



SECOND ASSESSMENT OF «WIDERSTANDSVERNETZUNG» REGARDING THE DISSOLUTION PROCESS OF PKK

The initiated process of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) currently engages all political movements and therefore requires an assessment. This is a preliminary evaluation, as geopolitical developments in the Middle East, as well as changes within the progressive movement and on the side of the enemy, can influence the further course. This necessitates continuous review and adjustment.

- Status quo -

We are in a global historical phase marked by wars and the rise of fascist forces. Events are unfolding with even greater intensity in the Middle East. The Zionist state of Israel has significantly cornered the axis of resistance with the help of US imperialism by eliminating much of the Hezbollah leadership and delivering military blows against the reactionary mullah regime in Iran. While the genocide against the Palestinian people continues unhindered, in Syria the Assad regime has been replaced—with the assistance of Turkey, Israel, and the USA—by the rule of Ahmed al-Sharaa and his jihadist militias. The fact that the HTS militias, which again demonstrated their inhumane ideological affinity with ISIS through the massacres in Suweida, act as vassals of US imperialism is simply geopolitical calculation: Regional powers are competing for their geostrategic influence.

Amid this tense historical situation, we observe the process that the Kurdish freedom movement has been undergoing since February of this year. In the

following, we aim to outline some of our reflections on how we seek to understand the current situation and its developments, and to establish a perspective on them.

- Strategy and tactics -

The Kurdish movement's strategic strength, capacity for development and adaptation, and unwavering determination have enabled it to sustain a successful armed struggle against Turkish fascism for several decades. Key pillars of this success include recognizing historical phases, ongoing analysis, self-criticism, and political as well as military evolution, which have all led to continual adjustments in strategy and tactics. Consequently, approaches such as the revolutionary people's war and 21st-century guerrilla warfare have become integral to the history of revolutionary movements. These strengths and military achievements have resulted, over decades of armed conflict, in a stalemate in the mountains of Kurdistan. This stalemate should be regarded as a significant success for the fighting forces facing a highly advanced NATO army.

At the 12th Party Congress in May of this year, the following resolution was announced: «...to dissolve the PKK's organizational structure and end the armed struggle... – All activities conducted under the PKK name have therefore been concluded». These steps, of course, are conditional. However, no substantive measures have been taken in this regard by the Turkish state thus far. It must be emphasized that self-defense will be maintained, and that disarmament of the People's Defense Units in Rojava is not up for discussion.

At this point, we cannot conclusively determine whether these steps are of a strategic or tactical nature. What is clear, however, is that such steps are by no means unprecedented in the history of revolutionary movements. They are always marked by a high degree of complexity and carry significant risks, from the danger of liquidation and the loss of the revolutionary line to the possibility of surrender.

- Revolutionary process -

The revolutionary process encompasses two sides: the military and the political-social. These exist in a dialectical relationship with one another, neither can exist without the other. Even though the balance between these two sides may shift over time, both must always be present in order to advance the revolutionary process and to defend its achievements.

The revolutionary process also unfolds in historical phases, each shaped by distinct contradictions and therefore requiring different approaches. It is essential to identify the specific historical phase, understand its particular characteristics and contradictions, and, on that basis, determine one's own practice. Strategic and tactical steps must be derived from these insights and considerations.

Tactical ceasefires, even up to disarmament, have always been part of the tactical repertoire of all parties involved in war. However, it is important to understand which decisions are strategic in nature and which are tactical, and at what point tactics turn into strategy. In the current phase, marked by imperialism, fascism, and war, it is by no means accurate to say that armed struggle has lost its relevance.

- Rojava and revolutionary achievements -

We have been closely connected to the revolution in Rojava since the beginning as revolutionary internationalists and as part of RiseUp4Rojava. Nevertheless, we have always remained independent from the Kurdish movement. In our view, revolutionary internationalism is based on an autonomous strategy. We have consistently developed our own line based on the strategic orientation: 'The main enemy is in our own country,' and with the aim of advancing the revolutionary process here. This strategic line remains unchanged for us. Just as Turkish fascism does not simply disappear, internationalist practice, in accordance with this line, will continue to be both necessary and correct. We naturally reject premature judgments,

black-and-white thinking, and any rupture with the movement resulting from this.

This applies especially to Rojava. The historic struggle against ISIS, the position won by women at the forefront of the revolutionary movement, the decades-long resistance against the second-largest NATO army and its proxies, the establishment of revolutionary people's war in their own territories, and the development of a perspective in a world marked by barbarism are historic achievements that must be defended, studied, and further developed.

- Socialism or barbarism -

We approach the new process of the movement with critical but supportive solidarity. The movement enjoys our trust, which it has more than earned over the past decades of successful struggle, and we have learned a great deal from it. Nevertheless, we are convinced that no achievements and no historic successes have ever been given by those in power, they have always been fought for and must continue to be fought for in the future. In particular, the Kurdish freedom movement, the revolutionary organizations from Turkey, the countless internationalists, and the fighting peoples in Rojava provide guidance for this.

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