

July 2012. We were also able to announce the Democratic Self-Administration in the beginning of 2014, followed by launching the democratic federal project in 2015, as a project for the future of Syria. We have started implementing our project on the ground where we can under the name "Federal Rojava and Northern Syria" to be a model for Syria. Currently, there are social institutions that manage the affairs of society and maintain its security and stability within a framework laid down by the "Legislative Council" which includes representatives of all socio-ethnic components of Rojava society, such as the Arabs, Kurds, Syrians, Assyrians, Turkmen and Armenians, in accordance with a "social contract" and numerous laws issued by the same council." In addition, there are three main official languages in Rojava and are taught in schools: Kurdish, Arabic and Syriac (Aramaic).

At the military level, the People's Protection Units (YPG) and Women's Protection Units (YPJ) were founded in 2012. Following their expansion, many members of other components joined these units and established what is called, the "Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)" which includes different military factions under a unified command to defend society. These forces managed to repel regime's attack in 2012, when we liberated our areas. They then entered into ferocious battles with the takfiri, jihadist groups such as, Al Nusra Front, Ahrar Al Asham and Al Tawhid Brigade, some of which turned into Daesh - a group that we are currently fiercely fighting. The heroic victories of the YPG, YPJ and SDF against Daesh have become a legend of the modern era.

Dear friends and comrades,

It is true that we, as a party and people, endeavour to organise our society to protect ourselves, benefiting from the experiences and history of other nations and their revolutions, as we are part of humanity and the result of its experiences. However, we firmly believe that we add a new element to the edifice of humanity. The social system that we have established and developed is the first of its kind in the Middle East region, in terms of grassroots democracy and peaceful co-existence between all ethnic, religious and ideological components of society. There are the Arabs, Kurds, Syrians, Assyrians and Armenians, as well as , Muslims, Christians and Yazidis, and everyone can freely practice their religion, express their views and aspirations and develop their own culture. Moreover, women in our society are living equally to men and all institutions in Rojava follow the co-presidency rule (a man and a woman).

Our struggle is to protect humanity's values, which have been accumulated since the times of Socrates, Plato and the Hellenistic era to the present day, against the enemies of human civilisation - the enemies that represent a takfiri and jihadist ideology and backed by the Turanian and reactionary forces. They founded the Islamic Caliphate, and currently try to establish a new Ottoman empire on the skulls and blood of humanity. On our part, we will not allow this to happen and expect all democratic forces that uphold human values to be on our side in this struggle.

Once again, I thank my comrades in the Syriza Party for giving me the opportunity to address you. There is much that unites us along the path of protecting human civilisation.

Thank you very much and I am confident that humanity will prevail.

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