



TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As we go to March 8th, first of all we salute the women who are struggling for women's freedom in different geographies of the world. We bow with respect in front of the women who lost their lives in the women's liberation struggle and reiterate our commitment to their memories. With the strength we have received from the Rozas, Saras, Evins, Zelals and thousands of other pioneering women, we are once again in the fields, streets and squares on March 8.

21ST CENTURY WILL BE THE CENTURY OF WOMEN'S FREEDOM!

In the world, in the Middle East and in Kurdistan, we are welcoming another March 8 in the shadow of wars, economic crises, massacres of women, ecological massacres and inequalities, but also with the struggle and resistance of women against patriarchal policies.

In the 21st century, where the gender struggle has become the main struggle, women defend their freedoms, rights, values and labor at home, on the street, in the workplace and in all areas of social life, and defend their gains that have become the target of the male-dominated mentality. We are aware that the women's resistance will be the determinant of the future process while violence against women is accelerating, massacres of women have reached the level of genocide, and at the same time, the rights they have achieved in many areas are tried to be scaled back. The multifaceted wars being waged in the entire Middle East geography, especially in Rojava, are essentially directed against women's own values and self-creations. The war, which has its roots in misogyny, targets Kurdish women the most. Those who murdered Nagehan Akarsel in Sulaymaniyah, Evîn Goyî in Paris and Firyal Silêman Xalid in Kirkuk should know that the women's struggle for freedom will surely succeed!

WE WILL DEFEND SOCIETY, WE WILL GROW THE RESISTANCE!

With the "special war policies" produced as a state policy in Kurdistan, these violence and massacres have gained a much different and serious dimension. Remziye Apaydın, Deniz Poyraz, Firdevs Babat, Sakine Kültür are just a few of the dozens of women who lost their lives as a result of state-led special war policies. The same policies are being carried out against young Kurdish women through uniforms; against society through the religious-reactionary institutions of political Islam; against women's institutions and the will of the peoples of Kurdistan through trustees. At the same time, in all institutions and all areas of society, "masculinity" is revived and slavery is imposed on women. Spying, the use of drugs and prostitution as instruments of ideological warfare and all forms of abuse of children, including rape, are other dimensions of these policies. We do not accept this militarist understanding that makes Kurdish women's body, language, culture, identity, in short, their very existence a target!



We know very well from the Musa Orhans, Onur Gencers, İbrahim Barkins how murderers and perpetrators of violence are protected by this system through impunity policies, polarizing discourses and amnesties issued under the name of execution regulations! We also know the accomplices of those who know that nothing will happen to them with the public power they take behind them and the armor of the "impunity policy" they wear, but never stop being perpetrators! The economic crisis created by the capitalist modernist forces is becoming deeper and more permanent with each passing day. By plundering the resources belonging to society and putting them at the service of a handful of elites, it inflicts deep poverty and hunger on the people. In factories, fields, workshops and all public spaces, women are seen as cheap labor and are subjected to intense exploitation and violence. In this sense, as TJA, we believe that growing women's common organizational labor struggle will take on a new meaning with March 8. We will defend society against these misogynist, anti-social policies and grow the resistance!

WE WILL DEFEND OUR IDENTITY, OUR ACHIEVEMENTS, OUR LIVING SPACES!

Every day, women are arrested and imprisoned in political operations by judicial mechanisms instrumentalized by the government. TJA is systematically and repeatedly subjected to judicial violence. Fascist and sexist practices in prisons, inhumane policies against sick prisoners, execution burnings are the continuation of these policies. As TJA, we reemphasize that we will protect our identity and our gains.

In the past year, tens of thousands of people in Kurdistan, Turkey and Syria were killed, injured and left homeless in the February 6 earthquake, which turned into a devastation as a result of the rent and plunder policies of the male-dominated statist system. Although the earthquake had a devastating impact on society as a whole, it was much more severe for women and children. The government, which is the perpetrator of all this destruction, has turned even the earthquake into an opportunity for the continuity of its own power, reoccupying the homeland of Kurds and Alevis, changing its demographic structure, dehumanizing our geography, deepening the destruction by exposing children who have lost their families to the abuse of religious sects and gangs, continuing its anti-nature policies, continuing to plunder water, soil, forests and all living spaces. As TJA, we will defend our water, our land, our forests, our nature, all our living spaces.

Our mother tongue and identity are being denied and our social existence is being destroyed through culture and genocide policies. As TJA, we call on all segments, especially Kurdish women, to struggle together to make our mother tongue, culture and identity vital, and we promise that we will increase the struggle for all languages, especially Kurdish, to be the language of education and recognized in the constitution. As TJA, we call on all segments, especially Kurdish women, to struggle together to make our mother tongue, culture and identity vital, and we promise that we will increase the struggle for all languages, especially Kurdish, to be the language of education and recognized in the constitution.



WE WILL GROW WOMEN'S LIBERTARIAN-DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNMENTS!

On March 8, we are preparing for the local elections, which will be an important turning point in the construction of women-emancipatory cities, with our accumulated knowledge filtered through history. We have once again revealed that local democracy can only be woven with the community by determining our candidates through the widest participatory primary elections and city consensus. We are determined to eliminate "local governments as the natural habitats of male-dominated mentalities" that centralize all social spheres. We will build democratic politics and egalitarian life with the transformative power of women in localities. With co-chairmanship and equal representation, we are determined to strengthen women's will in all areas of life and to socialize a democratic local government approach. We did it, we won. Now it is time to grow our success and gains again. *Rabe; Dem Dema Azadîya Jina Ye!*

WE WILL ENSURE MR. OCALAN'S PHYSICAL FREEDOM!

The multiple crises that the whole society has been dragged into are the consequences of the isolation regime in İmralı. As the isolation regime against Mr. Ocalan deepens, the whole society, especially women, is being oppressed at the same rate. On March 8, we once again emphasize that Mr. Öcalan is the main interlocutor of all social problems, especially the democratic and peaceful solution of the Kurdish question, and that he must be met with as soon as possible. The "democratic ecological and women's emancipatory" society paradigm developed by Mr. Ocalan against the politics of annihilation and denial is the most important step towards a peaceful life and a democratic society. The only way to make this paradigm vital is to ensure his unconditional physical freedom.

In this context, we salute the Justice Watches launched in many cities in Kurdistan and Turkey to support the hunger strikes in prisons and to break the isolation of İmralı and we reiterate our call to national and international institutions to fulfill the demands immediately.

On March 8, 2024, when we transform the slogan "Bi Jin Jiyan Azadî'yê ber bi Azadîyê ve" into a line of resistance, we once again call on all women, especially Kurdish women, to increase the resistance against fascism and male domination. With the strength we take from this call, we celebrate March 8, the day of struggle of all women.

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