**DRINGENDE OPROEP TOT ACTIE**

**Wereldactiedag tegen ISIS – Voor Kobanê – Voor de Mensheid!**

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Op 15 september heeft ISIS (‘Islamitische Staat van Irak en Al-Sham’) een grootschalige militaire campagne gelanceerd op meerdere fronten tegen de Koerdische regio *Kobanê* in het noorden van Syrië. Dit is de derde aanval van ISIS op *Kobanê* sinds maart 2014. De twee voorbije keren werden ze telkens terug geduwd, vandaar dat ISIS dit maal al haar kracht bijeen heeft gezameld om *Kobanê* in te nemen.

In januari van dit jaar hebben de Koerden in West-Koerdistan (*Rojava*) lokale autonome besturen opgericht in drie kantons. Één van deze drie is *Kobanê*. Ten noorden van *Kobanê* bevindt zich de Turkse grens, langs alle andere zijden wordt het kanton omsingeld door gebieden onder de controle van ISIS.

ISIS is tot aan de stadsgrenzen van *Kobanê* doorgestoten met behulp van zware wapens van Amerikaanse makelij. Honderdduizenden burgers worden gedreigd door de meest drieste genocide uit de moderne geschiedenis. De bevolking van *Kobanê* tracht zich te verzetten tegen de brutale aanvallen van de ISIS-terroristen met eenvoudige wapens en met enkel de steun van de ‘Volksverdedigingseenheden van West-Koerdistan’, de YPG en YPJ, maar zonder internationale hulp.

***Daarom is een Wereldactiedag tegen ISIS – voor Kobanê – voor de Mensheid van cruciaal belang!***

De zogenaamde internationale coalitie om ISIS te bestrijden heeft het Koerdisch verzet niet effectief geholpen, ondanks het feit dat ze de genocide tegen *Kobanê* met hun eigen ogen kunnen vaststellen. Zij komen hun internationaal rechterlijke verplichtingen niet na. Sommige van de landen in de coalitie, in het bijzonder Turkije, zijn overigens tevens de financiële en militaire broodheren van de terroristische bendes in Irak en Syrië.

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Als de wereld democratie wil in het Midden-Oosten, moet het het Koerdisch verzet in *Kobanê* steunen. Democratische autonomie in Rojava belooft een vrije toekomst voor al de volkeren van Syrië. Het ‘Rojava Model’ – het seculiere, non-sektarische en democratische project in *Rojava* – brengt “eenheid in diversiteit” in de praktijk.

***Kom in actie, nu!***

Het is hoog tijd om de globale spelers te doen beseffen dat er een alternatief mogelijk is.

We roepen mensen over de gehele wereld op om hun solidariteit met *Kobanê* te tonen.

**Trek de straat op! Steun het verzet tegen ISIS!**

**Steun Kobanê ! Steun de Mensheid!**

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