

## Call for a Day of Action for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November 2016



**The time is ripe –  
the women of the world are starting out!**

*„We will build a society where women are not discriminated, exploited and oppressed!“*  
This is stated in the call of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Women's Conference of grassroots women and is our obligation. The international day for the elimination of violence against women is one of our joint days of struggle and action.

The deep desire and growing activity of many people for a societal alternative is making the ruling powers uneasy. Their answer is reactionary, proto-fascist and extremely hostile toward women: terror by the fascist and deeply misogynist Daesh (IS). The ban of abortions shall be imposed, as well as child marriage, the murder of women, rape and female slave markets like in Shengal. Violence against women is not recognized as a reason for flight.

But we also experience how we are getting stronger step by step in the opposing struggle ! In Poland the women's strike brought down the abortion ban. This was the first great defeat for the ultra-reactionary government!

After mass protests the principle „NO means NO“ was established in the German laws governing sexual offenses.

On 19 October 2016, „Miercoles Negro“ (Black Wednesday), tens of thousands of women (workers) in Argentina went on strike for one hour in protest against the continuous and deadly violence against women. The movement „Ni una menos“ (Not one more) called up to that. After the severe hurricane in Haiti the world women in Europe collected 10 000 € against „hopelessness and life-threatening chaos“, as the women from Haiti write.



For the women in Rojava the struggles for their liberation and for social freedom and democracy have become one and the same.

The women's movement is strong where it is well organized, where it wins allies and makes more and more aspects of imperialist oppression to its own cause.

When the governments shift to the right, we must be organizing our opposition more strongly on an international level! This is the way that women can link worlds!