Turkey: Peace comes with human rights, not with military operations

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Responding to the launch of the Turkish military operation against Kurdish forces in northeast Syria, and the increasing suffering of the civilians in the region, EBCO's President Friedhelm Schneider stated today:

"Instead of aggravating the situation in the Syrian conflict region by a military operation cynically named Peace Spring, the Turkish government should refrain from barbarous means of quarreling and finally legalize the right to conscientious objection to military service in conformity with international human rights standards."

Furthermore, EBCO republishes the declaration of its Turkish member association VR-DER (Conscientious Objection Association), which was published yesterday:

Against The Missive, Against The War!

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The missive about North and East of Syria which the power calls “safe zone” was discussed and accepted in General Assembly of the Parliament. Since the missive came up, we see various political parties are in support of it, sometimes openly; and we hear other politicians and political circles “needs must, although regretfully” support it.

We are not surprised at all that’s happening. We are not surprised that the politicians allegedly say “peace” on the one hand, and support warmongering on the other hand; that the first agenda of Parliament on the day it opens, October 1, is this missive; that war and violence are spoken and discussed as the only solutions. We are not surprised that the war plans of the power, which will directly affect the lives of millions of people in order to ensure the power’s own security, is named peace.

We are not surprised and we are once again shout against the new decision: No to war! No to every war that will be waged, every occupation that will be made, each and every new missive decision that will be taken for the hegemonic policies of the power!

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