

Kurdish YPG will respond any future Turkish attacks on Syrian Kurds

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Kurdish female fighters

DERIK (ANF) – Kurdish YPG (People’s Defense Units) Press Office announced the balance sheet of attacks by the Turkish army and armed confrontation with their forces.

The statement by YPG said the following:

“The YPG General Command Headquarters in Qereçox region was bombed by Turkish warplanes at 02:00 on April 25. The aerial attack targeted the YPG Press Centre office, institutions affiliated to the Headquarters, Dengê Rojava (Voice of Rojava) radio station building and several locations of our forces. As result of the attacks, 20 comrades of ours were martyred and 18 others were wounded.

Following this savage attack, the Turkish state launched an aggression on several positions of our forces along the Rojava border, extending from Efrîn Canton’s Cindirês district to Cizîrê Canton’s Dirbesiyê city.

Our forces harshly responded to the attacks of the Turkish state and the Turkish army was inflicted heavy blows in clashes at the border.

Attacks of the invading Turkish state have never stopped so far despite the fact that none of the Turkish army’s attacks was retaliated and we made efforts to develop good relations with the Turkish state. However, following the latest attack, we state that we will not leave the attacks unanswered and respond to them within the framework of international laws and legitimate defense. From now on, no attack of the Turkish state will go unanswered and all attacks will be responded strongly.”

YPG gave the following figures of the balance sheet of attacks by the Turkish army and confrontation with their forces:

- * Turkish army’s warplanes flew 22 times along the border of Rojava between April 25th and 27th, 2017, with unmanned aerial vehicles flying over the region and attacking the territory of Rojava with heavy weapons.
- * On 26 April 2017, the invading Turkish army attacked the positions of our forces at Heşarkê bridge, Ezaz, Kefer Xaşer, Til Malid, Ablê Şiltehtê regions and near the Sosyên village in Efrîn Canton.
- * The invading Turkish army carried out attacks against the Eradê, Çetelê and Şerikê villages of Dirbesiyê.
- * On April 27, 2017, the Turkish army launched an attack on Til Findir and Sûsik villages of Kobanê Canton and along the border line between Girê Spî and Kobanê.
- * The Turkish army attacked the Elok village of Serêkaniyê and surroundings of the city.
- * The invading Turkish army carried out attacks with various weapons such as howitzers, mortars and tanks targeting the positions of our forces in Efrîn Canton’s Qara Baba village, Haşerkê village and its bridge, Meydan Ekbês village and throughout the border line from Dêrbelut village to Şiltehtê village. Attacks also targeted our forces’ positions in the villages of Maranez, Belûnê, Ayn Deqnê and Heman.
- * On the evening of April 28th, the invading Turkish army bombed the villages of Maranez, Belûnê, Ayn Deqnê and Vîla Qadî with simultaneous artillery fire.

- * Simultaneously with the attacks, unmanned reconnaissance planes of the Turkish army flew over the region.
- * On April 28, 2017, the Turkish army attacked the Hemdunê Hill and Xerez region between Amudê and Dirbesiyê at about 04.30 am with tank and mortar fire.
- * Our forces responded to the attacks of the Turkish army in these regions and intense clashes erupted.
- * According to the information that could be clarified after the firm response of our forces, 3 tanks, 2 panzers, a radar vehicle belonging to the Turkish army and 2 positions of Turkish soldiers were destroyed. One soldier was killed and three soldiers were wounded as result of the response given.