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**Six more civilian Kurds killed in Turkish cross-border attack in Northern Syria**

In a previous statement dated 29 June 2020, we had attracted attention to Kurdish civilian casualties caused by Turkish airstrikes in northern Syria and northern Iraq. Then we gave details of 11 Kurdish civilians killed by attacks of Turkish army in the last two weeks of June. We also did underline that Turkey, as a member of the NATO, the United Nations and the Council of Europe (CoE), had routinized its unlawful attacks on the Kurds in Iraq and Syria in parallel with its repressive campaign on the Kurdish issue at home. There is news about more Kurdish civilian casualties, this time from the town of Manbij in northern Syria.

According to various Kurdish media outlets, on 28 July 2020, Turkish airstrikes targeted Qort Wêran and Wîlanlî villages in the northwest of Manbij. The Diyab family was hit. 6 members of the family were killed and 6 others injured. The names of five civilians killed are: Eliya Diyab (60), Fatime Mexlûf (35), Faris Diyab (13), Xifran Diyab (7) and Cemîle Diyab (11). Mehmud Diyab (7) and Ehmed Diyab (12) were severely injured; both had surgeries, but remain in critical condition.

Turkish government keeps killing Kurdish civilians with impunity and with the pretext of “fighting terrorism” in cross-border operations. Although a member of the NATO and the Council of Europe with obligations to comply with the international law, Turkey does not refrain from carrying out such inhumane attacks on civilians. One of the reasons for Turkey’s boldness in defying the international law is the generalized silence of international institutions such as the NATO and the COE, of which Turkey is a member state. Once again, we call upon the international community, particularly the NATO, the UN and the Council of Europe authorities, to take immediate action against civilian massacres perpetrated by the Turkish army and its various proxy forces in Iraq and Syria.

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