

## FINAL DECLARATION

## **OF THE 3RD YPJ CONFERENCE**

With the participation of 400 delegates, we carried out our 3rd conference of the Women's Defense Units. It took place from on the 30th of April and the 1st of May. Firstly, we would like to send our greetings on this first of May to all working women, the working class and all those fighting for freedom. Also, we send our greetings and blessings to the Muslim community celebrating the end of Ramadan. We honor this conference to all the martyrs of the revolution and to our guide APO, who put women's liberation at the center of his struggle. We give our word to guarantee freedom and victory. As women who are following the footsteps of the world's working class women - who have given great sacrifices – we continue to fight. We are fighting for freedom and the defense of our land. With this in mind, and with the conviction that "YPJ is the force that will guarantee women's freedom, defend the land, and break occupation", we have conducted a deep analysis of the work that took place over the last 3 years.

We, as YPJ, have the experience of 10 years of war, struggle and resistance behind us. Today the YPJ, who takes its inspiration from the proud heritage of the women's guerilla, is a force that defends all women in Rojava and Syria. Along this path of defending our land, hundreds of heroic deeds have been recorded and hundreds of young internationalist women who were inspired by the Rojava Revolution joined the ranks of YPJ.

With an understanding of the meaning and responsibility of continuing this struggle, we carried out our 3rd Conference. Although our conference was delayed due to the situation and ongoing threats of attack, holding the conference was a matter of historical importance. At our conference we made important evaluations and developed perspectives regarding the political situation, the organization of our forces and our practical works.

Daily new attacks evolving which attempt to deny autonomy, kill women and the peoples of North and East Syria. Many of our valuable comrades are joining the ranks of the martyrs and our people are suffering from great barbarism. In this 3rd World War, we are playing a key role in defending women and the people.

In order to liberate our land from occupation, to get worldwide political recognition for The Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria, and to create strong unity between the women of the Middle East, we are in need of self-defense. Successfully defending ourselves from the system of Capitalist Modernity and the occupying forces can only be reached by employing the strategy of Revolutionary People's War. Against us there is an enemy who tries to ensnare us in his murderous claws. This is why our answer must possess a correct understanding of self-defense.



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With understanding the seriousness of the current situation and knowing our duty, we were able to make deep analyses and create new perspectives. We detected our inadequacies and developed strategies to overcome them. Within this current phase of renewing ourself, we were closely examining the system of YPJ. Taking the strategy of the Revolutionary People's War as our basis, we put the preparation of our forces as well as the preparation of our society at the center of our discussions and evaluations. As a professional women's army, we see organizing ourself as the best way for achieving victory and defense against the highly developed technology of our enemy and the dirty politics of special-warfare. This is why the YPJ will guarantee the freedom of all women and the defense of our land by the organizing itself in small teams that move professionally. Even today, plans of attack and occupation are being plotted and carried out against our territory. In Afrin, Serekaniye and Gire Spi there are numerous attacks happening every day in addition to the use of subterfuge which attempts to spread racism among the people.

The occupying forces are attacking the minds and bodies of women, are looting our lands and bringing massacres upon our people. Furthermore, various methods of air attacks are being carried out against our land and the positions of our fighters. But once again, the martyrs impart strength on us. The martyrs show us the way of struggle and victory. This is why no matter how many attacks they carry out against us, we will become stronger, we will repulse any attempt of occupation. With great courage, every fighter of YPJ is countering the occupiers' attacks with the struggle for freedom that our martyred commander Sosin showed us, and which was shaped by the sacrifice of Martyr Awaz and the efforts of our Martyrs Dilar, Ronahî and Kobanî.

To counteract the technological tactics of the enemy, liberate our occupied land, and guarantee women's freedom, we made strong decisions that express commitment at our conference. Once again, we dedicate this conference that took place with the conviction that "YPJ is the force that will guarantee women's freedom, defend the land, and break occupation". To all the martyrs of the revolution, the mothers of the martyrs, people who are defending their land and all those struggling for freedom, we give our word to all women and all humanity that we will fight until victory.