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TURKEY'S ATTACKS ON NORTH AND EAST SYRIA (NES)

24 NOVEMBER 2022

20:00 NOVEMBER 23RD UNTIL 20:00 NOVEMBER 24TH.

Turkey's assault on North and East Syria (NES) continues through its fifth day. Today saw the intensity of bombardment with Turkish warplanes and drones drop slightly compared to the past few days yet shelling from Turkey and the Turkish-backed Syrian National Army (SNA) continued relentlessly. Turkey continued to strike energy infrastructure, and fires in electricity stations and oil sites broke out numerous times in the Jazira region (the north-eastern-most region). These strikes also have caused power outages across the Jazira region. In tandem with a Hol camp escape attempt, which followed Turkey's strike on a camp security checkpoint, killing 8 SDF soldiers, Mazloum Abdi made the significant announcement that the SDF's counter-ISIS operations would have to be paused in the face of Turkey's attacks.

RUNNING TOTAL OF CASUALTIES AS RECORDED BY RIC, FROM 00:00 NOVEMBER 20TH – 20:00 NOVEMBER 24TH

- Civilians: 16 killed, 33 injured.
- Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), including anti-terror forces (YAT): 17 killed, 10 injured.
- Syrian Arab Army (SAA): 24 killed, 25 injured (likely higher but unconfirmed).
- Afrin Liberation Forces: 5 killed.
- Syriac Military Council (within the SDF but counted separately here): 1 killed.
- Asayish: 1 killed, 3 injured.
- AANES 'guards': 2 injured.

PAST 24 HOURS, DOCUMENTATION OF EVENTS, 20:00 NOVEMBER 23RD – 20:00 NOVEMBER 24TH

20:00

- Suicide drone targets Asayish post in Zirgan, leaving 1 Asayish member dead and 2 injured
- In the aftermath of Turkey's bombardment of a Hol camp security checkpoint, security forces catch and re-detain 6 people who had escaped the camp. The SDF later announce that 8 of their soldiers died in the initial strike
- Shelling in Shehba area: Ziyara, Deir Jamal, Ahzal, Harbel
- Shelling in Darbasiyah area: Tel Tishrin
- Odeh oil field (Tirbespiye area) is drone bombed (again)

21:00

- Mazloum Abdi states that the SDF must pause its anti-ISIS operations in the context of Turkey's ongoing attacks: "due to our forces' preoccupation with addressing the Turkish occupation, they cannot continue their mission of pursuing ISIS cells. Currently, we're forced to be preoccupied with confronting Turkish aggression."
- Center of the Syriac Sutoro Force in Rotan village, Tirbespi, shelled (1 Syriac Military Council soldier killed)
- Shelling in Kobane area: Mazrat Daoud (1 SAA soldier killed)

22:00

- Suwadiyah gas facility (Derik area) drone bombed (again)
- Shelling of Zirgan

23:00

- Qamishlo city drone strike on car (3 reported injured but information still unclear)
- Shelling in Manbij area: Seyada, Jat, Tuxar, Hoshəriya

10:00

- Shelling in Zirgan area: Tel al-Ward, Dada Abdal, Raba

11:00

- Shelling in Tel Tamir area: Gozeliye, Tel al-Laban, Dardara
- Manbij Military Council (MMC) report a few SNA militants attempting to infiltrate Qarat Wayan village (Manbij area). MMC said they prevented the infiltration.

12:00

- Warplane strikes in Aliaxa (Derik area) (2 civilians injured)
- Shelling in Tel Tamir area: Asforiye
- Shelling in Kobane area: Zorava, Qaramox, Jayshan

13:00

- Shelling in Amude area: Haseda
- Shelling in Tel Tamir area: Dardara

14:00

- Shelling in Tirbespi area: grain silos in Tel Berhem
- Shelling in Amude area: Xerez, Jirnik, Kerame, Buheyra, Xanike, Tel Ahmdune, Shexo, Shorike
- Shelling in Shehba area: Tel Rifaat, Beluniye
- Shelling in Kobane area: Gire Ebre
- Shelling on road between Zirgan and Darbasiyah
- Shelling in Qamishlo area: Hermi Sheikho, Tel Ziwan, Duda, Tel Kayf, Haram Rush, Shurak

15:00

- Shelling in Shehba area: Kafar Neya

16:00

- Shelling in Tirbespi area: Rotan, Meherkan, Shalhoumiya, oil site in Saida station

17:00

- Shelling in Shehba area: Beluniye, Sheikh Issa

19:00

- Shelling in Shehba area: Samuqiya, Shehba Dam
- Shelling in Tel Tamir area: M4 road, Tawil
- Shelling in Manbij: Khirbat Masi
- SDF announces that 4 of its soldiers died from a Turkish drone strike in the Tel Tamir countryside on the 22nd of November



Shelling on Saida oil station, Tirbespi area



Turkey targets car in Qamishlo city

COMMENT

RIC spoke with Ekrem Suleyman, who works in Jazira region's Office of Electricity, regarding Turkey's targeted bombardment of oil and gas infrastructure. He said, "these places which have been attacked, they are very well-known spots, and have been precisely targeted. The oil fields and the power stations. Where all the power of the region is produced, the generation sites. By targeting and collapsing these spots, these buildings, these fields, Turkey knows how to make instability here. In the region in general, if the fields and power stations are gone, this is a massive problem. It will cause displacement and force migration. It is also a big economic problem".

RIC also reached out to Laila Ahmed, the co-chair of Kobane Canton's council, for her evaluation of the last 5 days of Turkey's bombardment of NES. She stated, "the regions of North and East Syria, especially Kobane canton, are being bombed by Turkey's warplanes and also with American-made missiles and we see that the bombing even reached al-Hol camp, which contains extremists. We are subjected to indiscriminate bombing by Turkey along the border strip. The bombing continues until this moment, by warplanes, without being restricted by international and humanitarian laws. And all this under the pretext of the Istanbul explosion. And we

also know that Turkey's goal in this matter is to export its [domestic] crisis abroad. Its fears the brotherhood of peoples in this region and aims to empty the region of its population and re-implement the scenario that happened in Afrin and Sere Kaniye. We appeal to all humanitarian and human rights organizations to protect the children of the people who sacrificed themselves in order to eliminate terrorists and protect the world from them".

In an interview with Politico,¹ Mazloum Abdi argued that the US merely releasing statements is not enough to stop Turkish operations, therefore the US must take more decisive action. He said that if a full invasion is allowed to occur, this would give new life to ISIS, as it would be able to "regroup and re-surge".

The Pentagon's Press Secretary, Brig. Gen. Patrick Ryder, stated,² "the Department of Defense is deeply concerned by escalating actions in northern Syria, Iraq, and Turkey. This escalation threatens the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS's years-long progress to degrade and defeat ISIS. Recent air strikes in Syria directly threatened the safety of U.S. personnel who are working in Syria with local partners to defeat ISIS and maintain custody of more than ten thousand ISIS detainees. [...] Immediate de-escalation is necessary in order to maintain focus on the defeat-ISIS mission and ensure the safety and security of personnel on the ground committed to the defeat-ISIS mission. [...] We are also concerned by reports of the deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure".

¹ <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/11/23/turkish-syria-airstrikes-risk-to-us-troops-00070671>

² <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3227725/dod-statement-on-escalating-actions-in-iraq-syria-and-turkey/>



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