



URGENT Statement

As the ceasefire in northern Syria nears its end, the people in northern Syria are waiting for their fate, having largely lost faith in the international community to take serious action to reduce a worsening humanitarian catastrophe.

The Kurds, Arabs and some international people gave their lives and lost their beloved to fight ISIS. The international community where not even able to take back imprisoned or hosted ISIS families to their nations.

As everyone knows, the situation inside the camps where already difficult before the attack of Turkey. Now it became disastrous. We take it as our humanitarian mandatory to serve all people no matter of their background, nationality, race, religion, gender. But the international community where not able to support this humanitarian principles. We will always continue our work in this way, accepting the international humanitarian principles, because we cannot watch people dying or suffering. And we still protect the ideas of international laws and principles. But our trust in the humanity of the international community is lost. Our capacity has ended, we can not bear this responsibility anymore.

About 200.000 people have already been displaced (since the attack from turkey), to more southern areas. Those areas are already now overcrowded. There are no shelters, not enough food, not enough medicines, not enough drinking water. The water pipeline which got hit by an airstrike is still not functioning. More than 500.000 people are since more than one week without water supply.

Further there is still ISIS cells in all areas. The Kurdish security forces has no capacity at all anymore to protect the civilians from the terror of ISIS or the allies of turkey. In these days ISIS where able to increase their capabilities again in the whole region. Many ISIS families could already flee to unknown areas. The security forces can not ensure the security in other camps anymore. We as humanitarian aid workers cannot ensure the supply services anymore which will increase the frustration of the inhabitants of the camps and lead to a higher security risk for humanitarian aid workers and also camp security. Not to mention the very bad health situation for many inhabitants and the already very weak newborn and children in these camps.

Since the ceasefire, we documented 21 civilian dyed and 27 injured. Not counted are all those who remains under the destroyed houses, got kidnapped or executed by the allies of turkey.

In total we documented 9 casualties of health workers until now.

Two camps, including ISIS families, are already evacuated or where able to flee (Ein Issa & Mabrouka). 5 hospitals and clinics are out of service, 2 hospitals in Kobane and the hospital in Tal Tamar had to evacuate in-between but could manage to go back and provide their services again. Until now we have no access to the regions of Kobane and Menbij to send medicines or other supplies.

After the withdraw of hundreds of humanitarian organizations, the number of victims will increase very dramatically. We reached the gates of a humanitarian catastrophe and an expected genocide while the international community is watching and did not take any serious step to reduce this catastrophe.

We don't know what will happen after the ceasefire. If Turkey will attack the whole border district at least 1 million people will have to leave their homes. There is no capacity and no space to cover the needs of all those people. Taking into consideration, that the weather is changing very fast and it is getting cold. Especially children and elderly will suffer a lot or dye under these circumstances.

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