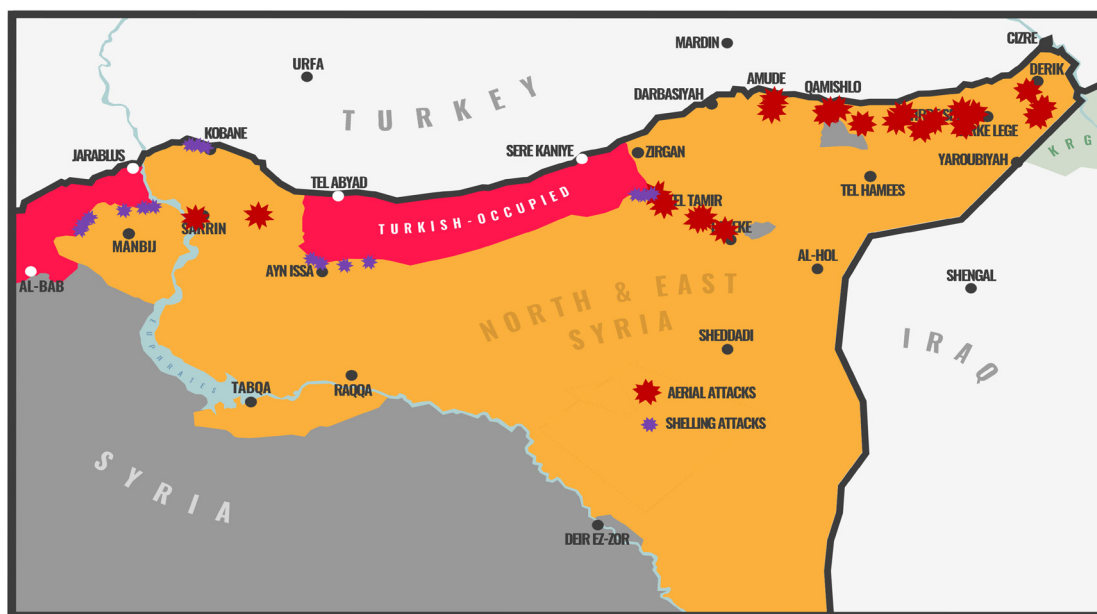


KEY POINTS

- Over 60 Turkish air-strikes target over 30 locations, hitting electricity, water, oil, gas and other basic humanitarian infrastructure throughout Kurdish-led North and East Syria (NES)
- Death toll reaches 16 (2 SDF, 6 Asayish, 8 civilians)
- An estimated 2 million people are without mains electricity, with hospitals, pharmacies, bakeries, water stations struggling to function
- Turkey strikes NES' only gas bottling plant just as need for gas spikes with the advent of the winter cold
- People's demonstrations across NES' major cities in protest against the attacks
- Rojava Information Center available to provide on-the-ground comment, plus photos and videos from airstrike sites and contact to political representatives and humanitarian personnel for comment



Turkish strikes 05-6.10.2023 (Shehba region not visible on map)

BACKGROUND

- Turkey's campaign of air-strikes against NES has been ongoing since 2019 invasion, killing hundreds of civilians to date
- The current bombing campaign marks the worst escalation since 2019, putting millions of civilians' lives in jeopardy
- Turkey announced its intention to treat what it called 'YPG infrastructure' as legitimate targets following a recent bomb attack in Ankara, which injured two policemen and was claimed by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)

- But NES' political and military leaders have emphasised they have no connection whatsoever to the Ankara attack, accusing Turkey of using the incident as a *casus belli*
- In a briefing, the US State Department Department reiterated its position that the Syrian Kurdish YPG, formally allied with the USA in the fight against ISIS, are separate to the PKK, further stressing that Turkish attacks on the region could harm the continued anti-ISIS fight

LATEST STRIKES

- Turkey hit Qamishlo's electricity station for the second time, destroying its second transformer the day after destroying its first [pictured below]
- Teqil Beqil power station, which Turkey destroyed with airstrikes last November, and had been re-built by the AANES this year, again struck
- Oil infrastructure across the Tirbespi region targeted, undermining AANES' key economic base in a period of intense financial strain in the region, as the Syrian pound loses value against the dollar and prices of everyday goods rises rapidly



- Death toll rises with 6 Asayish (internal security forces) killed, 2 injured, 8 civilians killed, most of whom were workers in the energy facilities hit, 3 injured, and the SDF report 2 of their fighters killed
- Covid-19 hospital facility near Derik bombed [pictured below]
- Electricity facility repairs in Amude, Qamishlo, Heseke estimated at over \$3 million



STATEMENT FROM NES' SYRIAN DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL (SDC)

"The Council vehemently rejects violent methods and hostile attacks, as it emphasizes the falsehood of Turkish claims regarding the recent Ankara attack perpetrators crossing through areas in northeastern Syria. The Council considers these allegations and claims as nothing more than baseless and dangerous justifications jeopardizing the fate of the region's people. The objectives behind these claims are to undermine the security and stability achieved by the Global Coalition forces against ISIS in collaboration with the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). Furthermore, Turkey aims to create a conducive environment for ISIS to reorganize itself and carry out new terrorist acts, posing a real threat to international security and peace. This also serves Turkey's expansionist colonial policies, executes ethnic cleansing and demographic change operations, and involves the occupation and annexation of more Syrian territories."

"The Council calls on the international community to condemn Turkish hostile attacks and hold it accountable for the war crimes committed in Syria. It specifically urges the United States and the Russian Federation, as the main guarantors of de-escalation agreements, to fulfill their responsibilities. They must not allow Turkey to export its crises and transfer its conflict with the Kurdistan Workers' Party to northeastern Syria. It is essential for Turkey to respect the sovereignty and borders of neighboring countries."

FULL LIST OF AERIAL STRIKES SO FAR

1. Mushairfah area, Heseke 2. Darbasiyah/Heseke/Tel Tamir junction 3. West of Washokani IDP camp, Heseke; 4. Mushairfah area, Heseke; 5. Near Cil Axa dam; 6. Tal Habash, Amude; 7. Al-Tawila, Tel Tamir; 8. Gerdahol oil facility, Tirbespi; 9. Saida oil facility, Tirbespi; 10. Qasf, Sarrin; 11. Al Qaws oil facility, Cil Axa; 12. Power station, Qamishlo; 13. Jalabiyah, Kobane; 14. Al-Rakbah, Tel Tamir; 15. Electricity substation, west of Heseke; 16. Amude electricity station; 17. Al-Zarba oil facility, Tirbespi; 18. Dardara, Tel Tamir; 19. Odeh oil facility, Tirbespi; 20. Qamishlo construction site; 21. Covid-19 hospital facility, Derik; 22. Tel Khatoun oil wells, Tirbespi; 23. Teqil Beqil power station; 24. Kharbi Khoy, Amude; 25. Segirka Daro power station, Girke Lege; 26. Ice factory, Karbawi, Qamishlo; 27. Suwayda gas plant; 28. Qamishlo electricity station (2nd time); 29. Menagh airport, Shehba; 30. Malikiye, Shehba; 31. Girke Lege oil well

In addition to aerial strikes, there has been intense shelling from Turkey and the Turkish proxy Syrian National Army (SNA) along the 'M4 Strip' contact line, the Manbij contact line, and along the border near Kobane, Tirbespi, Amude, and Girke Lege, as well as the exclave Shehba region.

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