

EFFP

European Forum for Freedom and Peace
Forum Ewropa Ji Bo Azadi û Aştiyê
Avrupa Özgürlük ve Barış Forumu

On 1 September, International Day of Peace
A CALL FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE:
WE WEAVE THE FUTURE TOGETHER

"There was camaraderie in the tongue, yet no one's heart possessed room for a wing to land."

— Haydar Ergülen

Those in power, who want to redivide the world and suppress the cries of freedom of the people, want to erase the idea of peace from the earth.

To achieve these goals, they build alliances, create polarizations, erect barriers against humanity, impose bans, and spew death upon us all. It is as if this old planet has not learnt any lessons from the two great imperialist wars of division and the tens of millions of people slaughtered in their aftermath and the suffering inherited from them.

From the Middle East, Europe, Asia and the Far East, to South America and Africa, new areas of war and conflict are constantly being added to the existing ones.

Ukraine, Palestine, Syria, Yemen, and Kurdistan are currently in the spotlight, but people continue to die in Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia, Artsakh, Sudan, Western Sahara, Kashmir, East Turkestan, Tamil Eelam, and West Papua because of the conflicts and wars that recur from time to time.

Before a war is concluded, another one is being plotted. For example, while the war in Northern Kurdistan has become chronic, there is no end to the destruction plans and attacks carried out by the Turkish state with NATO weaponry, against Rojava, Bashur and Rojhilat at the same time.

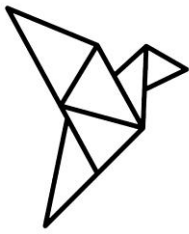
The racist and nationalist wave that fuels wars is also strengthening in almost every geography and scaling down the hopes for peace and democracy. As militarism grows stronger, racism, homophobia, sexism, anti-immigrant sentiments and fascism also rise. Social forces, political organizations, and public figures who stand against this bloody picture are targeted.

The Kurdish People's Leader Abdullah Öcalan, Georges İbrahim Abdallah - leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Elena Iparragirre Revoredo - one of the revolutionary pioneers of the Peruvian people, Abimael Guzman - who died in prison, and Mumia Abu-Jamal - one of the leaders of the US Black Panthers movement, are just a few of the revolutionary leaders who were persecuted for many years.

The rulers' unlimited greed for profit and exploitation of nature are dragging the world into a great ecocide. While hunger and poverty are deepening on the one hand, a huge arms market is being created, causing a huge migration army to cross borders due to wars, climate and economic crises, and new ones are constantly being added to the millions of people displaced from their homes.

We as people from Turkey and Kurdistan, many of whom are forced to live in the diaspora, have recently established the European Forum for Freedom and Peace to try and contribute to peace efforts against wars in different parts of the world, especially in our own geography.

Turkey and Kurdistan are not only deeply affected by the wars in neighboring Eastern Europe (Ukraine), the Caucasus (Armenia-Azerbaijan) and the Middle East (Syria, Palestine, Yemen), but are



EFFP

European Forum for Freedom and Peace
Forum a Ewropa Ji Bo Azadi û Aştiyê
Avrupa Özgürlük ve Barış Forumu

also grappling with the Kurdish issue, which has produced bloody results and great destruction for 40 years.

Between 2013 and 2015, the peace process between the Turkish government and the Kurdish freedom movement was terminated by Erdoğan himself without any results. With the Turkish government's transition to a new war concept, the inhumane practice of absolute isolation was initiated against the Kurdish people's leader Abdullah Öcalan, the main interlocutor of the solution process, who has been held hostage on Imrali Island prison since 1999.

Due to the absolute isolation that has been going on for more than three years, Abdullah Öcalan is denied not only his human rights, but also from contributing to a peaceful solution to the Kurdish issue.

Meanwhile, the political climate in Turkey, which has been further mired in the quagmire of militarism and nationalism through the Kurdish issue, is getting more and more aggravated with each passing day.

While this political climate feeds the atmosphere of war and conflict in the Middle East, it also weakens the people's hopes for democracy and an honorable peace. In this dark picture, we need peace, freedom, democracy, and dialogue more than ever, both in our own geography and in the whole world.

We believe that we can lay the foundations of a lasting struggle against war, isolation and fascism together, and that by standing side by side we can put the struggle for peace, democracy, and freedom on a much more organized and solid ground.

To stop the ongoing wars all over the world, to expose war policies and crimes, and to think together about the possibilities of peace;

To end the isolation of Mr Abdullah Öcalan and to discuss together the ways and methods that will pave the way for a peaceful solution to the Kurdish issue;

To spread the hope for a free, equal and peaceful life, which Kurdish women have raised by saying Jin, Jiyan, Azadî (Women, Life, Freedom) against the warmongering of colonial and patriarchal forces, to all geographies;

To strengthen relations with the diaspora of Turkey and Kurdistan in Europe and to create the conditions for the new political field to work closely with the European institutions;

We call on you to participate in the organization of an honorable peace struggle that all of humanity needs just as much as bread and water.

We invite you, on 1 September, World Peace Day, to attend the 'For Peace and Democracy: We Weave the Future Together' Conference. We say let's **meet in Berlin on 31st August - 1 September** to open a wing of space for peace and comradeship in the heart of the World.

European Forum for Freedom and Peace (EFFP)

Meeting Day: 31 August- 1 September 10.00- 18.30

Meeting location: Hermannstrasse/ Rollbergstraße 214-216 / 12049 Berlin

PS: Please bring your smart phone and personal headphones to listen to the simultaneous translation.