

Call for the International day for the elimination of violence against women



YPJ fighters
in Kobani

End violence against women, worldwide! Solidarity with Kobani!

We, the coordinators of the world women in Europe, call all women to take part in the demonstrations and rallies on the 25th of November.

November 25 is the International Day for the elimination of all forms of violence against women. This day was first established in 1981 by Latin American and Caribbean women who fight for women's rights, in memory of the courage of the Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic. The three sisters, three butterflies, were raped and murdered because of their fight against dictator Trujillo and they symbolize the resistance against dictatorship and violence.



Against all forms of violence against women

On November 25 we denounce the many forms of violence against women, in Europe and worldwide. Everywhere we see increasing violence against women and girls. We oppose trafficking, violence by police in prisons and rapes in prisons, against domestic violence and social inequality; against violence in the form of economic distress, against manifestations of violence as sexism and pornography.

In Europe the struggle for elimination of violence against women and girls gains new meaning by the coarse austerity measures taken by the governments. Women organize themselves against physical violence in all its forms, but also against political violence, lack of education, poverty and against the demolition of jobs and care. Women struggle against exploitation and oppression and for a future for young people.

The day against violence against women is one of the common international days of struggle as agreed in 2011 at the World Conference of grassroots women in Venezuela: *"On 25 November, the day against violence against women, we fight against all forms of violence against women. In particular, we denounce the violence that is the result of the*

imperialist aggression and war against the peoples, in which women are made victims and war trophies."

Solidarity with the struggle of Kobani against the oppression and violence of IS

In particular, we highlight violence against women in wars, as in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Palestine and Rojava.

Rojava /Western Kurdistan represents the progressive struggle for freedom, democracy and self-determination. Rojava is an example of struggle for women's rights and for the liberation of women; it stands for equality. Here a successful democratic autonomy is established, where women and men always govern jointly. Rojava rises up against imperialists and does fights against despots and tyrants. The fascist IS tries to conquer Kobani in Rojava by homicide, by abduction and rape of women. But the Kurdish men and women fighters are the strongest force against IS and women play a leading role in the liberation struggle and resistance. The courage and sacrifice of the YPJ combatants deserve the support of the whole world. We support the struggle of the people of Rojava for a humane existence and we will actively organize the solidarity with the Kurdish people.

Long live the struggle of the Kurdish people for national and social liberation!

Women of the world climbing the highest mountains!

We call women to the roof of the world in Nepal, where women have played a very significant role in the history of the people's struggle. Women are at the forefront of the people's movement and resistance to build a better society.

Come and join the Second World Women's Conference of grassroots women from 13-18 March 2016 in Kathmandu, Nepal in Asia and make a strong commitment to fight the causes of our oppression and the system that binds us to a life of exploitation and subjugation. Let us unite, organise and link ourselves with all movements for liberation and take a leap forward to women's liberation.

Women of the world unite!

Break the chains of exploitation and oppression!

Onward with the struggle for women's liberation!

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