

**„Against occupation and fascism,  
for the free and better life,  
we will #RiseUp4Rojava and we will #DefendKurdistan“**



→ VOLUNTEERS OF THE FIRST BRIGADE WERE PROHIBITED BY KDP TO ENTER ROJAVA

→ WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE AND TO TRY AGAIN IN JULY

Today, on the 6th June 2022, after we had to postpone two times before, the first working brigade, consisting of 25 volunteers from 8 different countries, tried to cross the border to Rojava to realize the planned program of 21-days workshops, sightseeing and collective work in local cooperatives. Unfortunately they were not given permission by the KDP-officials on the border to cross and had to return. This was not something completely unexpected for us, as we know very well about KDP's role in the political and economical embargo that is imposed on Rojava and KDP's collaboration with the turkish fascist state. Still we were hoping that KDP may show some sign of „good-will“ and to allow this project to happen and by this to show the will to strengthen inner-kurdish cooperation and international solidarity. This did not happen, but we are determined to continue our collective effort to break the embargo on Rojava and to defend the achievements of the struggle of the people of the region against occupation, exploitation and misery. Especially in the light of the new threats made by Erdogan against Rojava and the informations that reach us about the growing participation of KDP in the attacks against the kurdish freedom movement it is more important than ever before that we intensify our struggle in support of the resistance against occupation and the building of an alternative life. Solidarity between the people and international friendship is our answer to the injustice of KDP and Turkey.

We condemn the KDP's collaboration with Turkey, instead of serving the benefit of the people of the region. We condemn KDP's hostility towards Rojava and the freedom movement. We stand in solidarity with the people in all parts of Kurdistan struggling and resisting for their basic human rights.

For this reason we renew our call for everybody to participate in the next Working Brigade in mid-July, to celebrate together the 10th anniversary of the Rojava-Revolution! Let us together break the embargo and together work communally for a better life!

→ For registration: Write to [RojavaVolunteers@riseup.net](mailto:RojavaVolunteers@riseup.net) until 30th June, 2022.

With regards and respect,

Network for International Friendship,  
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