

KNC-NA condemns recent escalation of violence by Turkey

Despite all the opportunities to resolve the Kurdish conflict in Northern Kurdistan through peaceful and democratic means, Turkey went on with its violence and attacked Southern Kurdistan under the pretext of chasing PKK fighters. The PKK has repeatedly declared ceasefires and confirmed that their fighters are now stationed inside Turkish territory.

After decades of assaults the Kurds started enjoying a period of peace and prosperity under the protection of the United States and its allies. The Turkish bombing of Kurdish villages and the incursion into Southern Kurdistan likely occurred after a green light was given by the United States. If this is the case, it will be an indication of hypocrisy and betrayal of the Kurds again and will give the wrong message to those who rely on the United States as a primary protector of freedom and human rights around the world.

We at the Kurdish National Congress of North America are asking our government in Washington to pressure the Turkish military to stop its aggression immediately and start negotiation with the Kurds of North Kurdistan, including the PKK.

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