

For women's rights, democracy and freedom!
World women in resistance against repression and state terrorism

Wherever the women of the world rise up, rebel – the ruling systems show their true colours: suppression, bullying, rape, imprisonment, death threats are brutal reality. Current hotspots of this repression including massacres and countless political prisoners are countries like Syria, Egypt, Palestine, the Philippines and Kurdistan.

We declare our solidarity with all fighters for democracy and freedom! What is called “Arab Spring” is for us a democratic uprising that enjoys our whole solidarity. We are outraged when the gains of the democratic movement and the role of the women in it are being trampled underfoot in the meantime.

Women and girls worldwide will never accept their suppression!

From the world women’s point of view, Kurdistan is currently one focus of repression in Europe. In Turkey and in Northern Kurdistan 5 women are killed by their lovers, husbands or family members a day. Faced with this violence, the Turkish government is not only inactive but is a protagonist herself. In Turkey and in Northern Kurdistan, the government suppresses the Kurdish liberation movement and especially the women vehemently. In 2011 alone, 700 women were imprisoned because they had taken part in political activities. These women are teachers, journalists, lawyers and professors, housewives and workers.

The Turkish state has employed a cruel war method against Kurdistan. Kurdistan, where they have 12,000 “missed persons”, where chemical weapons are tested on guerillas. The temporary culmination point is the assassination of 35 peasants, among them 19 children. This can only be called a massacre, against which we protest resolutely.

1. We condemn the Turkish government’s attitude concerning its suppression and the suffering it causes.
As European Conference, we protest against the political oppression of women, against the trial of strength of the Turkish country.

As first European Conference after the World Women’s Conference of rank-and-file Women in Caracas 2011, we protest against this repression and demand that those responsible will be removed from all offices and punished severely.

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