

Emails & the attachment sent to:

The Hon. Scott Morrison,
Prime Minister of Australia
and
Senator The Hon Marise Payne
Minister of Foreign Affairs,

On behalf of the Australian Kurdish community, Kurdish Lobby Australia sincerely thanks you for publicly speaking against Turkey's unprovoked and unilateral invasion of north east Syria that is having such a devastating impact on the local population.

Kurdish Lobby Australia aims is to promote peace and democracy in Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran, with a particular focus on the Kurdistan regions. We condemn Presidents Erdogan and Trump for their actions that have caused the displacement of 300,000 people and the deaths of 235 civilians in north east Syria, as of Friday. It appears both presidents act without listening to sound advice.

This past four days has seen fighting continue in the Syrian border town of Sari Kani (Ras al-Ayn) despite the poorly conceived US-Turkey agreement announced on October 17. For the first 2.5 days Turkey's Islamist proxies (that have spearheaded Turkey's ground offensive) were blocking the dead and injured from being removed, and were also preventing the Kurd-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) from withdrawing. Equally as devastating, authenticated evidence has emerged that Turkey's Islamist proxies were using white phosphorus in their munitions, this banned weapon causing burns all over the bodies of children and other people. At least one of the victims has been taken to Erbil for treatment, the process funded by the Barzani Charity Foundation

KLA suggests that Australia could call for an immediate investigation into the use of a banned weapon in Sari Kani, and meanwhile help these victims, given that Australia has leading experts in the treatment of burns, such as Professor Fiona Wood from WA who helped so many victims of the Bali bombing. (The Fiona Wood Foundation can be contacted on 0861520317 or email: info@fionawoodfoundation.com)

KLA would also like to see Australia advocate for a thorough investigation into the war crimes committed by Turkey's Islamist proxies, such as the execution of civilians beside the road. Turkey claims it has no control over these mercenaries yet Turkey pays and arms them and sent them into north east Syria to fight Kurdish forces. Consequently, Turkey is responsible for what they do.

Kurds do not trust that Turkey will keep its word about a permanent ceasefire if the SDF withdraws from the border, and we fear that Turkey will not limit its aggression to the area between the Syrian border towns of Gire Spi and Sari Kanii, our fear born out by Erdogan's repeated threats to expand Operation Peace Spring even if it means fighting the Syrian Army or endangering American lives. Therefore, KLA continues to ask for the Australian government to call for an immediate implementation of a No Fly Zone; the establishment of a multilateral peacemaking force along the Syria - Turkey border, the establishment of clear Red Lines and consequences if Turkey crosses these red lines, which must include the withdrawal of all Turkey's Islamist proxies, if not all Turkish ground forces by a certain date; as well as the establishment of internationally mediated negotiations between Turkey and the Syrian-Kurdish led administrations and security forces of north and east Syria, and between the latter and the Assad Regime and the

Opposition.

We ask members of the Australian government to urgently pursue these matters with our allies and at the UN.

We sincerely thank you for your position taken on Turkey's aggression against Kurds in Syria. We now urge you to translate your concern into action.

Yours fithfully,

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