

URGENT CALL FOR ACTION

Global Rally against ISIS – for Kobanê - for Humanity!

Date for the Global Rally: 1 November 2014, 2pm

ISIS launched a major multi-front military campaign against the Kurdish region of *Kobanê* in northern Syria. This is the third ISIS onslaught on *Kobanê* since March 2014. As the ISIS was unsuccessful on the two previous occasions, they are attacking with larger forces and want to take *Kobanê*.

In January this year, the Kurds in western Kurdistan (Rojava) established local administrations in the form of three cantons. One of the three cantons formed is *Kobanê*. The Turkish border is to the north of *Kobanê* and all the other sides are surrounded by ISIS-controlled territories. The ISIS has approached the *Kobanê* borders, using US made heavy weapons. Hundreds of thousands of civilians are threatened by the most brutal genocide in modern history. The people of *Kobanê* are trying to resist using basic weapons against the most brutal attacks of ISIS terrorists, with only the assistance of People's Protection Unit in Western-Kurdistan, the YPG and YPJ, but without any international help.

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The so-called international coalition to fight the ISIS, have not helped Kurdish resistance effectively despite witnessing the ongoing genocide committed against *Kobanê*. They have not fulfilled their real international legal obligations. Some of the countries in the coalition, especially Turkey, are among financial and military supporters of the ISIS terrorists in Iraq and Syria.

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If the world wants democracy in the Middle East, it should support the Kurdish resistance in *Kobanê*. Democratic autonomy in Rojava promises a free future for all peoples in Syria. In this regard, the "*Rojava Model*" - the secular, non-sectarian, democratic position in Rojava is the model which practices unity in diversity.

Act Now

It is high time to give the global players the reason to believe otherwise.

We encourage people all over the world to show their solidarity with *Kobanê*. Go to the streets and demonstrate.

We urge you to join the Global Rally for *Kobanê*

Support the Resistance against ISIS – for *Kobanê* – for Humanity!

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