

## Press release

North and east of Syria have been experiencing an escalation in recent years from the Turkish State after the Turkish President launched his threats to invade the region and occupy more Syrian land, to be the victim of these attacks dozens of victims civilians including women and children.

"The preservation of international peace and security" and "The right of peoples to self-determination" as the two most important purposes of the United Nations Commission in its 1945 Charter.

the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights in its preamble stipulated that :((forgetting and disdaining human rights led to barbaric acts that hurt Humanitarian conscience, and the aim of the general human being was the emergence of a world in which the individual is free to say belief and freedom from dismay and want ))).

The third article of the declaration stipulates: ((everyone has the right to security, liberty and security of person)) .

In 1949, four Geneva treaties were signed in particular the fourth Geneva Treaty which emphasized the need to protect civilian persons in time of war, whether it has been done recognition of the state of war or not by any of the warring parties.

The world's countries have signed several international instruments, including:

convention on the Prohibition of the Development, production, stockpiling and Use of chemical weapons and on their destruction weapons of 1993.

In 1998, the Rome Charter of the International Criminal Court was signed which defined crimes:)) Genocide - Crimes against humanity - War crimes - Crime aggression ((and the identification of its elements and systems of prosecution of perpetrators of such crimes, in particular persons who order the execution of such crimes.

Yes... Despite the provisions of international legal instruments for the promotion of human rights,

The need for States and Governments to be committed to protecting and criminalizing those rights in various forms violations of those rights, whether individual rights or the rights of peoples and nations,

However, the crimes did not stop for a moment for the peoples of the region before and after a date those instruments and their entry into force.

The Turkish State's regime has committed the crime of aggression against Syria and has committed genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Turkish state crimes did not stop at the point of occupation of the land, killing and forcible displacement of human beings and the demographic change of the area, but amount to attacks on nature and the historical legacy of the areas occupied by the Turkish army, and the Turkish army did not hesitate in the use of internationally prohibited chemical weapons.

Turkish Army daily targets safe civilians, their homes and civilian installations by mortar, artillery and rocket shells in northern and eastern Syria and through drones, knowing that our areas include many camps for displaced persons which threatens the humanitarian situation of the residents of these camps.

The number of civilian victims who have lost their lives since the beginning of this year has reached 122, wounded people reached 173, and in Afrin alone the number of civilians lost their lives 24 people have been kidnapped 380 case, while extraction and burning olive trees reached more than 400 trees, as well as the construction of 8 settlements.

The Turkish State is committing its crimes in front of the eyes of the world which has been silent on what is happening, moreover, the Turkish State has obtained permission from Russia in order to violate international law and launch attacks against Syria's peoples.

Even more, Turkey's sponsorship of terrorism has become clear and the world knows, yet no international legal attitude has been taken towards this country and its regime.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, as President of the Republic of Turkey, take criminal legal responsibility for crimes committed by the Turkish army and armed groups loyal to the Turkish State.

Through this statement, we appeal to:

1- The peoples of the free world through civil society institutions, particularly those concerned with human rights, stand up and solidarity with the people of north and east

Syria by pressuring its Governments to take serious positions on the crimes committed by the Turkish State against our regions.

2- The United States of America and the Russian Federation as guarantors of the 2019 SDF-Turkish State cease-fire agreements

to carry out their obligations under those conventions and to pressure the Turkish State to stop its attacks.

3- The United Nations Security Council, which has the task of maintaining security and international peace for action under Chapter seven of the Charter of the United Nations to takes the necessary measures for security and stability in our regions by ending the situation of occupation and returning the displaced to their homes.

4- Mr. Karim Khan Kyusi Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to respond to the appeal for justice and to do what is necessary to initiate public proceedings against both the President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and the Turkish Minister of Defense Khalusi Akar, and all those who demonstrate their contribution to the crimes committed against the people in northern and eastern Syria.

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