

Report on the situation in North-Eastern Syria, last 24 hours, Thursday 10 October 8 AM Rojava Information Center

On Wednesday the 9th of October 2019 Turkey started attacking the region governed by the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria.

The Turkish attacks started at 4:00 PM (EEST/GMT+3) with air strikes in the region of Serekaniye (Ras al Ain) and Tel Abyad (Kurdish: Gire Spi).

At 4:30 PM Turkey began shelling Qamishlo. They targeted civilian houses in the village of Sikarkah, east of Qamishlo.

There were ongoing air strikes on Serekaniye, Tel Abyad and Ain Issa. Ain-Issa is 50km away from the Turkish-Syrian border and not inside the "Security Zone-Area".

From 05:30 PM the SDF responded to attacks along the whole Syria - Turkey border.

From the commencement of the attacks, waves of displaced people are moving away from the affected areas. From 07:00 PM the streets of North East Syria were crowded with people fleeing the attacks. The Semalka border crossing was swollen with refugees trying to escape to the Kurdish region of Iraq.

In the early evening there were demonstrations in Qamishlo and Amude (city close to Qamishlo).

At 5:30 PM ISIS women in al Hol camp in al-Hasakah countryside attacked the Internal Security Forces guard, setting fires in the camp and attempting breakouts.

At 08:30 PM there were heavy clashes all along the Syria - Turkey border, as the Turkish military launched large scale attacks on SDF defensive positions spanning from Qamishlo, Derbisiye, Serekaniye, Tel Abyad to Jarablus. The attacks targeted civilian areas, forcing them to leave their homes. The hospital in Sere Kaniye was targeted and can no longer be used.

From 9:00 PM onwards there were fire exchanged across the border in the region of Derik.

At 9:22 PM Kurdish Red Crescent announced that they had to remove teams from the refugee camps to the border to provide support.

At 10:00 PM Turkey started to shell villages west of Kobanê. At 10:15 PM, while shelling in Qamishlo was ongoing, the SDF reported that the vicinity of al-Chirkin prison - where the most dangerous ISIS prisoners are held - was shelled by the Turkish army.

The shellings targeted the largest Christian neighborhood (Bisheriya) in Qamishlo, where some civilian houses were burned, 2 civilians died. At this time there were ongoing air strikes on Serekaniye and Tel Abyad.

At 11:30 PM Turkey and Turkish proxy forces start ground attack on SDF positions in northeastern Syria in Tel Abyad, and Dirbisiye. In Tel Abyad clashes with heavy weapons continued, while the Turkish military continued shelling the residential areas in the city center. The municipal headquarters in the village of Hawija al-Tahri in the countryside of Tel Abyad was completely destroyed. At 01:38 AM Turkish airstrikes in Tel Abyad resumed after the failed attempt to flank the border town.

At 00:40 AM ISIS carried out an armed attack in Mansoura, near Raqqa.

Between 01:00 AM and 3:00 AM we received reports that the villages of Alishar, Qeremox and Marj Ismail, east of Kobane were hit by Turkish airstrikes.

Shelling of Qamishlo and Tel Abyad continued until 2:00 AM. At 5:00 AM the Turkish forces resumed attempts to storm Tel Abyad by intense preliminary rocket shelling.

CASUALTIES:

According to the latest information from the Kurdish Red Crescent and Syrian Human Rights Observatory, the following civilian casualties occurred on the 9th October before 1:00 AM:
7 civilian deaths: 2 in Qamishlo, 3 in villages surrounding Sere Kaniye, 2 in Sere Kaniye. Two of the reported deaths are of children.

At least 15 confirmed critical injuries (two of them female) to adults - 4 children injured.