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### **Solidarity with the Tamil people**

The Kurdistan National Congress (KNK) expresses its solidarity with the Tamil people on the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the massacres committed against the Tamil people and all civilian victims and their families in the Sri Lankan Civil War.

The Sri Lankan Army has committed atrocious acts of violence against the Tamil population. Hundreds of thousands of people were disappeared and murdered by the military with the silent approval of the international community. Even though the ethnically-motivated mass murder of the Tamils shows clear features of genocide, it is not recognized as such by international institutions. In fact, the massacre on the Tamil people was possible due to the tacit approval of global actors.

The Sri Lankan case is an example of the international system's arbitrary implementation of human rights and international law in politically motivated ways. A similar attitude can be seen in the current silence over the ongoing violent campaign in North Kurdistan, in which the Turkish state has openly killed hundreds of civilians in front of the eyes of the international community.

In both cases, it is clear that the oppressor states are trying to implement an annihilationist policy through military methods by not respecting any moral and ethical principles.

The mentality of war, the denial of fundamental, democratic and national rights by both states is unfortunately still supported by the Western powers. It is obvious that the desire and the struggle for democracy, freedom and national rights cannot be quashed through these dirty wars that are still continuing against our peoples. They also show that the model of the nation-state, based on the hegemony of one ethnic group over another, is doomed to fail. Inclusive, democratic structures instead can bring about peace and freedom for all communities.

We call on a thorough investigation into war crimes and hope that a peaceful, democratic and just solution can be found to the yet unsettled conflict in Sri Lanka. Again, we express our solidarity with the Tamil people and all the resisting peoples.

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