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Why does Turkish State Want the S-400?

The S-400 conflict between the U.S. and Turkish state has passed its first round as the first batch of the Russian S-400 missile defense systems delivered on July 25. The U.S. has responded this move by excluding Turkey from the in-

dustrial participation of the F-35 program.

As we recall, the negotiations over the S-400 between Turkey and Russia began in 2016, one year after Turkey shot down a Russian jet near its border to Syria in

2015, which stood as a bill to compensate the jet shoot down crisis. Going parallel with a remarkable rapprochement process between two states, which has developed especially over their conjecturally matching policies on Syria, the S-400 negotiations resulted in a 2.5 billions of dollars deal at the end of 2017, under which Russia agreed to supply Turkey, a NATO member state, with four S-400 batteries. Since then, despite the objection of NATO's big boss, including verbal 'threats' pointing out various sanctions, Turkish state has mainly preserved its position and made some advance payments, as well as received loans from Russia. While the fascist chef Erdoğan has been marketing this process as a courageous step of Turkish nation challenging the imperialist system(!), the Russian Federation on the other hand enjoyed an important profit not only in an economic but also in a political sense by pulling a NATO country to its side.

So, what was the actual reason behind Turkey to head towards the S-400 system, rather than to NATO's Patriot missile defense system at the expense of deepening its conflict with the U.S.? Does

the fascist dictator Erdoğan really intend to give a blow on the imperialist influence of U.S. on Turkey, as his lackeys keep on yelling night and day? Is he conducting an anti-imperialist fight against the U.S.?

Of course not. Just as how he was in his initial years in power, today's fascist chef Erdoğan keeps on working together with the U.S., IMF, World Bank and other sorts of imperialist states and monopolies for eliminating any kind of economic and political obstacles against Turkey to stay a financial-economic colony. The imperialist monopolies and their integrated collaborators, the monopolist bourgeoisie are still exploiting the labouring masses with the most brutal methods and there is no obstacle for them to let the profit flow outside the country. Neither the U.S. nor Erdoğan will allow their capitalist exploitation brotherhood to be ruined.

Then why Turkey turned its way to deepen its conflict with the U.S. by buying the Russian S-400 missile defense system? The answer is nothing other than the Kurdish liberation struggle, the Rojava revolution.



If we remember the initial years of the Syrian civil war, we see that Erdoğan was the most loyal partner of the U.S., because of his bloody appetite towards benefiting from the regional hegemony gap. However, the Kurdish liberation gave this show away. If the Rojava revolution did not erupted, then he would have already seized Syria together with the U.S. But after the Rojava revolution erupted and conducted a heroic war against the ISIS, the U.S. became obliged to build a tactical alliance with the YPG. This led Turkish state approach to Russia in order to destroy the gainings of the Kurds. The fascist chef Erdoğan is well aware of the fact that neither his regional hegemony, nor his own fascist existence could be preserved unless the Rojava revolution is liquidated. This existential fear of Turkish state from the Kurdish liberation

struggle is the actual reason for buying the S-400 missile defense system.

One may say that the Kurds in Rojava have no missiles that would threaten Turkey. Yes, it is true. That's why the S-400 does not have a military meaning in this picture. It is the ransom for approaching Russia which Erdoğan uses this "political weapon" to move the U.S. away from the Kurds in Rojava, or at least, make them totally neutral against their fascist and colonialist hostility.

In this equation, the fascist chef and his team is getting more and more close to Russia in order to save their political future while Russia seizes every opportunity to pull Turkey to its side, as an imperialist power. However, economic relations and class interests may force the fascist chef to switch its way again.

Let's put it clearly once again: Turkey is a financial-economic colony of the world monopolies. The imperialist states and their local collaborator states are the representatives of the interests of the global financial oligarchy and their collaborator monopolistic

bourgeoisies. The Turkish economy has been integrated with the world market which is dominated by the world monopolies, and Erdoğan has played a major role in this process. With any sort of bourgeois administration, Turkey cannot turn the tables on.

So, while Turkey has these economic relations totally integrated with the financial oligarchy, does it have the power to construct the political superstructure on the opposite way? Here, we do not defend that economic relations determine political superstructure as a copy. This would be nothing other than economic determinism. There is no doubt that contradictions among the dominant classes, struggle between the oppressors and the oppressed, the class struggle do all occur in the field of politics and create a room for different maneuvers.

However, economic relations are determinant in the final analysis and because of Turkey's dependency in terms of being a financial-economic colony, its room for maneuver lays up to some extent. This extend stops where political maneuvers threaten the interests of the financial oligarchy as a class. If the financial

oligarchy faces with such a threat, then it will not hesitate to turn this financial-economic colonial dependency into a political blackmail against Erdoğan. Yet, some parts of the financial oligarchy have already started to bring forward other bourgeois political alternatives which materialize in the attempts of Erdoğan's former companions to found new parties, or in the 'rise' of the bourgeois opposition, The Republican People's Party (CHP), with its new political figure İmamoğlu, the new elected mayor of Istanbul.

All in all, just as how it is seen in the S-400 crisis, the fascist chef Erdoğan seems to continue holding the "Russian weapon" to create himself a room for maneuvers against the U.S. hegemony which stands as a conjunctural obstacle for Turkish colonialism to start an immediate occupation on Rojava. So far, being excluded from the F-35 program does not seem to be enough for this "naughty" NATO member turn from its way. The "anti-imperialist" limits of Turkish state will show itself after a possible defeat in Rojava or other sanctions of the U.S. appear.



Notes from the MLKP Alişer Deniz Regiment

The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) took a decision on its last conference to organize the administration of the whole military forces in North and East Syria through “military assemblies”. Following this decision, which aimed to implement democratic manner and practice even in the military field, the military assemblies have founded with several commanderships from cantons, provinces, brigades, regiments and YPJ, as well as with several expertise bureaus.

After shifting to the regiment system, which has merged the forces of YPG and SDF, several committees have been organized for the recruitments. These committees have done a kind of a mass work, going door to door to inform locals about the new military system. As the peoples of North and East Syria adopted this system, the numbers of new recruitments started to increase. One of these regiments, which is composed of 4 brigades and a headquarter, is being orga-

nized by the MLKP forces in Serkevaniye/Rojava and is named after comrade Alişer Deniz. Alişer Deniz is the nom de guerre of Hüseyin Akçiçek, an MLKP commander whose contributions to the defense and construction of Rojava revolution remain unforgettable. After finishing his revolutionary duty in Rojava, he passed to the mountains of Northern Kurdistan as the commander of MLKP Rural Guerrilla Units, and on August 2017, he marched to immortality in the struggle against the colonialist Turkish army.



Most of the fighters of the Alişer Deniz Regiment are Arabic youth, who have been taking not only a military but also an ideological-political training. Along with basic courses on socialism and revolutionary struggle, the fighters of the Alişer Deniz Regiment are being educated in "Rojava Revolution", "The History of the Middle East", "Kurdish National Revolution", "Participation of Arab People to the Revolution", "The United Character of the Revolution", as well as "Women Revolution", "Women Liberation Struggle", "Masculinity", "Fighting against Masculinity in the War Field" etc.

In order to manage intellectual and practical development of the fighters on the women liberation issue, the Alişer Deniz commandership urge each fighter to give a personal report every two months. The questions of the first report the fighters were being asked for have been the following: "How do you define the concept of women revolution?" "What would you say about your perspective towards your mother, sister and wife within the family and society?" "What do you think about issues like bride exchange, child marriage, polygamy, bride wealth?"



Here are some outlines from an interview made with 3 Arab fighters of the Alişer Deniz Regiment: Mazlum, Ebu Leyla and Dijvar.

All these three Arab fighters have similar answer for the reasons they join the MLKP Regiment: “Communists are fighting for freedom and equality. They are defending the fraternity of peoples.”

What about their opinions on women revolution of Rojava?

Mazlum responds: “The revolu-

tion has changed my opinions towards women. Now, also I do believe in the equality. However, we need more time to put this view in practice.”

Mazlum is married and has 3 children. When he was asked about how he would feel if his wife becomes a fighter like him, he states: “My wife used to work in various institutions of the revolution. But now we have children. What would our children do if she joins to the regiment as a fighter? But if the

revolution would organize a common place for the childcare, then why not?”

How do you as young Arabic fighters feel to be in a revolution led by the Kurdish people?”

Ebu Leyla responds: “It was the Kurdish people who rose up first and became the vanguard of the revolution. The Assad regime was always telling us that the Kurds will oppress us. But afterwards we realized that this was wrong because the YPG was fighting for us. My family had suffered the oppression of both ISIS and the Assad regime as well. However, we took no side with the Assad regime, nor the

ISIS. We stood by the revolution.”

Also Dijvar did point out that Rojava revolution is owned by the peoples of Northern Syria: “YPG has fought for all peoples” he says and adds: “Even though ISIS has lost its dominance in the field, it is still a danger for us because its influence on some parts do still exists.”

Last words come from Mazlum, with a critic: “We have to fight more against poverty. We cannot continue with the same poverty as we had during the years of the Assad regime. We must find a solution for this.”





HBDH Militias Are Spreading the Revenge Fire All Across the Country!

Peoples' United Revolutionary Movement (HBDH), the illegal military front organization of revolutionary and communist parties, in which our party MLKP is fighting shoulder to shoulder with organizations such as PKK, MKP, TKP/ML, DKP/BÖG, DKP/Birlik, TKEP/L, is carrying the legitimate violence of the laborers and the oppressed into the Western cities of Turkey... While

HBDH guerilla units are fighting against the fascist Turkish army in the mountains of North Kurdistan, the rural militias of HBDH continue to set various targets in the cities on fire, which are not only responsible for the dirty war on Kurdish people, but also the unjust capitalist exploitation of the oppressed.

Organizing under several "revenge teams" that are dedicated

to immortal martyrs of revolution, the HBDH militias have done 21 successful sabotage actions in different parts of Turkey between June 29 and August 12. The revenge teams set fire not only on the logistic and ammunition centers and trucks of the colonialist Turkish army, but also many factories and establishments of the upper bourgeoisie with their 'beloved' properties, such as million dollar yachts, that are bought by the exploitation of the labor and blood of oppressed masses.

The Turkish state and its lackey media proffered to announce most of these sabotage actions as fires due to electricity or unknown causes. However, the truth was just as how HBDH militias declared after their action to a Chemical Factory in Denizli province on August 4: "Neither electricity, nor a technical fault. The only cause of all fires lasting for days in different cities is nothing but your savage system oppressing peoples. Now you are suffering the consequences of the causes you created!"

Here are some outlines from the declarations of the HBDH's Revenge Teams on their actions:



**** "As the children of the oppressed peoples are deprived of a peaceful sleep, those who are filling their stomach by this dirty war will no longer be restful on their beds". (July 26, setting two luxurious yachts in two different marinas, Istanbul province)**

**** "The 10 million TL value factory owned by a supporter of the AKP-MHP fascist alliance has been reduced to ashes in couple of hours by our revenge units. We attribute our action to the martyrs of Suruç, who are immortalized after the massacre organized by AKP and ISIS corporation. Our united struggle which defeated ISIS gangs in Rojava, will turn into ashes not only the AKP as the biggest war and massacre partner of ISIS and its palace but also the order of exploitation as well. The martyrs of Suruç are immortal!" (July 26, set-**



ting fire a pallet production and storage establishment, İzmir province)

** *“Their so called safe backyards have lost their quality of being their “safety zones”. Just as how it is seen for many days, our forces keep on calling to account with continuous attacks hitting with our developing techniques.” (July 30, sabotage action to Huğlu Arm Factory, Konya province)*

** *The AKP-MHP led Afrin occupation was supported by the whole state structure together with the capitalist class. Their colonialism, which slaughtered and tortured thousands of people, burnt thousands of olive trees, and stole the olives of Afrin by the hands of*

Turkish capital, was named “Operation Olive Branch”. However, those “children with olive eyes”, who were immortalized while resisting against the occupation policy under the name of “Olive Branch” returned! Songül, Dicle, Hüseyin Cem, Görkem, Ruhat, Sedat, Erdal, Sinan, Kenan, Ramazan and tens of them are back here and calling to account one by one! (August 1, sabotage action to an olive oil factory owned by the famous capitalist bosses Boyner and Kürşat family, Balıkesir province)

** *“We once again warn all members of the class of the bosses who are the rentiers, supporters and the actual subjects of the AKP fascism. All of you are on our target.*

Either you repent or you will get your share from the terrific end that is waiting for AKP fascism.” (August 6, sabotage action to a factory owned by Erçal family, who give economic and political support to the counter-revolutionary movements in Black Sea region as well as a direct support to the Afrin occupation, Zonguldak province)



*** “Under the name of humanitarian aid, this building has been served as a storage supplying military logistics to the AKP backed gangs such as ISIS, Al-Nusra, Free Syrian Army. There were at least 40 officials working in that building while we have completed our revolutionary action. Although we have observed around 50 ambulances entered after the fire, hospitals took no official registry for the casualties. These efforts of AKP to hide their identities reflects its dark relations.” (August 10, dest-*

roying an ammunition dump, Hatay province)

*** “Those who make profit from other’s grief caused by war and massacres, those who provide logistics to the war shall pay the price. Those who are fed by the dirty war will face with the war reality. This is our call to the youth of Turkey and North Kurdistan: Our continuous actions lasting for days have burnt the signal flare and opened the path. AKP-MHP fascism is having a hard time with our united struggle’s power, capacity and determination. No matter where and how many you are, wage war against fascist institutions! Don’t let them sleep well in your quarters, in your schools! Enlighten their nights!” (August 12, setting fire to a factory providing containers and water tanks to the Turkish army, İzmir province.)*

