

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY STATEMENT

We, as women across Europe and Kurdistan, met in Strasbourg between 19 and 22 April 2016 to join a Solidarity Team and to support the Imrali Peace Delegation as well as the permanent vigil for the Freedom of Abdullah Ocalan.

Kurdish women are the main actor of the struggle against fascist oppression of Daesh and the Turkish government. Because of that, women were the main target of the oppression since the political femicide of Sakine Cansiz, Fidan Dogan and Leyla Söylemez in 2013 to the killing in Silopi of Sive Demir, Pakize Mayir and Fatma Uyar. Also under the curfew women are specifically targeted with sexual abuses.

Since the beginning of the Kurdish freedom struggle, women from all over the world showed their support among others by joining YPJ forces and promoting solidarity.

The political struggle for democracy of Kurdish women was disrupted to the halt of the peace process. That determined the criminalisation and the killing of female politicians, journalists, lawyers and activists and became the start of widespread state violence against civilians.

We, as women in the Solidarity Team and the Imrali Peace Delegation, strongly condemn the human rights violations and the crimes against humanity committed by Turkish state, the silence of Council of Europe and the complicity of the European Union by making an agreement with the Turkish government despite its openly and reiterate violation of all ratified conventions.

We ask the above mentioned institutions and the international community to strongly condemn Turkish violations of international law, to delist PKK and to use their power to put pressure on the Turkish government to resume the peace process between the Turkish government and the PKK.

Signed by

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