

His Excellency Mr. George Papandreou, President of the Socialist International

His Excellency Mr. Luis Ayala, Secretary General of the Socialist International

Dear Comrades,

The meeting of the Socialist International (SI) comes at a time when the world is going through exceptional circumstances, in Rojava and north east Syria, during the last ten years, we have built a democratic system, based on the coexistence between different ethnicities, religions and people of different backgrounds in general.

The freedom of women and the participation of all different social components in the public sphere are the main pillars of our social contract that has been imposed and applied by all the peoples of our land.

Since the beginning of the Syrian civil war, we have assessed the Syrian crisis from its beginning in more depth and felt that this crisis is structural and political at the same time.

We have been the "third way", we responded with a peaceful and political solution. Our region has been safe for hundreds of thousands of Syrians who have come to our lands in search of safety.

For years, however, we have been facing a very serious Turkish threat. Turkey has invaded Rojava more than once and, at present, the land under Turkish occupation covers an area of more than 8 thousand square kilometers, which includes cities such as Afrin and Serekaniye and countless smaller settlements. Life in these areas has become unbearable. The remaining residents, especially the Kurds, are subjected to all kinds of terrorism by the occupation forces and their Islamic counterparts, with the ultimate goal of displacing them and changing the demographic composition of the area - something that is already being done by transporting settlers from other parts of Syria. Life is unlivable; people are even suffering from the lack of drinking water.

Any military operation on the part of Turkey is condemned in all its forms, and it aims to nibble and occupy other parts of the Syrian lands, and it will cause another humanitarian catastrophe.

Turkey in the north means opening the way for the terrorist organization ISIS to activate its cells and jeopardize international security once again, and the Turkish intervention will turn the region again into an arena that attracts various extremist elements, not to mention that the Turkish military operation will have devastating effects on the humanitarian situation and will cause a real catastrophe and a massive wave of displacement. Between civilians and will further complicate the overall humanitarian situation in the region, as well as abort all efforts and initiatives aimed at reaching a political solution in accordance with relevant UN resolutions and references.

Yours sincerely,

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