

## frin Operation is "Offering an Olive Branch" to Muslim Killer Democracy

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Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu said regarding the Turkish Armed Forces' Operation Olive Branch: "This operation has a lesson to give, not only to the terror organisations but to the whole world. This lesson is to demonstrate that this operation is conducted also for democracy." He also said: "We wish success to our heroic army, our sons, who started the operation in Afrin yesterday, in order to save the honour of mankind and civilisation, and in order to establish not quasi-tranquillity but true and real tranquillity in the region. Our people's duas are with our army. This morning, all across Turkey, hands were raised in prayer. Surah al-Fatiha and al-Fath were recited [...] till the morning. May Allah grant safety and success to our sons, and protect from any harm." (Agencies)

## Comment:

Millions of innocent people have been killed since the beginning of the war in Syria! Thousands of Muslim women and girls have been raped!!! Were they not our honour???

Tens of thousands of women and children have been slaughtered with machetes and knives (Khoula Massacre); burned with chemical weapons and phosphor bombs, lost their lives under rubble... Were they not our lives??? Almost 5.5 million Syrians are refugees, and the number of internally displaced is stated as 6.1 million. Every day, they face more slaughter and destruction. Last week, 200,000 people have been uprooted once again by Russian and Syrian airstrikes; many of them for a second or third time. Hundreds of children drowned in the seas, froze to death in the mountains while fleeing from oppression. Thousands of unaccompanied children who managed to reach Europe vanished in the hands of human and sex traffickers. And in the besieged regions, children are painfully starving to death. Hospitals and schools have been wiped out. Do they not possess the right to "true and real tranquillity"???

However, until today Turkey has not regarded any of these massacres as a sufficient reason to mobilise its armies. On the contrary, it supported the USA and Russia in their struggle with all their power to save the Syrian regime. In exchange, Turkey has repeatedly been praised by Putin himself and the American officials. Last but not least, it intermediated in order to facilitate the treatment of hundreds of patients who were wounded under the attacks of the regime in the "hospitals of Damascus which are under the control of the regime". So, it literally handed over these people to their butchers.

Without doubt, the emergence and strengthening of the YPG along the Turkish border, as well as of other sprawling terrorist entities in Syria supported by the kuffar states, are the results of Turkey's wrong politics which it regrets. Moreover, there are no attempts to hide Turkey's true purpose of the Afrin Operation. One Russian Middle East expert, writing on pro-Kremlin news site Vzglyad, said that Turkey likely made a deal with Russia to "allow regime forces into Idlib in return for unhindered passage into Afrin".

It is as clear as the day: Turkey ignored the calls of the Muslims, and it, instead, prioritized to sustain nationalism. It sends its armies to Afrin for the sake of nationalism and patriotism while contradicting the Islamic creed. The rulers of Turkey are convinced they will become victorious in an invalid endeavour through the dua' and recitations of al-Fatiha and al-Fath of thousands of Muslims in Turkey. However, they do not believe in the fact that they will receive the support of the Muslims not only of Turkey, but of the whole world, if they mobilize their armies for the rescue of the dignity and honour of Islam. Did Allah, Subhannahu wa Taala, ever deprive His help from any endeavour in the name of Islam?! Despite knowing that it is well able to finish Assad in Syria in a single day, Turkey abuses the sentiments of the Ummah. Moreover it openly, without fear of Allah and without feeling ashamed of the Muslims, says that "this operation is for democracy". In short, the Afrin Operation is once again "an Olive Branch to Muslim Killer Democracy" that secular democratic Turkey offers to the Syrian regime so it can kill more Muslims.

If we, as Muslims, do not hold on to the rope offered by Allah, i.e., if we do not hold on to the Second Khilafah Rashidah and its political solutions, Turkey will continue to regret a lot. We, the Ummah, will first witness the destruction of Idlib, as we did in Aleppo and that will be followed by the destruction of the world and the Akhira of those who kept silent on this wrong course... Allah forbid...!

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