

Solidarity with the Kurdish Women and Liberation movement in North East Syria

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To the Continental Coordinators of the World Women's Conference

Solidarity with the Kurdish women- and liberation movement and all people

in Rojava/Northeast Syria!

We World Women strongly condemn the war of aggression against Rojava/Northeast Syria by the fascist Erdogan, his state and military, which is violating international law!

We have stood side by side with our Kurdish friends in many cities of our countries since the beginning of this imperialist attack on the liberated territories.

Rojava is a shining example in the international militant women's movement for great achievements on the way to the liberation of women, for far-reaching women's rights as a part of the Rojava Revolution. At our evaluation meeting of the 2nd World Women's Conference of Grassroots Women 2016 in

Kathmandu/Nepal we decided:

“The support of the fight in Rojava/Syria is not only a fight against exploitation and oppression of women, but also a focal point of the worldwide fight for democracy and freedom and for the realization of the liberation of women. Rojava is a shining example, showing what militant women can achieve.

We oblige ourselves to go on supporting this fight and to declare our solidarity against the attacks of the IS/Daesh and stand against imperialist forces and their plans to redesign the Middle East and especially Syria according to their interests.”

We will keep that promise! Long live our international solidarity!

Signed:

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Statement of the European

Coordinator of the World Women's Conferences on the occasion of the European elections in May 2019

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Statement of the European Coordinators of the World Women's Conferences of the grassroots women on the occasion of the European elections 23-29 May 2019

To the women of Europe! A Europe – without nationalism!

Thousands of people all over Europe took to the streets at the weekend to achieve this. They stand up for peace, friendship among peoples and against nationalism. Their concern – no vote for right-wing parties in the European elections. The militant women's movement was a critical part of it. Critical why? If you believe the election posters of the bourgeois parties, the words of government representatives, our vote on election day is enough to create a united and peaceful Europe. We should choose “the lesser of the evils” so that the right-wing fascistic parties do not enter the European Parliament. But what do the promises of the bourgeois parties and governments bring to the masses of women – we express our opinion !

Europe – borderless?!

The EU tightens asylum laws, stops the sea rescue “Sophia” and expands the border police “Frontex” from 2000 to 10,000 soldiers! The UN refugee agency UNHCR calls the crossing from

Libya to the EU “the deadliest sea crossing in the world”. The Mediterranean Sea has become a mass grave.

The EU – a peace power?!

The EU stands for massive armament and additional expenditure of all national defence budgets. For the establishment of a defence fund with 13 billion euros, for “military mobility”. For this, civil development projects such as “Brot für die Welt” (Bread for the World) are to receive less money.

The EU continues to supply weapons to Saudi Arabia. Its satellite navigation system “Galileo” was developed as a competitor project to the USA GPS system and also serves military purposes.

Europe – for equality for women?!

Throughout Europe, women earn on average 16 percent less than men. In the capitalist system, women are primarily responsible for private household and family management. That is the basis why around 31% of women in Europe work part-time. The compatibility of work and family life is an illusion. Childcare places are expensive and the supply is insufficient. The daily crucial tension of women is a real one.

Europe – women-friendly?!

Women in Europe have no right to self-determined pregnancy or abortion – laws, churches and the state regulate women.

Europe – borderless, peace-loving, for the full emancipation of women – that is not possible with the bourgeois parties and their representatives. They have all long proved that they serve the good of the monopolies! In order to enforce our demands, we must organise ourselves and unite much more closely. Women’s awareness has awakened on a broad front. The militant women’s movement in Europe is visible, audible, active in the whole spectrum of life and work. Boundless – women of all ages organize actions, fights and days of struggle:

- in France, 250,000 civil servants in 150 cities, many

women, against President Macron's "reform plans"

- in Spain, on International Women's Day, six million against violence against women
- in Belgium the European campaign for the self-determined right to abortion and against the patronising of church and state took place
- in Germany, nurses at the Celenus Clinic in Bad Langensalza (Thuringia) won a collective agreement after 220 strike days against lockouts and threats of dismissal.
- in the Netherlands, nursing staff, nurses struggle for better working conditions
- young women, girls and boys all over Europe are active for the environment and the future in the FridaysForFuture movement.

The militant women's movement in Europe is part of the world women's movement. With two world women's conferences and a theory seminar on the liberation of women, we have created an international grassroots movement that coordinates and cooperates across national borders and continents.

We call to you:

"Let us discuss alternatives to this capitalist system, let us find and fight for them!

There can be no radical change in the situation of women without drastic and fundamental changes in the political, economic and social system. The movement for the liberation of women must unite with the struggle for fundamental social changes"... "We are contributing to the building of a new peace movement".

kind regards,

Halinka Augustin, Netherlands and Susanne Bader, Germany

European Coordinators of the worldwomens conferences of grassroots women

Grüße zum Frauentag 2019 aus Dhaka/Bangladesh vom Socialist Women's Forum





[Brief des SWF Bangladesh 8 March 2019 als PDF Datei](#)

Dear Sisters & Women Activists,

Solidarity greetings to all on International Women's Day. On 109th International Women's Day Socialist Women's Forum organized a rally at 11am 8th March 2019. Also six leftist women's organizations including Socialist Women's Forum observed International Women's Day jointly. Our call was 'protest rape-sexual harassment-violence and come on the struggle to establish women with human dignity and equal right'. On this occasion we demanded 'Equal right on inheritance'; 'Equal-wage on equal-work'; 'Establish uniform civil code'; 'Economic value of household works in GDP'; 'Stop violence against women'; 'Stop gender-base violence at work' etc.

Please keep us informed about your activities, analysis and keep in touch.

Comradely yours

Shampa Basu

General Secretary/Central Committee

Socialist Women's Forum

deepl Übersetzung:

Solidarische Grüße an Alle am Internationalen Frauentag. Am 109. Internationalen Frauentag organisierte das Sozialistische Frauenforum am 8. März 2019 um 11 Uhr eine Demonstration. Auch

sechs linke Frauenorganisationen, darunter das Socialist Women's Forum, haben gemeinsam am Internationalen Frauentag teilgenommen. Unser Aufruf lautete "Protest gegen sexuelle Belästigung – Gewalt und der Kampf um die Verwirklichung von Frauen mit Menschenwürde und Gleichberechtigung". Bei dieser Gelegenheit forderten wir ' Gleiches Recht auf Erbschaft'; 'Gleiches Entgelt für gleiche Arbeit'; 'Einheitliches Zivilgesetzbuch'; 'Wirtschaftlicher Wert von Haushaltsarbeiten im BIP'; 'Gewalt gegen Frauen beenden'; 'Geschlechterbezogene Gewalt am Arbeitsplatz beenden' usw.

Bitte informieren Sie uns über Ihre Aktivitäten, Analysen und bleiben Sie in Kontakt.

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theoretical seminar on the theory of women's liberation,
India, December 2018**

5. The international militant women's movement has a great wealth of experience and achievements in fighting for the liberation of women. However, the fundamental side of what is necessary to create the basis for this liberation is severely underestimated.
6. Only a revolutionary solution lays the foundation for

the social liberation of women! An analysis of the major successes of the women's movement and their actual limitations within capitalism.

7. Lessons from history until today – revolutions were locomotives for the most far-reaching women's rights so far.
 8. All of the many struggles taking place today are important on the way to the liberation of women, but they have to be led as training ground of the fight for the liberation of women.
 9. The goal of liberating women can only be achieved jointly, across ideological and party-political lines and based on principles. For this the militant women's movement has to be non-party affiliated. This results from the common aim of the complete emancipation of women, the liberation of women in liberated societies.
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News from India – the countdown is running – greetings from the organizers from India:

Dear friends,

we are looking forward to this international gathering of women in India! It is a historic meeting – women of the world discuss together the theory of the liberation of women!

Meanwhile we have received calls from all over India from women who want to participate in the seminar. That is very exciting! We also receive registrations from other continents!

Welcome to Bangalore!

Staying overnight in a mass accommodation:

The rented meeting room offers common sleeping facilities for about 200-250 women, including 4 rooms, 2 dormitories and halls in which they provide mattresses for sleeping.

Staying overnight in a hotel – you have to rent them yourself.

Catering:

Those who stay overnight in the Massenquartier will get a breakfast there. If you stay overnight in a hotel, you will have breakfast there. There is tea and snacks as well as lunch for all. Dinner can be served to everyone in the meeting room if needed, but we thought people would prefer to eat outdoors at a time of their choosing.

Advertising. We print 10,000:

We are printing 10,000 posters to be hung all over India.

We are currently calculating the cost of participation and sending it to the homepage!

For the liberation of women!

*** Call for a theoretical seminar in India!**

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The coordinators of the World Women's Conferences of Basic Women and the organisation team in India will inform you about the **current state of preparations!**

Until today we have **Registrations:**

From the roof of the world from **Nepal/Kathmandu**

from **Africa**

from **Latin America**

from **Europe,**

The organisation team launches an **advertising campaign** in Asia

And for all women who would like to see more of India, the travel agency People to People offers the possibility of a subsequent trip.

You are in negotiations with a progressive Indian tour operator. The offer should be a group travel program, after the seminar. The duration: approx. 1 week, with the possibility of extending a few days, e.g. beach holiday.

Who has interest in it, should itself before the flight reservation with People to People journeys in connection set over email: reisen@people-to-people.de or by telephone under 0209 1776560.

People to People Reisen will also be happy to advise you on your flight bookings and book the flights for you.

As soon as the travel program is finished, we will publish it on our homepage. If you are interested, please contact us directly, the friends of People to People will be happy to inform you.

The **preparations for the content** are also in full swing. The seminar is a contribution of the international militant women's movement to the theoretical discussion about ways and goals of the liberation of women. It is a seminar of grassroots women. It is addressed to all interested women, factory workers, farmers, housewives, nurses, educators etc. You do not need to have studied or speak many languages. Every woman can participate in these discussions and contribute her diverse experiences. The theoretical processing of the diverse practical experience and life experience will help us to get a

clear view in these troubled times.

Sharmista Choudhury is free! International solidarity and mass protests in the country are successful!

Translated:

Our world woman Sharmista and her fellow campaigners are free again!

We have just received this wonderful news from India:

“We thank you for the message of solidarity with Sharmista. We are pleased to inform you that Sharmista and the others who were abducted with her were released the same evening after a massive protest by the people.”

And further they write that the situation is very tense but Sharmista and other activists are in a safe place.

“(…) We thank you again for your support and promise you that the fight will continue.”

Protestation of the Fortuna Workers/Bosnia for the release of Sharmista Choudhury

We, the workers of „Fortuna“ Gračanica shoe factory and participants of European world womens conference of grasrootswoman, strongly condemn the brutal attack and abduction of activist Sharmista Choudhury and other leaders of the Bhangor-Movement!

As woman, workers and fighters for worker rights in Bosnia and Herzegowina we were also victims of physical and psychic attacks and it is our obligation to the society and to the world to stand up against such attacks on individuals and activist groups.

We demand for immediate and unharmed release of Sharmista and other activists!

We call on the government to take action against such criminal activities and also we call upon the government to take steps to protect the activists in the country.

Free Sharmista!

The workers of “Fortuna ” Gračanica Shoe Factory / Bosnia and Herzegowina

Tevgera Jinen Azad (TJA) from Northern Kurdistan: We condemn the brutal attack on Sharmistha Choudhury and Leaders of Bhangor Movement!

World Women Conference activist and Bhangor Movement leader comrade Sharmistha Choudhury were attacked and abducted by gangs of the Ruling Party in West Bengal.

We fear that life of our sister Sharmistha and other leaders of Bhangor Movement are under threat.

We; as Free Women's Movement (TJA) strongly condemn the brutal attack and abduction of Sharmistha and other comrades. We demand immediate release and call on the government to take action against these criminal activities.

We call on all democratic forces and women of the world to raise their voice and show solidarity with Sharmistha and leaders of the Bhangor Movement.

Tevgera Jinen Azad (TJA)

26.04.2018

From Switzerland: Solidarity

is the tenderness of peoples – Immediate reconnaissance and release of kidnapped Sharmista in India

With absolute horror and great anger we learned about Sharmista's kidnapping and other guides last night. We know Sharmista as a combative and very committed woman.

Her struggle for the environmental and popular movement "For land, livelihoods, ecology and environmental protection" is obviously also the reason for the cowardly attack on her and that she was attacked and abducted by thugs of the ruling party TMC.

The resistance in West Bengal to a high voltage road in West Bengal is a thorn in the side of the corporations. They are afraid of a protest that raises much more fundamental questions such as freedom and peace, life without poverty. These project managers go over dead bodies, they serve to maximize the profits of large corporations. We have seen with our own eyes in India how houses were demolished in which people still lived, for main roads leading to large hotel chains.

We will inform all progressive forces in Switzerland about the kidnapping and its background and Sharmista's photo will be with us in the tent on May 1st, her courage is a role model for us and the resistance will live on.

MLGS; 26.04.2018

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