

Sinn Féin Youth Congress passed a motion for Afrin!

"This congress notes:

- That the current situation for the people of Afrin in Rojava - Northern Syria is a matter of grave concern,
- That the Turkish State has launched a war of aggression against Afrin which is situated within the Sovereign State of the Syrian Arab Republic, such attack having everything to do with Turkish enmity against the Kurdish people and nothing to do with legitimate concern for border security,
- That Afrin has been one of the more stable parts of Syria and that it has become a place of sanctuary for hundreds of refugees from many cities including Aleppo;
- That the victims of Turkey's invasion of northern Syria are civilians.

This Congress recognises;

- That Kurdish YPG, YPJ and SDF forces have been the most successful groups in defeating Daesh in Syria and have suffered heavy losses.
- That Afrin and approximately a third of all Syrian territory is administered democratically and peacefully by the Democratic Federation of Northern Syria (Commonly known as Rojava) with an emphasis on religious and ethnic pluralism, restorative justice, and the liberation of women and that despite this the DFNS has to date been excluded from the peace process in Geneva at the behest of the Turkish State.

This congress therefore;

- Condemns unequivocally Turkey's aggressive war in Afrin which is in breach of International Law and Security Council Resolution 2401.
- Calls on the British Government to immediately cease all arms trade to Turkey
- Calls for the Democratic Federation of Northern Syria to be invited to participate in the UN sponsored peace process for Syria."