

# **North Syria: Afrin will be Vietnam for the Turkish state (YPG Commander)**

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## **YPG commander Manî Egîd believes that Afrin will become a second Vietnam for the Turkish state.**

Within three hours, the Turkish state wanted to conquer Afrin with the help of recruited Islamists. Meanwhile, 23 days have passed and the second largest NATO army still hangs in the border area. YPG commander Manî Egîd told ANF about the situation in Afrin:

“Afrin is being attacked from all sides, but the Turkish military has not made any real progress after more than three weeks. At the beginning it was said that Turkey would take Afrin within three hours. The three hours turned into three days and then a week. Today, however, is the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of resistance. Resistance is being mounted throughout Afrin. The comrades are in defensive positions. The second largest NATO army and its militia recruited by ISIS and el-Qaeda have not progressed.”

## **TECHNOLOGY AGAINST WILLPOWER**

“The Turkish army and allied gangs are still in the border area. In some places they have penetrated three kilometers, at one point five kilometers. They succeeded only because of their technical capacity. To take a place, they use fighter jets, reconnaissance drones, grenade launchers and tanks. They trust in technology, we trust in our willpower.”

## **AFRIN MEANS DOWNFALL OF THE AKP**

“Erdoğan embodies all fascist elements and wants to occupy Afrin. We consider this war a final. It will be over with the AKP if it fails in Afrin. It attacks the Kurds everywhere, but Afrin will mean their downfall. We will make Afrin a second Vietnam for the second largest NATO army.”

## **INVASION ATTEMPT BEFORE THE EYES OF THE WORLD PUBLIC**

“The Turkish state is trying to occupy Afrin in the eyes of the world public. Here a people lives in its own land and another country arrives and wants to invade it. It is an invasion against which everyone should do something. We call on young people from all four parts of Kurdistan to join the resistance in Afrin. We will break the attacks of the Turkish army in Afrin.”

## **DEMOGRAPHY OF KURDISTAN IS INTENDED TO BE CHANGED**

“The Turkish state says it wants to accommodate refugees from Syria in Afrin. So far, the Syrian refugees have always been used as a lever against Europe. Now they serve as justification for the occupation of Afrin. Erdoğan wants to massacre and drive out the population of Afrin, so that the militia of the ISIS and the Al-Qaeda, who are in bondage with him, can settle in Afrin with their families. He is not concerned with refugees. He wants to kill two birds with one stone. The demographics of Kurdistan is intended to be changed and the Kurdish achievements are intended to

be obstructed. We will not allow that and we are prepared for it.”

## **PREPARED FOR OVER A YEAR OF RESISTANCE**

“In the villages and districts of Afrin, we have made preparations that are sufficient for a period of over one year. In the city center, we are prepared for a much longer period of resistance. Should they come, they should advance a bit further, we will be waiting for them. They’ve been hanging around the border for over three weeks. As I said, we are prepared, logistically as well as militarily.”

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