

Statement

Today, while transporting an injured person from the Tishreen Dam area, one of the Kurdish Red Crescent ambulances was directly targeted by Turkish state drones. Fortunately, the team, consisting of a driver and a nurse, managed to transport the injured person and move away from the vehicle before it was targeted again and destroyed. This is not the first time that the Turkish state and its allied factions have targeted ambulances bearing the Logos of the International Red Crescent and Red Cross.



Kurdish Red Crescent Ambulance bombed on 18.01.2025 close to Tishreen Dam

As we published earlier one of our ambulance drivers lost his life while transporting an injured person from the Manbij area on December 10, 2024, and So far and according to the health department of northeast Syria, two healthcare workers lost their lives while transporting the injured, and three others have been wounded.



According to international law, targeting the injured, paramedics, ambulances, and civilians constitutes a flagrant war crime. This is precisely what the Turkish state and its allied factions have been committing openly before the world since the beginning of the campaign targeting Manbij and its eastern countryside.



Health Department Ambulances and Workers who lost their lives since December 2024



As the Kurdish Red Crescent, we strongly condemn these violations against humanitarian work. We also denounce the international silence regarding these actions and call on humanitarian organizations operating in the region, as well as those aware of the situation, to stand against these brutal violations that contravene the humanitarian and international principles under which we operate.

Kurdish Red Crescent Administration

Qamişlo, 18.01.2025



Kurdish Red Crescent Statement of 12.12.2024

Amid the widespread chaos across Syria, the city and region of Manbij experienced two weeks of intense battles between the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and the Syrian National Army (SNA), which ended with the withdrawal of the SDF. However, after the deployment of Turkish-backed SNA factions, public properties and civilians who had been serving their city and community during the SDF's control came under targeted attacks.

During the clashes between the SDF and the SNA, on December 10, one of our volunteers (an ambulance driver) was attempting to transport an injured person to Kobani. The ambulance he was operating was targeted by a drone, in clear violation of international treaties and conventions. Tragically, this incident resulted in the loss of our colleagues life and the patient and the two paramedics accompanying him sustained severe injuries.



Following the SNA's control of the city, most service facilities in Manbij and its countryside were subjected to looting and vandalism. This included six medical facilities supported by



international humanitarian organizations, as well as three Kurdish Red Crescent centers. All these facilities were managed by local medical teams to serve the residents of Manbij and its surrounding areas. Each Kurdish Red Crescent medical center served approximately 5,000 beneficiaries from the city and its countryside every month.



Additionally, Manbij Central Hospital (Al-Furat Hospital) was looted, and four ambulances designated for hospital service were stolen.





These grave violations contradict ethical, humanitarian, and international conventions, causing severe harm to the community in northern Syria. We call on international bodies to intervene and put an end to these actions and the targeting of infrastructure and service facilities that are unrelated to military conflicts.

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