

# PERMANENT PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL ON ROJAVA VS. TURKEY



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## INVITATION LETTER & PROGRAM

**5-6 February 2025**

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## Dear Colleague,

We are honored to invite you to participate in the upcoming session of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal (PPT) addressing the grave international crimes committed in North and East Syria.

Since the onset of the Syrian conflict, the region of Rojava in North and East Syria has emerged as a pioneering model of inclusive governance, promoting democratic principles, peaceful coexistence, gender equality, cultural diversity, and social justice for diverse communities including Kurd:innen, Arab, Yazidi, and Christian populations.

However, since 2018, North and East Syria has faced continuous military aggression from Turkey and Turkish-backed armed groups, including factions of the Syrian National Army (SNA) and other extremist groups. These coordinated attacks have destabilized the region and resulted in widespread violence, displacement, and severe violations of human rights and international law.

## This Tribunal will examine:

- Intentional Killing of Civilians: Including targeted assassinations against non-combatants, such as journalists.
- Destruction of Civilian Objects and Infrastructure: Deliberate attacks on schools, hospitals, and water systems, notably the Alouk water station, depriving over a million people of clean water.
- Use of Prohibited Weapons: Deployment of white phosphorus against civilian populations.
- Torture and Inhumane Treatment: Arbitrary detention and mistreatment aimed at erasing cultural identity and resistance.



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- Persecution of the Kurdish Population: Systematic marginalization and oppression.
- Forced Displacement: Mass uprooting of civilians from Afrin, Ras al-Ayn, and other areas.
- Femicide and Gender-Based Violence: Targeting women leaders and advocates for social change.
- Cultural and Religious Erasure: Destruction of Yazidi sanctuaries and heritage sites to eliminate cultural identity.

This Tribunal is supported by the Committee for Justice and Law, the Department of Foreign Relations of the Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (DAANES), the Center for Research and Protection of Women's Rights, as well as human rights organizations from Al-Jazira and Afrin.

Additional support is provided by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), MAF-DAD e.V. (Association for Democracy & International Law), ELDH (European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights), IADL (International Association of Democratic Lawyers), the Kurdistan National Congress (KNK), and the Kurdish Institute of Brussels. Contributions from various advocacy and documentation organizations have been essential to advancing the tribunal's mission for justice.

Your presence would greatly contribute to this vital pursuit of accountability and justice.

Kindly confirm your attendance by January 25, 2025, by emailing:  
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For further details or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your dedication to justice and human rights.

**Sincerely,**

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## Agenda for the Permanent People's Tribunal

**Venue:** Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

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### Day 1: February 5, 2025

09:00 – 09:30 | Arrival and Registration

09:30 – 10:30 | Preliminary Session

- 09:30 – 09:45 Presentation of the Court's Members
- 09:45 – 10:15 Opening Statement of the Prosecution

10:15 – 12:30 | Case Hearings: Session 1

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 | Case Hearings: Session 2

15:00 – 15:15 | Break

15:15 – 17:50 | Case Hearings: Sessions 3

17:50 – 18:00 | Announcements

### Day 2: February 6, 2025

09:00 – 09:30 | Arrival and Preparations

09:30 – 10:30 | Case Hearings: Sessions 4

10:30 – 10:50 | Break

10:50 – 12:30 | Case Hearings: Sessions 5

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 | Case Hearings: Sessions 6

15:00 – 15:30 | Closing Statement of the Prosecution

15:30 – 16:00 | Legal Analysis: Accountability Under Turkish Legal Frameworks

16:00 – 17:30 | Tribunal Deliberations (Private) / Break

17:30 – 18:00 | Preliminary Findings