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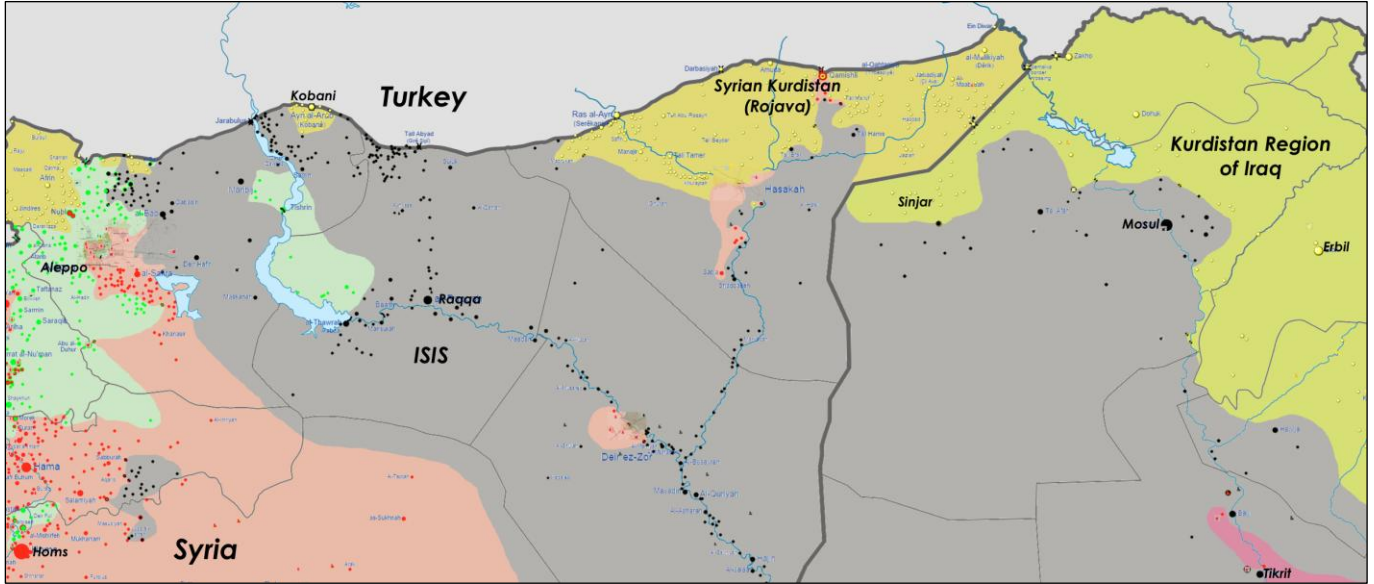


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Today, the peoples of the Middle East face the threat of a large-scale massacre. Peoples of the region, and particularly Syria and Iraqi peoples, reveal a historical resistance Against ISIS terror. These heavy attacks of ISIS, intensifying its attacks especially Kobane Canton of Rojava, are trying to be stopped by the big resistance and struggle of Kobane people and YPG forces. This resistance revealing in Kobane which is under the siege from four sides increasingly continues.



It is widely accepted by all sensitive parties that there are responsibilities particularly of some states of the region and their Western alliances in strengthening of ISIS whom brutal attacks and massacres it has carried out followed by the world. Hegemonic forces which have been playing a puzzle game in the region by all cultural, political and economic kinds of shaping forms over the lands and peoples of the Middle East since World War I have to face the horror created by ISIS monster being tried to be destroyed by Kurds and other democratic forces today. This situation also offers an opportunity to sovereign states having historical interests in the region for reconsidering their almost centenary Middle East policies.

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Turkey is one of the countries who have primary responsibility for the existence, growth and spread of ISIS. The AKP government's offensive, sectarian and discriminatory foreign policy is criticized by almost the entire world today. This policy's role in the total war against ISIS in Kobane is quite noteworthy. And this foreign policy has mainly shaped by the initiatives toward Assad regime's collapse and preventing an autonomous Kurdish area in the region. Especially the mobility of ISIS members at the borders of Turkey and global jihadist reinforcements coming from Turkey borders lead the expansion of the threat and pose a more serious threat for the peoples of Middle East.



4 ISIS members who came by Turkish State's train are wearing their military equipments under Turkish soldiers escort. TV Channels broadcasted while ISIS members are crossing border from Turkey / Suruç to Rojava. Behind of the railroad is Kobani Region in Rojava.

The peace process in Turkey which is tried to be advanced is in a direct relationship with the developments in Rojava and Kobane. In this regard, Turkey government's warlike and aggressive attitude towards Rojava and Kobane affects in a negative way the process which is already in a fragile character. In this context, Turkey's policy must change immediately for both the peace and tranquility in the Middle East and the advance of peace process in Turkey and the democratic world community should put pressure on the government in this direction.

Kurdish people and YPG forces, which are fighting against such a wild organization like ISIS not only for Kurds but also for all humanity, should not be left alone by international community.

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International forces should not refrain from military aid to these resisters and democratic autonomous system in Rojava, which is a guarantee for the whole democratic future of the Middle East, should be supported. Today, Kurds are on the scene of the history with all their power and any policy which excludes Kurds has already expired.

URGENT SITUATION IN KOBANE

Kobane Canton which is governed by Kurdish, Assyrian, Armenian and Arab peoples in the form of a legitimate assembly has been under siege and military attack since 15 September 2014 by heavy weaponry and thousands of ISIS fighters in an attempt to diminish the peoples' common will.

The attempts to capture the Kobane Canton by ISIS have been tried many times. Due to Kobane Canton's strategic importance and its logistic possibilities from Turkey's border to Syria and Iraq, ISIS has concentrated on seizing Kobane. Because of previous ISIS attacks in the region, tens of thousands civilians had to migrate to Kobane Canton as a secured region for all civilians.

International community must urgently take necessary steps against this ongoing ISIS military siege on Kobane in order to preventing new massacres as happened in Shengal. Therefore, military aid program for Kobane should be organized as soon as possible.



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In this context, Turkey must stop directly or indirectly supporting ISIS. According to the last evidences, weapons and military equipments have been transported for ISIS by Turkish State's railways. It is clear that ISIS commits serious crimes against humanity and paradoxically Turkish Government being a part of this crime. Turkey's shortsighted policy to ISIS causes instability and a chaotic situation in the Middle East. On the other hand, Turkish Government's buffer zone plan should causes expansion of the violence to Turkey. Therefore, it is necessary that International political actors need to constrain Turkey from sabotaging the Kurdish People's struggle by supporting ISIS.

We urgently call upon international public opinion to provide open political/diplomatic, military, economic and humanitarian support for Kurdish Cantons in Syria which can be a model for a democratic Syria.

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