



Statement

As events in Syria continue to unfold rapidly, with various parties focused on developments in Damascus, a humanitarian disaster is escalating in northern Syria, receiving insufficient attention from public opinion or an adequate humanitarian and security response.

In just two weeks, more than 120,000 people have been displaced from the Shahba (Til Rifat) to northern Syria. Despite limited international response to their needs, many have suffered violence and exploitation by the “National Army,” which controls the road connecting the Shahba region (Tel Rifaat) to northeast Syria.

On december 7, these armed factions launched a large-scale attack on the city of Manbij and its surrounding areas, exacerbating an already dire humanitarian crisis that surpasses the capacity of organizations operating in northeast Syria. The attacks targeted infrastructure and health facilities, resulting in the destruction of some and rendering them out of service, while many humanitarian workers were forced to leave the Manbij area.

This situation has directly impacted humanitarian aid efforts for displaced people in northern and eastern Syria. Humanitarian organizations face immense challenges in these circumstances, compounded by pre-existing dire conditions in the region. These include large camps like Al-Hol Camp and detention centers that still hold thousands of ISIS members, adding further pressure to the already strained resources.

Humanitarian work cannot be carried out, especially in the areas of Raqqa and Tabqa, which have received the displaced people and the vulnerable groups among the displaced will be affected more than anyone else.

We urge international actors to ensure security in the region, stop the attacks on the frontlines, and end violations against civilians.

The Kurdish Red Crescent Administration