Statement regarding the recent attacks by the Turkish state in Northern Syria and South Kurdistan/Northern Iraq

While the attacks on Rojava and on Northern Syria by Turkey with support from jihadist groups and western forces continue on a daily basis, the war on Northern Syria and Southern Kurdistan/Northern Iraq is now in full progress. For the 12th day in a row the Turkish state continues its deadly mass bombings in various parts of Kurdistan under operation “Claw Eagle announced by the Turkish state on June 15th.

On June 23th three women were killed in a Turkish drone attack in a village near Kobane. Two of the identified were feminist activists, Zehra Berkel and Emine Veysi, from the feminist confederation Kongra Star, which brings together feminist organisations and parties in Rojava/Northern Syria. The triple femicide was not a coincidence, but a deliberate and targeted attack against the women’s liberation movement and the feminist structures and progress in the region.

Two days later after the attack in Kobane Turkish jet fighters launched another attack on the village of Kuna Masi in the autonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq. The air raid targeted the Kuna Masi picnic area, a popular spot for outdoor activities and a cooling bath in the summer heat. When the bomb hit the local neighbourhood store, children and their parents were playing in the water only a few meters away. The bombardments were caught on video showing a splash from the explosion crashing into the water behind a mother and her little child. In this one-sided war it is women and children who are paying the highest price.

Turkey’s increasing attacks on human rights organisations within their own borders and mass arrests of civilian politicians based on fabricated terrorist accusations, as well as attacks on autonomous Kurdish regions in Syria and Iraq, are not aimed towards any real military threat but aimed against a political freedom movement that fundamentally threatens Erdogan’s and Turkey’s authoritarian development

IUSY strongly condemns and stands against the recentescalations of the Turkish government against the Kurds in Northern Syria and South Kurdistan.

As democratic internationalists it is our duty to condemn, protest and speak up against atrocities carried out against civilians by any state. The Turkish governments deadly attacks with the worlds silent consent cannot continue. We demand that the international community puts political pressure against Turkey immediately.