

## Hands off Rojava!

The Turkish government **is threatening with massive military action** against the Kurdish freedom movement and the Kurdish population in Rojava/Western Kurdistan. First air raids are already being flown against PKK camps in Northern Iraq. The Turkish army under President Erdoğan has again been proceeding with open state terror against progressive and revolutionary forces in Turkey and the Kurdish civil population for months. In Rojava, the democratic forces around the People's Defense Units YPG and the Women's Defense Units YPJ are gaining considerable ground with the aim of connecting the three Rojava cantons. In order to prevent that and to inflict a defeat on the Kurdish freedom movement, Erdoğan has been threatening to **invade Rojava** for weeks. But he very well knows that he cannot do that without permission from the USA. That is a dilemma for him.

Yesterday's assault in Ankara killing 28 persons in an especially protected government district, is only a pretext for a war against Rojava which had been planned well in advance. Without the slightest evidence the Turkish government blames the PKK and the Syrian-Kurdish YPG for the assault. Those have immediately rejected that. The YPG declared: *"As People's Defense Unit YPG we again point out that we have no connection to the explosions in Ankara and we call upon all neighboring states and powers to respect the Rojava revolution and the will of the people."* It is striking that the assault fits into the political calculation of the Turkish government which wants to win the public opinion to its reactionary side and to receive green light from the USA and Russia for the attacks on Rojava. Similar to Saudi Arabia it tries to gain influence as a regional power.

The German **Merkel-Steinmeier-government** is the closest ally of the Erdoğan regime. Upon the urging of Germany Turkey receives three billion euros from the EU in order to stop and imprison the people who have to flee from the war in Syria. After the overthrow of Assad has failed for the time being, it tries to defeat the Kurds. Merkel and Steinmeier cannot bring themselves to pronounce any word of criticism, when dealing with Turkish state terror. On the contrary: In Germany Turkish-Kurdish organizations leading the Kurdish liberation struggle are persecuted and criminalized. The federal government and other European governments are also actively participating in the blockade policy against Rojava. It sabotaged the entry of humanitarian helpers of the ICOR into Rojava, German TV stations are advised to avoid the word "Rojava" on instruction of the foreign ministry. The federal government hypocritically speaks of *humanity, democracy, love of peace* – but in reality it practices **imperialist, reactionary, actually counter revolutionary policy!**

**Rojava** – that stands for the **successful struggle for freedom and democracy**, for women's rights, environmental protection, respect for all nations and religions. In Kobanê in Rojava the religious-fascist IS suffered a significant defeat: At the beginning of 2015, after 134 days of siege, the city was liberated by the heroic struggle of the Kurdish people, the international solidarity and the support of the progressive public abroad. 100,000 people took to the streets in Düsseldorf in October 2014 for this.

In Rojava solidarity does not remain just a verbal matter. On the one hand the international freedom battalions are fighting against the fascist IS gangs. On the other hand the revolutionary world organization **ICOR** with its 50 member organizations made a solidarity pact with the Kurdish liberation struggle. It means a mutual self-obligation for collaboration in solidarity. 177 brigadists of ICOR, men and women, built a health-care center together with the self-governing bodies and the population of Kobanê in order to secure the victory. So far no other international organization has built up anything there. The proletarian-internationalist spirit of the ICOR became revolutionary action here! The Kurdish liberation struggle is becoming a part of the international struggle for freedom, democracy and socialism more and more. 170,000 refugees have already been able to return to Kobanê – now a new wave of refugees is impending .

**Any attack against Rojava is an attack on the international revolutionary and working-class movement, too – against freedom and democracy and against all peace-loving and internationalist people!**

**Solidarity with the Kurdish liberation struggle!**

**For an end of the cooperation of the federal government with the Erdoğan regime of Turkey!**

**Long live international solidarity!**

We call for protest:

**Hands off Rojava! Diplomatic recognition of Rojava and opening of a humanitarian corridor – immediately!**

**Freedom for Kurdistan!**

**For an end of the cooperation of the federal government with the Erdoğan regime of Turkey!**

**Immediate withdrawal of all imperialist troops from Syria!**

**Do away with the ban of PKK and the “Anti-terror-paragraphs” 129a and b!**

**For peace, freedom, socialism!**

**Workers of all countries, unite!**

**Workers of all countries and oppressed peoples, unite!**

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**Signatories (as of 19 February 2016, further signatories possible):**

1. MMLPL Moroccan Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Line
2. PPSR WATAD Parti Patriote Socialiste Révolutionnaire WATAD (Patriotic Socialist Revolutionary Party WATAD), Tunisia
3. CPB Communist Party of Bangladesh
4. CPI (ML) Red Star Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Red Star
5. PCC CPI (ML) Provisional Central Committee Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)
6. APTUF All Pakistan Trade Union Federation
7. WWO Working Women Organization, Pakistan

8. Krasnyj Klin Gruppa Kommunistov-Revoljucionerov „Krasnyj Klin“ (Group of Communist Revolutionaries “Krasnyj Klin” [Red Wedge]), Belarus
9. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)
10. БРП(к) Българска Работническа Партия (комунисти) (Bulgarian Workers Party (Communist))
11. KSC-CSSP Komunisticka Strana Cheskoslovenska – Cheskoslovenska Strana Prace (Communist Party of Czechoslovakia – Czechoslovakian Workers Party), Czech Republic
12. SMKC Svaz Mladych Komunistu Cheskoslovenska (Union of young Communists of Czechoslovakia), Czech Republic
13. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
14. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
15. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
16. MLP Marksistsko-Leninskaja Platforma (Marxist-Leninist Platform), Russia
17. VZDOR VZDOR - strana práce (Resistance - labour party), Slovakia
18. MLKP Marksist Leninist Komünist Parti Türkiye / Kürdistan (Marxist Leninist Communist Party Turkey / Kurdistan)
19. KSRD Koordinazionnyj Sowjet Rabotschewo Dvizenija; Ukraina (Coordination Council of the Working-class Movement of Ukraine)
20. PR Partija Rada (Party of Labor), Yugoslavia (ex)
21. PCC-M Partido Comunista de Colombia – Maoista (Communist Party of Colombia - Maoist)
22. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
23. PC/ML Partido Comunista (Marxista-Leninista) de Panamá (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) of Panama)
24. PCP (independiente) Partido Comunista Paraguayo (independiente) (Paraguayan Communist Party (independent))
25. PPP Partido Proletario del Perú (Proletarian Party of Peru)

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