

Political analysis and evaluation – 1st July 2020



Following our [recent audio message](#) (which can also be found [here with videos in different languages](#)), the fascist Turkish state has continued its invasion into Southern Kurdistan, with the announcements of the offensives 'Claw-Eagle' in the night from 14th - 15th June 2020, bombing the Mexmur refugee camp, Shengal, and the Medya defense areas, and starting a new ground offensive into Heftanin under the name 'Claw-Tiger' on 17th June. These attacks are not to be disconnected from the revolutionary successes of the Freedom Movement as a whole, and of Rojava in particular. [The refugee camp in Maxmur is attacked precisely due to its successes of having built up democratic confederal structures](#); a system that is the reality of Rojava, with the pillars of women's liberation, radical democracy and social ecology – all of which the fascist Turkish state and the wider international coalition are fighting against. Significantly, the attacks on Shengal – [the area predominantly populated with Yazidi people, receiving global media attention after the genocide by DAESH fascists in 2014, and liberated with a heavy fight and sacrifices, and where autonomous structures were built](#) – show the fascist Turkish states' mentality that is in line with the one of DAESH. Hence, it is important to take the [evaluation of Murat Karayilan](#) seriously when he says that Turkey attempts to finish what DAESH did not manage. The intensified attacks on the Medya Defense area [are a continuation of the attacks in recent years](#) and are clear attempts to cut the different Kurdish areas from one another, attacking the heart and the brain of the revolution, establishing [more military bases](#) in Southern Kurdistan – [increasingly protected by KDP forces](#) –, and therefore further occupying the area. These attacks are in line with previous attacks that happened in the past years onto the areas and need to be seen as preparations of the greater plans of their [neo-Ottoman phantasies](#), of which starting another offensive into Rojava will be part, too. The goal is to wear down and to pit the peoples living in Kurdistan in different areas against one another – also during a time where [Kurdish unity talks are increasing](#) –, by attacking the areas constantly, bombing and killing civilians, [as numerous attacks are showing](#), blaming it in their propaganda onto the presence of the Freedom Movement. In all of this, we see that the KDP is continuing to serve the Turkish interests, going against the interests of the peoples of Southern Kurdistan, only thinking of themselves and their clan. For instance, [Nechirvan Barzani fuels the fire](#) and follows the good versus bad Kurd propaganda by saying the problem doesn't lie with Kurds for Turkey but solely with the PKK. Apart from that we also observe that the [Iranian state joined in the increased crackdown](#) of the Freedom Movement and of the resistance in the East-Kurdish areas with Iranian forces increasing attacks in the triangle area of Meriwan-Diwandere-Sine.

The heroic resistance of the peoples and the guerilla in all the areas is remarkable. In particular, since the attacks that started on 15th June, [the guerilla caused huge material damages and losses for the occupying powers](#); and it is in particular telling that the Turkish media has decreased its propaganda of 'success stories' for about a week, showing that the invasions are not going as the fascist Turkish state planned and that the guerilla and the Freedom Movement are fighting back and resisting until success.

In the meantime, the attacks on the revolution in Rojava continue in all different form. [By killing 3 women](#), working on women's autonomy and liberation, in the village Helince in Kobane, the fascist Turkish state shows its femicidal nature and its hatred towards women's liberation. Similarly,

[femicides are a common practice in occupied areas, such as in Afrin](#), which had been an example for the self-organisation and liberation of women. The attacks by the Turkish state and its jihadist allies are intensifying at the front in [Shehba](#), [Ain Issa](#), [Til Temir](#) intensify, and Turkey also continues with attacks in the occupied areas of [Gire Spi](#) and Serekaniye. As a result of these attacks, fields are often targeted to destroy the livelihood of the peoples living in the area, forcing them to leave; a common way in special warfare tactics. Special warfare also continues in the form of introducing the Turkish lira into the occupied areas, teaching in Turkish, exporting grain from the occupied areas to Turkey, and further cutting the water flow of the Euphrates river, limiting the access to water and electricity for the peoples of Rojava/North-East Syria, all of which is heavily protested by the resisting local population. The special warfare of the fascist Turkish state is also expressed in not choosing dates at random, but sending clear messages to the revolutionary fighting people, attacking in psychological ways by recalling traumata of the past and present. Just like the invasion on 9th October in Serekaniye and Gire Spi – the date of the anniversary of the Adana agreement; the agreement which intensified the international conspiracy, which led to the abduction and imprisonment of Abdullah Öcalan -, the 15th June was chosen to show the [connections with the Sayfo genocide](#) committed against the Suryoye during the Ottoman Empire, re-emphasising the neo-Ottoman phantasies of AKP-MHP fascism.

The [attacks are only possible with the agreement of the international coalition](#), allowing for instance Turkey to use the airspace in order to advance with their operations. [It is striking that the attacks of 14th-15th June happened after meetings with the 'international coalition' in Baghdad](#). The international coalition continues to support the war of aggression by the fascist Turkish state. Only recently it has been decided that [travel restrictions will be eased in the UK, to promote tourism to Turkey](#) which is a great source of income regarding Turkey's war of annihilation. Also, [Germany continues to invite the warmongers](#) to discuss economic interests and similar agreements in the coming days; these are clear decisions that are made against the the interest of freedom-loving people. It shows clearly that the goal of the international coalition is to shape the freedom movement according to its vision for the Middle East and beyond; and if they do not succeed to attempt to destroy it militarily, and hence, supporting the Turkish invasion. Thus, the enemies of the revolution continue to also meet in order to make their plans against the freedom movement, as we need to see the [talks held between Russia, Iran and Turkey](#) a few hours ago today (as it was the case [in Sochi in the end of 2017](#), where Turkey attempted to get the green light for the Afrin invasion, happening in early 2018; and on 22nd October 2019, reinforcing the colonial politics with the Turkish invasion of 9th October), agreeing upon going ['against separatist agendas', as the Turkish state's propagandist media is reporting](#). Already in December 2019, [in a joint statement](#) during the Nur-Sultan- (formerly Astana-) talks, Turkey, Russia and Iran:

“Reaffirmed their strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic [...] Rejected in this regard all attempts to create new realities on the ground, including illegitimate self-rule initiatives, under the pretext of combating terrorism, and expressed their determination to stand against separatist agendas aimed at undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria as well as threatening the national security of neighboring countries [...].”

It shows explicitly – with today's meeting reaffirming – that all successes of the Autonomous Administration of North-Eastern Syria are to be destroyed, in the eyes of the occupiers. The aspirations of the democratic and revolutionary forces, and we need to be prepared for the intensification of their attempts to further occupy the area.

But the enemies will face huge resistance from the population and revolutionary forces all around, as we are seeing also with the situation in Bakur. The situation in Bakur continues with further crackdown against the democratic forces, but the resistance of the peoples and the peoples' forces shows that these attacks will never be accepted. Hence, the revolutionary democratic forces in Bakur

and Turkey, YPS and YPS-Jin, as well as the [Children of Fire initiative](#), and [HBDH](#) – the left-wing guerilla alliance – are reporting one successful action after the other in the metropolises.

The resistance is to be seen as the heritage of the rebellions of the past. As the [Sheikh Said](#) rebellion, and the heroic resistance of [S. Zilan](#) have been commemorated these days, we, as the global resistance movement see it as our responsibility to follow this line and to see the connections with the past and present and with all democratic and revolutionary forces of the world. The rise of fascism all around the world will be defeated. The attacks in Vienna, our antifascist resistance, the BLM movement, the resistance against patriarchy and femicides, and the resistance against the destruction of our planet; all of these protests are continuing and we as the global resistance and democratic forces are continuing to show our common strength, are organising, and defending and building up the revolution no matter where we are!



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