



"BÎ JÎN JÎYAN AZADÎ' YÊ BER BÎ AZADÎYÊ VE"

CAMPAIGN RESULT REPORT

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A) INTRODUCTION

The Kurdistan experience of the last 40 years of our centuries-long Kurdish Women's Struggle has taken an important place in the history of the World Women's Struggle, from local to universal. It is just as important to identify methods that make this goal visible, socialize it and make it worthy of our goal, as it is to define our goal on the path to social freedom centered on women's liberation. In this sense, campaigns, which refer to a period of activity carried out at a specific time and in a specific place, have been one of the Kurdish Women's Movement's greatest tools of struggle.

Campaigns, which we define as a political argument of struggle from the past of the Kurdish women's experience until today, have revealed revolutionary developments in the history of our women's struggle and led to great gains. Campaigns have been an important socialization tool in terms of making all our identities as Kurdish women visible, but also in terms of identifying the attacks against our identities and developing solutions against these attacks. The social principles and ethical-aesthetic-moral-political values that were revealed in all the work we carried out within the scope of the campaigns we launched as the Kurdish Women's Movement were not limited to the campaigns. On the contrary, all these values and principles have been our motivation for resistance and justification for struggle from past to present. At the same time, we have strengthened the grounds for joint struggle with women from Turkey, women of different faiths and identity groups, with whom we have come together and partnered through the campaigns.

As TJA, with the strength we inherited from our tradition of struggle, the slogan of our last campaign we launched on September 15, 2023 was "Towards Freedom with Jin Jiyan Azadî". The process of launching the campaign was a historical process. On the one hand, we are in the 100th anniversary of Lausanne, the founding document of the Republic, which divided and fragmented Kurdistan and at the same time was a male-dominated system. On the other hand, the isolation regime imposed on Kurdish People's Leader Abdullah Ocalan, which is an inhumane and severe torture model, has exceeded a quarter of a century. At such a cross-section of the 21st century, our belief in achieving our social liberation and emancipation was the biggest factor in launching our campaign. But we are also witnessing that the same century was marked by the slogan "Jin Jiyan Azadî", which defined the identity, form of struggle and color of Kurdish women.

Our campaign, which we carried out with the slogan "*Towards Freedom with Jin Jiyan Azadî*", was a campaign launched on the basis of the resistance of Jîna Êmînî, who became the

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symbol of the "Jin, Jiyan, Azadî" rebellion with a lock of her hair. Following the assassination of Kurdish woman Jina Emînî by the Iranian regime, the protests grew and gradually turned into a social revolution led by women. The slogan "Jin Jiyan Azadî", which started in Rojhilat and spread from there to the whole world, gave the women of the world the determination and motivation to struggle. Therefore, there is no doubt that our campaign slogan is inspired by the female character of the age, based on the historical determination that the 21st century will be the century of women.

B) ACTIVITIES

On September 15, 2023, in the process of our campaign, which we declared to the public, especially women:

1. During the month of October-2023, a total of 48 days of interactive trainings were held in 24 different centers in Kurdistan and Turkey, sometimes on different dates and sometimes simultaneously, with the title "Struggle against Isolation and Special War Policies", one day for women and one day for mixed groups. While gender consciousness, gender love and the ideology of women's liberation were discussed in individual trainings, sexism and masculinity were discussed in mixed trainings. In these trainings, the reflections of the İmralı Isolation Regime imposed on Mr. Ocalan on social areas were explained in depth and it was emphasized that breaking the isolation regime and ensuring Ocalan's physical freedom is our biggest goal and that this is the biggest step that will ensure our social liberation. In addition, special war policies and methods of struggle against special war policies were also explained in these trainings.
2. During the month of November-2023, women's education meetings were held in hundreds of homes, street by street, door by door. Women were brought together in gardens, fields, textiles, streets, and educational workshops on "Isolation and Special Warfare", public trainings and neighborhood trainings were held.
3. On October 22, 2023, on the second day of the "Women's Culture and Art Festival" organized in Batman with the slogan "Free Women Free Art", a panel on "Isolation and Assimilation" was organized within the scope of our campaign. In the panel, the link between isolation policies and the destruction of language and culture was once again revealed. In the conclusion of the panel, it was emphasized that the bans on language are a continuation of the İmralı isolation regime and it was promised to increase the struggle for all languages, especially Kurdish, to be the language of education.
4. 2023's "25 November International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women" was organized as part of the campaign. November 25th was launched simultaneously in Kızıltepe and Izmir on November 17th. Throughout the week,



marches, panels, seminars, women's meetings and meetings were held in many parts of Kurdistan and Turkey under the slogan "Towards November 25th with Jin Jiyan Azadi". During the November 25 events, the operations against Rojava and the isolation imposed on political prisoners in prisons were among our prioritized agendas. In addition, women murdered by men and Kurdish women murdered in assassinations were commemorated and their struggles were embraced.

5. On November 18, 2023, TJA led a march to Gemlik. In the march, which is defined as the 100-year march for Kurdish freedom and at the same time a march to raise resistance against 25 years of isolation, the messages of breaking the isolation and ensuring our freedom were given together with the people, especially women, who participated, supported and embraced the march from many parts of Kurdistan and Turkey.
6. With the slogan "Towards Freedom with Jin Jiyan Azadi", mass participation was ensured in the hearings of Kurdish women on trial during the entire campaign period, especially the hearing of TJA activists held in Ankara courts on November 7,8,9, 2023 and the hearing of women on trial within the scope of the Kobani Conspiracy Case, and a call for solidarity was made to women in Turkey. We promised to defend our identity more strongly against the policies of criminalizing the Kurdish Women's Movement.
7. On January 30, 2024, with the demand to lift the isolation imposed on Kurdish People's Leader Abdullah Ocalan and ensure his physical freedom, TJA and the mothers on Justice Watch participated in the DEM Party Women's Assembly meeting and called on all responsible institutions, especially the Ministry of Justice and CPT, to take the necessary steps. In this context, a press statement was made in the garden of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey on hunger strikes, sick prisoners, vigils for justice and the isolation in Imralı Prison, and reports on the issue were submitted to the Ministry of Justice as a file.
8. On January 13-14, 2024, with the contributions of women from the Philippines, Palestine, Colombia, Spain, Catalonia, Iran and South Kurdistan, a two-day conference entitled "Chain of Silence: Breaking the Walls Around Women Political Prisoners", a two-day conference was organized in Amed. In the conference, where presentations were made on the first day and workshops were held simultaneously on the second day; political prisoners who were released, academics, lawyers, journalists, politicians, human rights defenders, civil society representatives, art and culture communities came together. In the forum part of the conference, discussions were held to develop cooperation strategies for women political prisoners.



9. On 14 January 2024, a presentation titled "The Past and Present of the Kurdish Women's Movement" was made as part of the symposium organized by Mor Solidarity under the title "Experiences of International Feminist Struggle". Our grounds for mutual discussion and exchange of experiences by meeting with women from Turkey have had an effect that grows each other, nourishes each other, thus transforming and shaping each other and strengthening the struggle.
10. On January 27, 2024, Freedom Panels titled "Imralı Isolation Regime and Democratic Legal System" were organized in Izmir and Mersin. In these panels, it was discussed that organized women's power is the greatest power to break the isolation and the importance of raising the women's liberation line as a method of raising the struggle against isolation.
11. As TJA women, we both led and massively participated in the Great Freedom March held between February 1-15, 2024 within the scope of "Freedom of Ocalan and Democratic Solution of the Kurdish Question". Along the routes of the two marches, which started in Van and Kars, women, people, laborers and shopkeepers came together. In these meetings, it became clear that an ownership equal to the resistance that Mr. Ocalan exhibited on Imralı Island would be the greatest form of resistance that would break the isolation.
12. On February 15, 2024, on the 25th anniversary of the International Conspiracy, we reaffirmed that we see the physical liberation of Kurdish People's Leader Abdullah Ocalan as the most fundamental part of our resistance on the basis of Jin Jiyan Azadî. Women's meetings, panels, workshops and sticker works were organized to draw attention to the international conspiracy and to ensure the freedom of Mr. Ocalan. Together with the women, joint discussions were held on the evaluations in Ocalan's defenses. Letters, paintings and various gifts prepared by women, mothers and children were sent to Imralı Island Prison to break the isolation.
13. On 17 February 2024, the "TJA Position Paper" regarding the "31 March Local Government Elections", which was held by the Kurdish Political Movement led by women with the largest, organized and social component, was shared with the public with a great feast. In the process of the libertarian and democratic local government elections, it was stated that the philosophy of "Jin Jiyan Azadî" is the salvation of the whole society and it was emphasized that the system we are building is a women's system and a co-presidency system. It was stated that it is our most fundamental need to build our will stronger as women and peoples against the trustee policies. With this motivation, women's offices were opened, neighborhood workshops, home visits, public meetings were held and it was once again stated that election processes are also one of the most important tools to socialize the struggle.



14. On February 21, World Mother Language Day, marches, feasts, music concerts and feasts with erbanes were organized to demand the constitutional guarantee of all spoken languages, especially Kurdish. In this context, a panel titled "Women and Language" was organized on 21 February 2024.
15. On 25 February 2024, a panel titled "Women's Truth in the Peace Process and the Problem of Isolation" was organized in Amed. The panel brought together women from Turkey to discuss the role of women in peace processes and the reflections of isolation on women.
16. Throughout the campaign period, international digital media hashtags were used to draw attention to the social crises we are being dragged into as women and as a whole society, especially the isolation regime imposed on Kurdish People's Leader Mr. Ocalan and the genocide of women.
17. 2024's "March 8 International Women's Day" activities were organized as part of the campaign. March 8 was kicked off simultaneously in Batman and Izmir on February 24, and throughout the week, under the slogan "Towards March 8 with Jin Jiyan Azadi", rallies, torchlight marches, panels, women's meetings, music and dengbêj concerts and concerts were organized in dozens of cities in Kurdistan and Turkey against fascism and male domination. Women's meetings were held on the streets, in homes and factories. It was stated that all murdered women are a reason for our resistance and it was aimed to increase the global struggle against the genocide of women. The Women's Platforms, Women's Solidarity Networks and Anti-Violence Networks aimed to expand the struggle together with women from Turkey. During the March 8 week, leaflet work was carried out, cards were sent to prisons in solidarity with political prisoners in prisons, and the actions of prisoners' relatives at the Justice Watch were visited.
18. As TJA women, with the belief revealed by the March 8 activities, the Nawroz of 2024, marked by the Kurdish people's demands for freedom and democracy, was welcomed with the slogan "Towards Nawroz with Jin Jiyan Azadi". Once again, in 2024, women welcomed Nevroz not only with a festive mood but also with the spirit of freedom that the resistance had unleashed, and their chants were a cry of rebellion against fascism. The philosophy of "Jin Jiyan Azadi" stamped its seal on Nevroz, which was declared in Amed on March 10 and in Istanbul on March 11. In this context, preparations for Newroz were made in many centers of Kurdistan and Turkey, gathering around the Newroz fire, raising resistance, torchlight events, public meetings, women's meetings, feasts, halay, marches, neighborhood and house meetings, workshops, brochure studies were organized. With the determination we gained from these efforts, as women we achieved the highest and strongest participation in Newroz. The Nawroz rallies in Amed, Istanbul and many other



centers in Kurdistan and Turkey have become the symbol and victory of the Kurdish and other peoples' struggle for freedom and democracy against fascism.

19. Within the scope of the "31 March Local Government Elections", which the Kurdish Political Movement, led by women, is carrying out with conviction and determination, local, regional and central women's workshops, conferences, neighborhood workshops, home and family visits, women's meetings, public meetings, brochure work, women's office openings, marches, feasts, rallies were organized in many parts of Kurdistan and Turkey, and it was once again stated that election processes are also one of the important means of socializing the struggle. On March 31st, in the cities of Van, Batman and Amed, which also reflected their will in the ballot boxes, and in many parts of Kurdistan and Turkey, the greatest response was given against fascism, sexism, religionism, women's and Kurdish hostility with the belief in co-presidency, the women's system and a strong democracy model. As Kurdish women and peoples, the victory of the claim that "We will govern ourselves and our city with the philosophy of Jin jîyan Azadî" against special war policies, trustee regime, plunder, extortion and judicial coups was declared.
20. On November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, March 8, International Women's Day, Nevroz and April 4, the 75th birthday of the Kurdish People's Leader Abdullah Ocalan, the symbol of the rebirth of the Kurdish people, in which we see our birth and freedom, was celebrated with great enthusiasm. On April 4, 2024, a big feast and march was organized in Halfeti, saplings were planted all over our geography and the demands for freedom were raised once again.

C) CONCLUSION The women's struggle is a struggle that we will not compromise, a struggle that we will continue no matter how harsh the conditions are. And of course it is a long struggle. In this long and exciting journey, each of our experiences of struggle is a link in the same chain that complements and strengthens each other on the road to women's freedom. Each experience of struggle is part and essential to the whole. With this belief, we re-state that it is our primary goal that all the campaigns we have carried out so far as the Kurdish Women's Movement, especially our campaign titled "*Towards Freedom with Jin Jîyan Azadî*", accelerate the women's liberation struggle.

Our campaign was not a temporary program focusing only on temporary goals, but rather a permanent step on the road to building a democratic society and a free life. As TJA, which carries out its work on the basis of democratic, ecological, women's liberationist paradigm in many different fields, especially in political, social, cultural and economic fields, we take this opportunity to express that we read campaigns as struggle programs that begin but do not end. In this context, we reiterate that all the results of our campaign will strengthen our struggle.

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