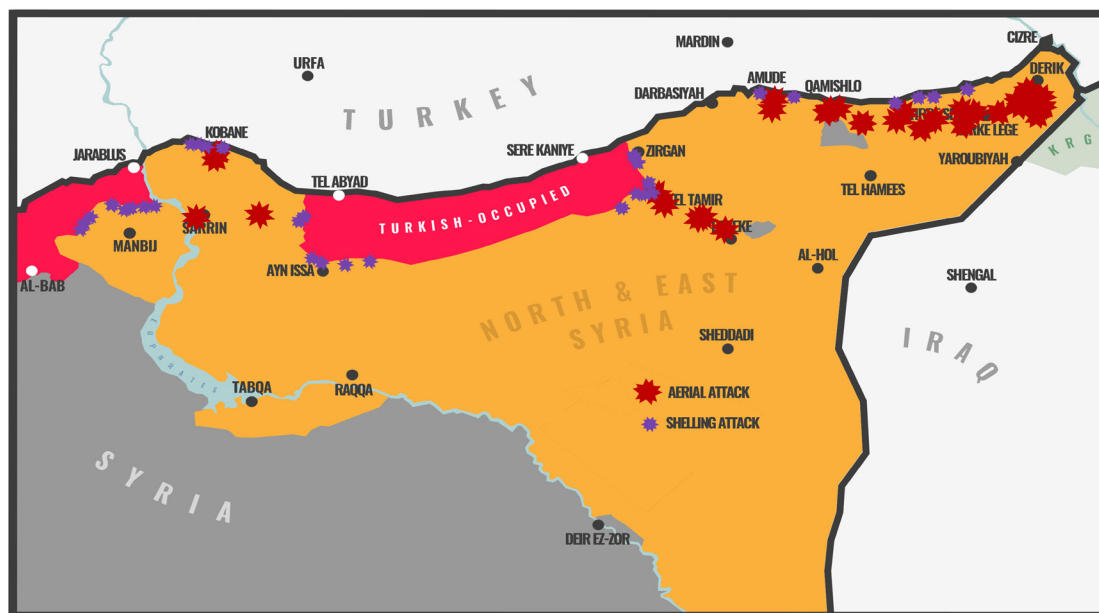


KEY POINTS

- Five airstrikes overnight, hitting a hospital, a water pumping station, and industrial sites. One airstrike today, hitting an oil well near Girke Lege
- Heavy shelling overnight and this afternoon along the 'M4 Strip' contact line, along the border near Kobane, Amude, Tirbe Spi, as well as the exclave Shehba region
- A elderly woman was killed by Turkish shelling near Ayn Issa, and her husband and two children were injured. This takes the total death toll to 17 (2 SDF, 6 Asayish, 9 civilians)
- People's demonstration march to the International Coalition headquarters near Girke Lege, demanding intervention
- Total cost of repairing Suwayda gas plant estimated at over \$50 million, and many of the parts needed are not easily replaceable as the AANES struggles to import them due to the political and economic situation in Syria
- 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 05-07.10.2023 (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 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*
- 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 a Covid-19 hospital facility in Kobane, destroying it. This is the second such facility destroyed by recent strikes.
- A water pumping station near Derik was hit for the second time
- Industrial sites across the region targeted: grain silos in Amude, a paint factory in Kobane, and a nylon factory near Derik



Turkish airstrike on oil well near Girke Lege

KOBANE TARGETED

Turkish warplanes targeted two locations in Kobane last night: a Covid-19 hospital facility and a paint factory, destroying both. The city and its surroundings are a recurrent target of Turkish aerial bombardment. Last November saw the most recent episode of warplane strikes on the city, with a school, health clinic, and factory hit, while shelling and drone strikes occur frequently. In

2014, Kobane was besieged by ISIS for six months, before YPG/YPJ-led forces were able to break the siege with international support. This was the start of the alliance between the YPG/YPJ and the Coalition, which led to the territorial defeat of ISIS in March 2019. After the siege, over 70% of Kobane was in ruins. Since then, the city has slowly been rebuilt, with support from the Kurdish communities in Turkey and Iraq. In recent years however, shelling and drone strikes have threatened the city's recovery, engineering instability and triggering displacement.

F16 FIGHTER JETS

- Turkish airstrikes have both manned warplanes and unmanned drones
- The aircraft used were most likely F-16 fighter jets. Turkey is currently negotiating to buy modernization kits for these aircraft from the USA. Some American lawmakers oppose this deal, citing Turkey's track record of using F-16s against civilians and contribution towards regional conflict escalation
- Local journalist Baderkhan Ahmad filmed the damage at a site bombed by one of these aircraft. The large crater is consistent with a bomb containing around 200kg of explosives
- The Covid-19 hospital facility near Derik also has a 10 meter wide crater consistent with a 200kg bomb, as documented by RIC
- Turkish F16s mostly carry American JDAM bombs with Mk 82 or Mk 83 warheads. These contain 89kg or 202kg of explosives
- The MAM-L missiles used by unmanned Turkish drones contain less than 20kg of explosives. They do not leave craters of this size
- The site is an oil well outside of Tirbe Spi, bombed on October 5th. The location of the video has been geolocated¹.
- It is likely that Turkey is using American F-16 fighter jets to strike civilian infrastructure in NES



Baderkhan Ahmed and Turkish airstrike crater, Tirbespi

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Crater left by the airstrike on the Covid-19 hospital facility near Derik.

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; 32. Xana Sere water pumping facility, Derik; 33. Paint factory, Kobane; 34. Mirkamira nylon factory, Derik; 35. Amude grain silos; 36. Covid-19 hospital facility, Kobane; 37. Dugurka oil well, Girke Lege.

There has also been intense shelling along the 'M4 Strip', Manbij, and Shehba contact lines, and the border near Kobane, Tirbespi, Amude, and Girke Lege.

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