

CURRENT TURKISH AIRSTRIKES ON NORTH AND EAST SYRIA TARGET ELECTRICITY, OIL, AND OTHER CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.

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KEY POINTS

- Since last night, October 23, Turkey has attacked more than 30 confirmed locations throughout NES, carrying out airstrikes targeting electricity, oil, and other civilian infrastructure.
- This repeated targeting of vital and service facilities precipitates a humanitarian disaster in an area that is home to millions of people, who are already suffering from severe fuel and gas shortages as a result of Turkey's destructive targeting of infrastructure facilities in previous years.
- 13 people lost their lives and 15 others were injured.
- The Syrian Democratic Forces have announced carrying out two operations against the Turkish army in response to the latter's attacks on NES.
- The DAANES calls on international powers to take up responsibility and stop the Turkish attacks on its areas.
- US State Department says they are deeply concerned about military activities and escalation in North Syria
- Rojava Information Center is available to provide on-the-ground comment, plus photos and videos from airstrike sites and contact to political representatives and humanitarian personnel for comment.



Grain silos bombed by Turkish drones in Qamishlo 24.10.2024 [Source: ANHA]

BACKGROUND

Turkey has been conducting periodic yet destructive airstrike campaigns since 2019, re-striking energy infrastructure already hit before as well as hitting new locations. Earlier this year, in January, Turkish airstrikes targeted over 30 locations. These included Zarba, Tafla, Kobane, and Amude power stations, Odeh oil field and Suwaydiyah gas and electricity station - all of which were struck again now.

In the December 23-25 'Christmas' airstrikes in 2023, Saida power station in Tirbespi as well as the grain silos in Qamishlo were targeted already. Repeated strikes prevent reconstruction efforts and affect the lives of millions of people, leading to shortages of fuel during cold winter months.

The strikes also affect electricity and gas supply. For example, Suwaydiyah power station produces around half of Jazira canton's electricity, supplying all downstream infrastructure including water stations, hospitals and bakeries, as well as serving as NES' only domestic gas bottling plant.

Turkey initiated these airstrikes following an attack in Ankara on October 23, which Turkish authorities attributed to members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). No group has claimed the attack. In the past, NES' political and military leaders have stated that Turkey's attacks amount to war crimes and deny Turkey's claims that the PKK stage their attacks from NES.



Bakery in Amude bombed by Turkish airstrikes, 24.10.2024

LATEST STRIKES

-Turkish aircrafts and drones have carried out a series of attacks since last night, targeting 33 locations, in addition to other locations that were targeted with artillery and heavy weapons.

-The airstrikes directly targeted infrastructure that serves millions of people, and also targeted factories, a health center, and Asayis checkpoints.

-One attack resulted in the death of an Asayis member in Kobani and some were injured among their ranks.

-Oil stations such as Awda, Tifla, and Suwaydiyah, along with power stations in Kobani and Amuda that supply and service the cities were also attacked.

-The transformer of a Kobani power station was put out of service after a bombardment. While the Energy Board in the Firat/Euphrates Canton was preparing to release a statement, a Turkish aircraft bombed the station again.

-The Amude power station was targeted three times, once while a media crew was present, according to the Free Media Union, a journalists' union.

-In Shehba, villages have been under constant fire from heavy weapons. The bombing of Til Rifat resulted in 4 civilian casualties and 10 people injured. Villages in Tal Temir, Ain Issa, Mabij and Tel Abyad are also under frequent artillery shelling.

-One attack resulted in the death of an Asayish member in Kobani, Henush Beki.

-In the attacks on the Suwaydiyah power plant, 8 people lost their lives - reportedly workers at the station.

-As a result of these attacks, 13 people lost their lives and 15 others were injured in different areas in NES. The death toll may rise, as some people are injured critically.



Funeral for Henus Beke in Kobane 24.10.2024

FULL LIST OF AIRSTRIKES:

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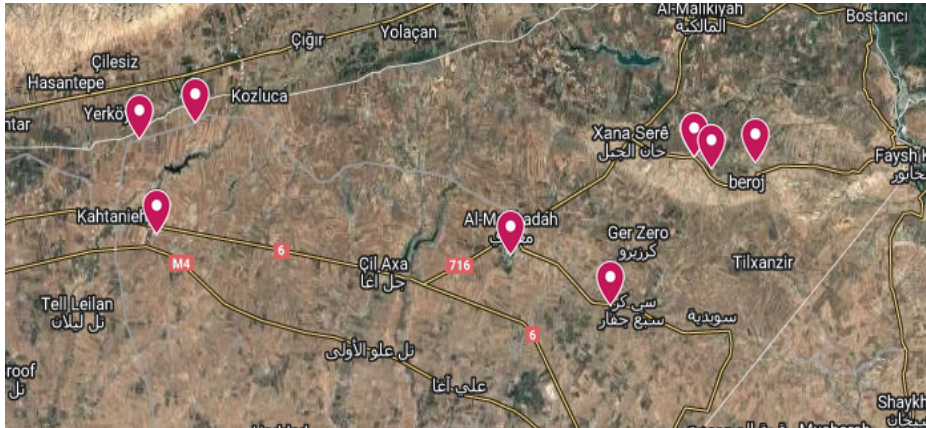
1. Merka Mira, Derik; 2. Kobane electricity station

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1. Asayish (Internal Security Forces) Center, Qamishlo; 2. Khalij Health Clinic, Qamishlo; 3. Asayish checkpoint, Qamishlo; 4. Food factory, Kobane; 5. Power station, Amude; 6. Merka Mira, Derik; 7. Kobane electricity station (3); 8. Sadcop Industry Site, Qamishlo; 9. Grain silos, Qamishlo; 10. Saida power station, Tirbespi; 11. Bakery, Kobane; 12. Suwaydiyah gas and electricity station, Tirbespi; 13. Tafla fuel refinery site, Derik; 14. Train station, Qamishlo; 15. Asayish checkpoint, Kobane; 16. Bakery, Amude; 17. Power station, Amude; 18. In the vicinity of the Faculty of Petrol and Petrochemical Engineering, Rimelan; 19. Eyin Tewil, Rimelan; 20. Asayish center, Qamishlo; 21. Babasi station, Tirbespi; 22. Zarba oil station, Tirbespi; 23. Awda station, Odeh oil field; 24. Syriatel tower, Darbasiyah; 25. Odeh oil field, Tirbespi



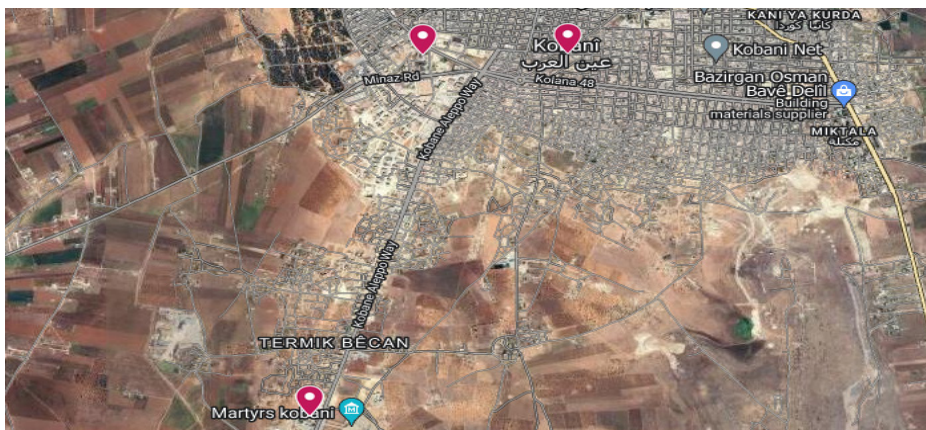
Turkish airstrikes on Qamishlo, 24.10.2024



Turkish airstrikes on Tirbespi, Rimelan, and Derik, 24.10.2024



Turkish airstrikes on Amude, 24.10.2024



Turkish airstrikes on Kobane 24.10.2024

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