

Interview with KBDH commander Hevi Sarya 2021

First of all, we send our revolutionary greetings and our respect from here to all of our friends, comrades, and people. And I take a bow for the honor of our martyrs of the women's struggle, the revolution, socialism and communism. We speak to you from the areas of Kurdistan.

The freed soil of Kurdistan was won with the life and the blood of the Şehids, where hundreds died for its liberation. As a fighter and commander of the KBDH, I would like to shortly speak about the current situation in which we find ourselves. As you know, we have declared our foundation as KBDH exactly three years ago.

We have left an intensive period of three years of war behind us. In the process that we went through as KBDH and HBDH, the revolutionary fight has sped up and it is to be seen as a moment where we came closer to victory. As you know, in this moment in Turkey as well as in Kurdistan a dark fascism rules. The Turkish bourgeois state reached the limits of its capacity of administration. In this region, where we are located, state terror and massacres have never come to an end.

Different oppressed people, women, suppressed gender identities, suppressed denominations of people have suffered deep pains and were exposed to hard attacks. In return to that, the discrepancy between the fascist Turkish state and the people has deepened more and more every day. Also, the discrepancies between labor and capital deepen more and more by every day. As a result, the Turkish bourgeois state, the present fascist colonial dictatorship, finds itself in a deep political and economic crisis. In fact, they go through their most weakened historical moment. And we experience our strongest time. Our strength takes its power out of our history.

It is well known, that Kurdistan and Turkey have a very strong revolutionary tradition. This revolutionary tradition has created tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of guerrilla fighters and commanders in these countries. Thousands of martyrs paid a price for the liberation of this country, for the defeat of fascism and colonialism. Dozens of revolutionary leaders developed. We also have a very strong historical background. Armed revolutionary, communist organizations have resisted against this fascism with their life. The geographical history of Turkey and Kurdistan was witness to great antifascist revolutionary transformations and Serhildans. We are rooted in such a powerful revolutionary tradition and we now need a victory. And today the objective and subjective conditions of this victory have become stronger. It is precisely for this reason that the AKP-MHP-fascism, Erdogan and the palace-dictatorship, the representatives of the current fascist Turkish bourgeois state, clumsily attack our people, the women and the suppressed sexual identities. The Turkish bourgeois state that has four military coups and hundreds of massacres in his history and has fed itself with blood and fascism, will be destroyed for sure. We are bound to that and we are determined.

We have a long revolutionary tradition as united revolutionary women's movement (KBDH). Some revolutionary and communist organizations were united and we declared the foundation of the 'People's United Revolutionary Movement' three years ago and swore again to our triumph on the way of the revolution. This moment continues. Our promise to the Şehids is much stronger. A lot has changed in Turkey and Kurdistan in the last three years. Of course, nothing is like before.

One of the things that has changed is that the current order cannot be changed within a bourgeois democracy. This awareness has established more and more. Like there is a strong revolutionary tradition, liberal and reformist mentalities are still popular. Yet, the existing reformist hopes have depleted from this point of view. That means, the awareness that the system will not change by elections or stubborn bourgeois-democratic steps, has become stronger and stronger in our people and in the youth. This order can only be destroyed by revolution. Only a armed uprising can put this system down. We can achieve freedom and equality only by an armed revolution. And this is possible.

Yes, this awareness and this belief have increasingly intensified in Turkey and Kurdistan. The people in Turkey have brought the AKP to their knees during the Gezi-uprisings. And how have they done this? Yes, against gases, against glasses, against rubber bullets, they answered with Molotov-cocktails, stones, catapults and fire. In this position, the AKP went one step back.

As we know, in Bakur-Kurdistan for example there were very strong antifascist anti-colonial revolutionary resistances in 2016/2017. In Sur, Cizre and Nusaybin, self-administration was declared and the streets of Kurdistan were defended mostly by youths with Kalashnikov rifle, rocket-propelled grenades (RPG-7) and mines. The soldiers and the police of the bloody fascist Turkish army were not allowed to enter the streets of Kurdistan. For months, the Turkish state could not enter these areas and suffered heavy losses.

Yes, with the self-defense-resistances in Bakur, the Gezi-resistance, the Kobani-Serhildan from the 6th to the 8th of October, the antifascist resistances and the revolutionary fights that we created in this time of three or four years, we will be able to overthrow this system, by resisting against fascism and reinforcing the armed struggle and the war of Barkat. This faith and thought have matured. And the fascist Turkish bourgeois state, that we now fight against, and the fascist government AKP-MHP have reinforced their aggression because they are aware of that. They recognize that there will be a new uprising, a greater city and mountain guerrilla fight. Considering the recent attacks, we see that they are similar to the military coup of the 12th of September or the time of the fascist coups in Latin America and the attacks of this time or Hitler-fascism. I can say the following: Today even the gravestones of our Şehids are broken, their corpses are not given to their families, they are buried in the concrete on the pavements, our mothers are attacked and even the smallest press conference is attacked by the police with gas and bullets.

Our Kurdish villagers are tortured, thrown out of helicopters and massacred. With other words, Skorsky-helicopters have replaced the torture of the white Toros-cars of yesterday. Or progressive, pioneering, revolutionary activists are arrested, threatened with torture and are subjected to spying offerings. Hundreds of revolutionaries, progressive antifascists are held for days, are arrested and stay in the prisons for years. Farther there applies the same policy of massacre and dungeon. Because the 'United Revolutionary Movement of Women' is our answer to all these attacks in Turkey and Kurdistan, it will bear the armed revolt of the people and speed up the process of the revolution. Today, we experience the most intensive time of attacks against women and suppressed gender identities in Turkey and Kurdistan. In Turkey and Kurdistan, there are at least five women murdered by men per day. In other words, there is a very big gender genocide. Daily, hundreds of women are subjected to physical and mental violence. We know that these

are no conventional murders, that are committed by men. The fascist-colonialist attacks in Turkey and Kurdistan and the policy of the patriarchal Turkish state is reflected in the society of the men.

The more the fascist trend in Turkey rises, the more rises the reactionary attitude and the attacks of the men on the women. Dozens of women are subjected to these attacks. In Turkey, women are killed, raped and faced to mental violence by their husbands, brothers and partners. And in return, women resist against this.

There is also individual self-defense. But we think, that these attacks should be answered by a much stronger military reaction. Therefore we consider the attacks on every single woman also as a subject of our political military actions of the 'United Revolutionary Movement of Women'. There is a strong movement of the women in Turkey. In the last years there was a strong will of the women, a strong will of the suppressed gender, that didn't tire to protest against the fascist state terrorism, that is not departing the legitimate line of struggle, that is occupying and taking place in a massive way. Yes, we are the power of self-defense of this women. And one thing we know very well. There will be a revolution in Turkey and Kurdistan. The revolution will be led by women.

When we look at the history of Turkey and Kurdistan, we see the same. Women have always taken place in the in the antifascist and anti-colonial resistances, they used weapons and they joined the guerrilla. They were at the forefront of the militia actions that transformed the streets into fire.

The history of the movement / fight of the women in Turkey and Bakur has such an antifascist and revolutionary tradition. Yes, there is worldwide need of a women's revolution. It needs a strong female leadership, to overturn the system of property that has ruled for thousands of years and to reach the victory of the women's revolution. And yes, there are those leaders in Turkey and Kurdistan. There is this will. There is such a historical background. And we can confidently say that the women will overturn the AKP-MHP-fascism. Under the leadership of the women in Turkey, the fascist colonial dictatorship will fall apart. We, the women, will primarily destroy this order of labor and exploitation, also this fascist fragile regime. And as women we will create the material basis of a gender-neutral society.

Fascism and colonialism in Turkey will fall apart, our revolution will triumph, socialism will win and this will be the cause that will open the door of communism to the world. Revolution in Turkey and Kurdistan is not only a revolution for itself. Our fight for the women's revolution and the struggle for freedom of women and the liberation of suppressed gender identities does not only belong to this region. Essentially, the fight that we create is the fight of all suppressed women of the world and their sexual identity. Essentially, we fight against the system of property of the world, dominated by men. And every victory that we made in this country, our ultimate revolutionary triumph in this country will be the victory of all women of the world, the suppressed gender identities. We are also an international movement.

The 'United Revolutionary Movement of Women' as political armed women's organization is convinced that the armed revolutionary fight will spread in the whole Middle East and in the Balkan through Europe and the whole world. And we are confident, that relating to the worldwide international foundation of the women's movement and we are one power of this women's movement. Therefore, we want to address our comrades in Europe. We

need a strong women's alliance for the development of the international women's movement of the world and the increase of the triumph of the world's women's revolution.

Yes, today the imperialist capitalist system worldwide is in a crisis. The economic crisis of imperialism and capitalism in the year 2008 is deepening. Today imperialist, capitalist countries find solutions by continuing to increase fascism. In other words, the policy of fascism today is the policy of the capitalist imperialist countries. Even in America, that introduced itself as country of freedom, the fascist terror today escalates. The murder of Georg Floyd and the massive antifascist black resistance that developed have shown this to us. The fight for political freedom and the antifascist fight in America increased. America, the so-called representative country of the bourgeois democracy, brought its fascist policy to the highest level. This is not only a situation in America, but also the fascist aggression against the Yellow-vests movement in France. Also in Mexico, a strong antifascist women's movement against the massacres of women developed, for which the Mexican police has found no other solution but fascist terror.

So we want to express the following: Today, the world-bourgeoisie has no more to offer to the people of the world. The only thing that it can offer is the fascist policy.

Against this fascist policy the revolutionary fight will increase all around the world. Antifascist resistance, a strong fight for political freedom, a strong worker's movement will gradually rise all around the world. Therefore, we believe that the 21st century will be a century of revolutions.

We believe that the centuries old imperialist capitalist system will be defeated and new revolutionary-socialist camps will develop, that new liberated revolutionary countries will arise all around the world. In relation to the geography of Kurdistan, Rojava was the beginning of it.

As you know, the revolution in Rojava was a victory. At the same time a women's revolution rules in Rojava today. We think that the women's revolution in Rojava will spread to whole Kurdistan and Turkey. And we fight for that. The freedom fight of the women and the revolutionary fight of the world march to new great victory's in new countries.

The next years are definitely harbingers of the new great revolutions. First, we want to express: from our place here, we give our comrades in Europe a big hug. This weapon that we hold is also their weapon. This resistance that we create is the resistance of all women.

And with our weapons and the revolutionary resistance created by us, we will free the world from fascism, the colonial system and the imperialist, capitalist, bourgeois power. We will reach this under the leadership of women and suppressed gender identities. Your hands, comrades, are ours. This weapon is yours. All actions that we perform are also addressed to you. The price that we pay applies to the Şehids. And it is also for the militant powers of the women's liberation struggle all around the world. Yes, this fight will definitely end with a victory and we promise to you, our comrades, that our resistance in this question will definitely lead to victory. As the 'United Revolutionary Movement of Women' we welcome you with love and respect, with our faith in the victory. We will win - we will win!