



Emergency motion on the Turkish invasion of North East Syria

The UNI-Graphical & Packaging Global Conference which brings together unions and workers in the sector from around the world condemns in the strongest possible terms the Turkish invasion of North East Syria launched on 9th October 2019.

This unprovoked military aggression, carried out by Turkish forces working with Jihadi mercenaries, has brought death and destruction to what was one of the few stable and peaceful areas of Syria.

UNI Graphical & Packaging notes that there is widespread opposition to the invasion inside Turkey and stands in solidarity with all progressive Turkish forces that oppose it. Similarly UNI-Graphical & Packaging stands in solidarity with all trade unions, media outlets, politicians, women's organisations, and the wider Turkish civil society that have consistently opposed Erdogan's brutal crackdown on democracy.

UNI-Graphical & Packaging further stands in full solidarity with the people of North East Syria and calls for UNI Global Union at its coming World Executive Board to:

- Unreservedly condemn the unprovoked invasion and call for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of all Turkish troops and their allied Jihadi forces;
- Call for the implementation of a no-fly zone to protect the population of the area from the indiscriminate bombing being carried out;
- Urge affiliates to do all they can to stand in solidarity with the people of North East Syria by pressurising their respective governments to end all arms sales and call for sanctions against Turkey;
- Cease organising any official UNI events in Turkey until the invasion is stopped and all Turkish and Jihadi troops are withdrawn from Syria.

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