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## **Don't let Iran and Turkey destroy Kurdish stability in southern Kurdistan - Stop the bombardment on innocent Kurdish villagers**

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During the last month the Iranian military forces have bombarded several areas along the Iraqi border, including many villages from Haji Omeran to Penjwen province. Many villages have been hit and the residents of the villages fled their homes, without hope. The Iranian and Turkish regimes try to justify their bombardment by the existence of members of PJAK or PKK in the Qandil mountain areas.

Neither the Iranian nor the Turkish regime has the right to bombard innocent civilian villagers and burn their houses, their agricultural produce and grain stores. Destroying villages and villagers' homes, and killing people in their own land is an unmitigated violation of human rights. Furthermore they don't have the right to attack another country's citizens and land. In doing so, they violate human rights and the international law concerning sovereignty of an independent state or people from outside their country.

The Kurdish people in southern Kurdistan (Iraqi Kurdistan) have managed to create stability and make steps toward democracy and better living conditions, but now their effort to create a democracy is in jeopardy owing to the military attacks on the Kurdish countryside from outside and the threat of invasion against the whole of southern Kurdistan. This is an attack on Kurdish people and their struggle for peace and stability under their own rule.

The Kurdish question can not be solved by airplanes, tanks and canon shells; on the contrary, the solution to the Kurdish question in Iran and Turkey can only be found via democratic and peaceful means. These countries have to face up to reality and accept the existence of the Kurdish people and their right to freedom.

These Iranian and Turkish attacks on Kurdish territory and people are happening in front of the eyes of the international community, which does nothing to stop these atrocities. The passive stance of the UN and other international organizations allows these regimes to continue with their atrocities against innocent people, which threaten the stability in Southern Kurdistan. Therefore it is their responsibility to react and press the regime to stop these attacks.

We ask the international community and international organizations such as UN and EU and powerful states such as USA to react, stop the attacks and prevent invasion against southern Kurdistan. Kurdistan needs international help and protection.

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