

A few hours ago, the Kurdish Ahmet Kaya Cultural Association in central Paris became the target of an armed attack. A gunman fired several shots at people in front of the Kurdish community center, in a Kurdish restaurant and a barbershop. So far, three people have lost their lives and there are numerous wounded. Only through the determined and courageous efforts of eyewitnesses, the assassin was overpowered and handed over to the police.

There are many indications that the assassination was not a coincidence. Only a few meters away from the site of the massacre, a contract killer of the Turkish secret service murdered the three Kurdish revolutionaries Sakine Cansız, Fidan Doğan and Leyla Şaylemez almost ten years ago. It is more than suspicious that a meeting to prepare this year's demonstration in memory of the three murdered activists was held at the exact time of the crime. Only recently, representatives of Turkish fascism had repeatedly threatened to specifically attack and murder activists and sympathizers of the Kurdish Freedom Movement.

For us, the bloody attack cannot be seen separately from the general war of Turkish fascism and its allies. It is the result of an anti-Kurdish policy, in Turkey but also here in Europe, and it is the continuation of the contract killing of 2013. The Turkish war of aggression in South Kurdistan and Rojava, which is mercilessly led with air strikes, drones and chemical weapons and also yesterday's house searches in the Federal Republic of Germany, the arrest of the Kurdish politician Tahir Kocer by German security forces and the mass arrests of Kurdish politicians in Turkey this morning, are part of an anti-Kurdish extermination concept, in whose last consequence the attack of Paris stands. The fact that the European states support this concept was proven once again today by the French police with their excessive and shameless attacks on peaceful demonstrators in Marseille and Paris.

Our Kurdish comrades have called for a mass demonstration tomorrow at 12:00 at the Place de la Republique in Paris. As the networks Riseup4Rojava & Defend Kurdistan, we call on all internationalists and anti-fascists to stand with the Kurdish people and take to the streets of Paris tomorrow!

For us, these attacks can only mean one thing: To fight even stronger and all the more determined. This cruel attack, the criminalization, persecution and murder of activists of the Kurdish freedom movement, will not remain unanswered. We know who is responsible!

> Long live the resistance in Kurdistan! Long live the resistance of the guerrillas in the mountains & the defense forces in Rojava! Long live our resistance on the streets of Europe!

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