



STATEMENT ON THE LIBERATION OF MINBIC

“Minbic was liberated with the effort of the martyrs and the unity between Kurds and Arabs.”

YPJ General Command

The city of Minbic, that had become a city of heroes and the center of resistance, was liberated with the effort of hundreds of martyrs. In memory of the comrades Bengîn Mûş, Dijle, Arjîn, Koçerîn, Botan Turkmen and Abu Leyla, we renew our pledge to all fallen comrades who have been martyred in the liberation of Minbic and in the fight for freedom to realise their aims.

Minbic is one of the oldest cities in the region and is of strategic importance. Many different people from different origins and cultures are living together in this colorful city. The Islamic State mercenaries occupied Minbic in the same way they took over the cities of Raqqa, Tabqa, Deir ez-Zor, Sheddadi, Shengal, Mosul and many others. The Islamic State did not just occupy Minbic, it murdered, looted, abducted people, destroyed archaeological sites, and put their misogynist ideology into widespread practice. With the living memory of resistance in Kobane, where our fighters liberated the city from Islamic mercenaries with the sacrifice of thousands of martyrs, in 2016 the people of Minbic called for the liberation of their city and for an end of the rule of the Islamic State. We took this call as a command and took the decision to liberate Minbic.

Without a doubt, this was not an easy decision. However, the commitment and willingness to make sacrifices, the courage, the need for revenge, the willpower and the strong belief in victory that had been growing among the fighters, the Kurdish and Arabic people, became key to making this decision. The war in Minbic was a heavy war and the military operation was carried out under the extreme heat and burning conditions of the mid-Summer sun. The willingness to make sacrifices that our martyrs showed here will never be forgotten. The historical resistance started under the command of our legendary comrade Abu Leyla who became a martyr in this operation. With his way of leading the fighting, Abu Leyla planted fear in the heart of the enemy. Abu Leyla wrote his story in the peoples history with golden letters. In Kobane, the spirit of the martyrs Arin and Revan caused a big echo with their sacrifices.



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The same spirit came alive in Minbic in the sacrifice of martyr Kocerin. Those comrades encouraged us, with their effort and their spirit of retribution and victory, to decide to struggle against the mercenaries of the Islamic State and strengthened our resolve in our decision to fight. In Minbic we took revenge for our fallen comrades in Kobane; in Tabqa we took revenge for our comrades who fell in Minbij; in Raqqa we took revenge for our comrades who fell in Tabqa; and in Deir ez-Zor we took revenge for our comrades who fell in Raqqa. Minbic was liberated by our most valuable and beloved friends. In liberating Minbic, Arab and Kurdish women created a solidarity and unity that formed the line for defending our land. Minbic was liberated because the effort of our martyrs created unity between the Kurdish and Arabic people. This is one of our greatest and most valuable achievements – and we dedicate it to our martyrs.

However, still today the achievements of our martyrs remain under great danger. As soon as we started the military campaign to liberate Minbic, the Turkish state increased its attacks and threats on our region. In this way, the Turkish state occupied Jarabulus, parts of Afrin and other places, and is trying to occupy regions that we had liberated from Islamist terror. Nevertheless, the same resolve that our people expressed in the time of those threats, is still being found in the people's call for unity and the defense of our land. The support of our people will counteract those attacks and destroy the games that the enemy tries to play on our land. This is why we as a people, as well as a military force, need to organize well against the existing threats and intensify the line of defense of our achievements.

We are celebrating the liberation of Minbic with the people of Minbic, again we commemorate the martyrs who fell in this operation and we renew our pledge to our people to protect and defend our achievements. Our people are celebrating the liberation of Minbic on the day of the muslim Feast of Sacrifice. Knowing our duty, we send greeting at this years Feast of Sacrifice to all Muslim people as well as to all people of North and East Syria.

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