**TURKISH ARMED FORCES’ AFRIN OPERATION AGAINST TERRORISM**

The Republic of Turkey a democratic, secular and social state governed by rule of law has launched an operation called “Olive Branch” with Turkish Armed Forces on the city of Afrin in Syria to protect its border security from any kind of terrorist elements.

Even during the first stages of the operation, injured terrorists are being taken to our hospitals for treatment. Every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of civilians despite the inhumane actions of terrorist elements’ intending to use civilians as human shields.

As it is well known, terrorism causes very serious consequences for all of humanity. That’s why, every kind of terrorism should be condemned and any actions or measures taken against terrorism should be supported by humanity.

The Republic of Turkey has long been under attack from many different terrorist organizations. As a result of the terrorist activities carried out by these organizations, terrorist organizations of the PKK/PYD-YPG and DAESH (ISIS) have caused thousands of civilians to die not including the security forces.

Some of these terrorist organizations are also attacking western countries like England, France and Spain as well as Arab countries and African countries like Egypt and Tunisia. These attacks lead to civilian casualties by suicide bombers or driving vehicles over civilians. Moreover, fear, chaos and panic are aimed to be created in the society. The vast majority of civilian casualties are women and children.

Terror is a crime against all humanity. Such actions should be condemned wherever they occur in the world, and a clear and open attitude should be taken by the entire world.

Thousands of civilian lives have also been lost in our country, including women and children. The PKK terrorist organization continues its actions under different names in Syria and Iraq and operates in the regional and international arena to create terrorist states near our border.

Given these facts, the black propaganda aimed at the fight against terrorism launched by the Republic of Turkey through the Afrin operation should not be mistaken for the reality and this humanitarian operation should be supported.

As Cankiri Karatekin University, we declare that necessary efforts will be carried out for the correct understanding of the Afrin Operation, which aims to secure human lives and provide a life worthy of human dignity, launched by the Turkish Armed Forces,

We hereby respectfully announce to the public and international organizations.

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