Khabour Association
102. Khutwa Association
103. Kobani for Relief and Development - (KRD)
104. Kurdish Committee for Human Rights (Rased)
105. Kurdish Feminist Voices
106. Lasting Peace Organizations for Development
107. Leading Women Organization for Development and Health Care
108. Lights for development and construction
109. Maakom for development and Peace
110. Malva for Arts and Culture
111. Manara Organization
112. Mary Association for Culture, Arts and Environment
113. Media Academy Organization
114. Mine Action Office
115. Mitan Center for the Revival of Civil Society
116. Moltka Alnhren Organization
117. Nabd Team
118. Nasmel Amal Organisation
119. National Syrian Alliance
120. Nawat Organization
121. Nextep Organization
122. Nisaa Alamal Organization
123. Noun for development and support for women and children
124. Okaaz Organization
125. Organization for Feminism
126. Path Creation Organization

127. Payam center for mental health and humam development
128. PCSC – Peace and Civil Society Center
129. Peace Bridges Organization for Development
130. Peace Humane Society
131. Peace Land
132. Peace Tent
133. Peace She Leader Network
134. PÊL- Civil Waves
135. Peyam Association For Orphan Care
136. Purity Organization
137. Qadar Organization
138. QRD - Organization for Research and Development
139. Ras al-Ain/Serê Kaniyê Platform
140. Reng Organization for development
141. Rescue and Relief Team
142. Restoration Hope Association
143. Roaamustkbl Organization
144. Road Organasishn
145. Roj Kar for relief and development
146. ROJ Organization for Mine Control (Mine Action).
147. Rojhilat for Relief and Development
148. Rose for Support and Empowerment
149. Sahem Organization for cooperation and development
150. SAMA Organization
151. Sanabel Euphrates Organization for Development
152. Sara organization to combat violence against women
153. Sawaed Organization for Development
154. SCSD - Syrian Center for Studies and Dialogue
155. SEI Organization for Development and Empowerment

156. Shabab Oxygen
157. Shams Al Ghad
158. Shams Organisation
159. Shaqayiq Al Khayr
160. SHAR for Development
161. Share for Community Development
162. Shawshaka Association for Women
163. Shilan Association for Relife and Development
164. Shurooq Organisation Development
165. Silav Center For Civic activities
166. SMART
167. Sphere Development Organization
168. Stability Support Centre
169. Swaedna Organization for Relief and Development
170. Syria foundation sustainable development
171. Syria Help Organization
172. Syriac Cross Organization for Relief and Development
173. Syrian Cancer Society
174. Syrian Center for Cevelopment
175. Syrian House of Renaissance Association
176. Syrian Observatory for Human Rights
177. Syrians for Truth and Justice - STJ
178. Taa marbouta
179. TARA Organization
180. Tayif Humanitarian Organization
181. TEVIN
182. The Four Seasons Organization
183. The Kurdish Cultural Association in Denmark
184. Together for a Bettar Future



185. Together for Algarnya
186. Together for Dair Ezzour
187. Tomorrow Organizations
188. Tree of Life Organization
189. Vision
190. Weqaya Association
191. Wesal Organsition
192. Wheat & Olive Platform
193. Women for Peace
194. Women Future Organsition for development
195. Youth for Change
196. Youth Optimistic
197. Zakon Organization
198. Zameen Organization for Development and Peacebuilding
199. ZIRAK Organization for Development
200. Zorna Development