

Call to democratic people, European Governments and the European Union:

Say NO to the dirty deal with Turkey against Human Rights, Democracy and Peace! Protect Democratic Values!

The deal between the EU and Tayyip Erdogan's regime creates discrepancy with all democratic values. Such fundamental values must be protected, therefore we must say NO to this deal between the EU and Turkey.

Turkey ruled in an authoritarian manner!

Since Erdogan's Conservative-Islamist AKP party failed to secure an absolute majority in last year's elections, the country is ever closer to a complete dictatorship. The regime itself tries to cover up this one-man dictatorship with their so called new "presidential system". The government is conducting war crimes against its own people. The army ravages the towns in the Kurdish regions, killing hundreds of civilians and forcing thousands of people from all ages to be internally displaced. No tolerance is shown to those who criticize this brutality and these citizens are simply labelled as "terrorists". The vote of more than 6 million voters has been ignored by lifting the immunity of People's Democratic Party (HDP) MPs, which is made up of pluralistic and progressive people. The country is under a provision of exclusion, criminalisation and military violence.

The deal is against the European Convention on Human Rights!

The deal between the EU and Turkey eliminates the right of individual asylum. If refugees arrive to the new country through Turkey, there could be some cases that they are sent back to Turkey without any examining of their grounds for asylum. This is not only contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights, but will also force people to search for more dangerous and different escape routes to Europe. For instance through Libya, and as a result, the death toll in the Mediterranean will continue to increase. It is virtually impossible to expect Turkey to provide protection for refugees. Turkey has neither signed the Geneva Refugee Convention without conditions, nor does it comply with the regulations of this agreement. Refugees are leaving due to the state's arbitrariness. Human nutrition, health, housing and education, all of these basic and crucial needs are not met sufficiently by the government. Human rights organisations continue to report information that refugees are sent back to Syria. This means that the agreement between the EU and Turkey is a clear and direct violation of European and International Law.

Turkey is digging deeper the chaos in the Middle East!

Turkey is strengthening its reactionary, authoritarian and pro-war stance through this agreement. While the 'Kurdish Question' and its associated political solution has once again been put on the shelf, Kurdish regions continue to live through the state-imposed war.

In addition to this, Turkey's cross-border attacks against its neighbours are still ongoing. Turkey's support to Jihadist terrorist organisations has been proven and documented countless times. Turkey is also 'offended' by the Rojava Autonomous Region in northern Syria. In order to protect its current anti-democratic policies, Turkey is taking the risk of violating International Law.

This deal will not solve the refugee crisis!

Turkey's attitude and the route it follows will not solve the refugee crisis. Instead, almost every day a new crisis is erupted while the existing ones continue to deepen more and more. This results in more reasons for refugees to escape the chaos. European governments should not be a part of this!

Instead of war and terrorism in the Middle East, democracy and tolerance should be supported!

Geopolitical and economic interests should not take precedence over the global values of democracy and human rights. Rather these values shall be defended. To make deals with a despotic system cannot be accepted, just like how shipping gold and weapons to the region cannot be accepted either.

End the dirty deal with Turkey! Stop this accomplice!

