

Tamils in solidarity with the Kurdish struggles for sovereignty and equality and in condemnations of Turkish state fascism

Tamil Diaspora Youth Network is an opinion-platform formed in January 2016 to articulate the views of like-minded Tamil diaspora youth, consisting of bloggers, writers, academics and activists independent of their organisational affiliations, numbering around 30 individuals across five continents.

We, a network of young Tamil activists, academics and writers in the Tamil diaspora, stand in resolute solidarity with the Kurds of the Middle-East, from Bakur, Rojava to Rojhelat and Bashur, in their unwavering and historic struggle for their freedom, sovereignty and self-determination against fascism, national oppression and genocide perpetuated by imperialist propped nation-states and religious fundamentalists.

The Turkish State and its history are marred in the genocide of indigenous people, from the Armenians, to the Kurdish peoples. Such an insistence of anti-people and anti-non-Turk chauvinism have entrenched itself in the Turkish State, evident in AKP continuation of secular Kemalist anti-Kurd ideology with an Islamist character. This also has a vantage point for Turkish State interests in the region. Hence in the past years of the Syrian conflict, Turkey has supported religious fundamentalist fascism such as Al-Nusra Front, Al-Sham and the ISIS to overthrow the Assad regime.

To be more specific the Turkish interests are to dismantle the Kurdish revolutions and self-governance in Rojava, and to overall weaken the PKK popular base spreading across the traditional Kurdish homelands and their moral strength.

During early February, from several basements in Cizre district of Bakur, were recovered the bodies of courageous Kurds, numbering over 140 together, murdered by Turkish State fascism while being trapped, injured and denied medical aide due to the ongoing Turkish state siege of Kurdish villages, towns and cities in Bakur.

We the Eelam Tamil nation and the Tamil people of the world convey our deepest sorrow and our respects to the martyrs of Cizre, and the Kurdish Civilians killed all over Bakur by Turkey. Once more, we Tamils send our resolute and revolutionary salute to the Kurdish masses, and the women and men who gallantly fought and continue to fight for their people's liberty and security against the might of a nation-state and its external backers.

We unanimously condemn the violence being unleashed against the Kurds in North and West Kurdistan by Turkey and their proxies. These incidents of inhumanity and calculated genocidal massacres bring the dark memories of yesterday and brims the anger of Tamils. We remember Sencholai in Eelam in 2006 when 57 of our young innocent school going girls were targeted by the Sri Lankan Air Force and killed, as supersonic jets bombed the orphanage they were living in.

We remember the geo-political games played by Sri Lanka and its external backers, to carry out the military solution to destroy the Tamil fighters, and to entrench, further a structural genocide to dismantle the strength and essential foundations of the Eelam Tamil nation. We remember how the Sri Lankan armed forces, surrounded hundreds of thousands of our people, while the world stood silent, the U.N being more concerned with state to state affairs, and world and regional establishments more hell-bent on the destruction of Tamil military-politico power.

We remember how the corporate media showed nothing, while thousands of pictures and video emanated from the ground pleading the world to stop the war. Rather, world powers watched and facilitated Sri Lanka to carry out a genocide in the 21st century.

In its aftermath, they are telling Tamils now bereft of politico-military power, to demand nothing and seek reconciliation with the oppressor state. Although the Sri Lankan model alluded to above, is enacted in geographical, social and demographic context, which differs from that of Bakur, the COIN model and its geo-political dimensions is observably employed against the PKK and Kurds.

While Turkey wages its war on the Kurds, both NATO and EU directed by the geo-political considerations of maintaining Turkey as an ally in the larger games against their rivals, the Kurds who hitherto had received nominal aid by the US and its allies to fight ISIS in Syria, is once again put at the altar of sacrifice for the geopolitics of hegemony and Imperialism.

Hailing from these experiences of systematic genocide, and global injustice, axed on the very same imperialist and anti-people geo-politics pursued by world establishment which strive to dissect the self-determination and sovereignty of independent people while propping or perpetuating undemocratic states such as Sri Lanka and Turkey, the Tamils and Kurds are waging their struggle for liberation, security and equality on the same globally extant terrain and order.

The Kurds despite the anti-people geo-political manoeuvres of empires and states of the past, has shown the uttermost resilience and fortitude in reorganizing themselves in maintaining the national spirit of resistance and that of a proud heritage to safeguard their people and their national existence through struggle.

We Tamils will strive towards standing with our Kurdish comrades and the Kurdish people in these dark times with both the hindsight of our experiences and with the fire of solidarity and justice in our hearts aspiring to see the emancipation of the Kurds, Tamils and the oppressed people of the world.

Solidarity with the people of Kurdistan, the Kurdish revolutions for equality and liberation and in solidarity with the Kurdish peoples resistance

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