

Turkish Invasion in Syria Leaves Trail of Christian Bloodshed

The carnage has begun in northern Syria: More than 100 dead including civilians. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), led by the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) and Syriac Christians of Northeast Syria, have issued a desperate plea to President Donald Trump: Establish a no-fly zone over northeast Syria or expect a tremendous massacre.

The Turkish Defense Military said its jets and artillery had struck 181 Kurdish targets so far. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that, so far, 109 "terrorists" were killed in the offensive, a reference to the Syrian Kurdish fighters.

Tens of thousands of Christians live on the northern border of Syria near Turkey. Thousands have fled for their lives since the invasion began Wednesday evening.

Only a few years ago, this same scene unfolded when thousands were forced to flee on foot from the emerging Islamic State.

CBN News interviewed Pastor Zani Bakr of the Church of the Brethren in Kobane on the Turkish/Syrian border earlier this year. Wednesday night he issued this plea just after his wife, Chinar, and their son fled for their lives.

"There is fear and panic among the people. Most of the people left. My family and the families of the believers left. The men only stayed in Kobani. We're waiting and praying to see what God would do till tomorrow morning. We're asking God for the nations to intervene, and for the U.N. Security Council to stop this war, and the displacement from Kobani and Tall Abyad and Ras el-Ein, in about 600 kilometers of war and fire along the border," Bakr said.

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