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MLKP CC member BAYRAM NAMAZ is Immortal!

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"Life and Revolution are everywhere..." Baran Serhat, the Vanguard Representative of the "Generation of Victories" is Immortal! We will Defeat the Fascist Chieftaincy Regime and Denialist Colonialism!

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Comrade Bayram Namaz, nom de guerre Baran Serhat, has been assassinated on 23 March in Serêkaniyê - Rojava by a bomb placed in his car with the fascist dictator Erdogan's order, the organization of the Turkish Intelligence Service (MIT) and the counter-guerrilla.

Revolution and our party are now deprived of practical contributions of an unyielding militant who lived his life on the edge of the cliff such an ordinary way, of a competent organizer with a great founding will, a pacemaker vanguard with his sacrificing spirit and commitment, an assertive political fighter who does not give up big dreams, a strong representative of revolutionary comradeship and an ardent laborer of internationalism. It is impossible not to feel his absence. Nevertheless, our comrade's struggle, the values he holds high, his great revolutionary goals and the spirit of breakthrough that he has always kept his eyes on will continue to give power to the revolution, to our party and to his comrades. He will continue to be the source of power and inspiration, to lead our path as a red guide in the most difficult and impossible moments and conditions.

#### **Our Sisters and Brothers!**

One of the founding members of our party, comrade Bayram Namaz, embraced the world on February 20, 1970 in Patnos - Ağrı. He spent his childhood and youth in Van province. The denial and assimilation policies of colonialism and social inequalities conditioned him to incline towards being a revolutionary. His college years in Trakya and his period of working as a construction worker reinforced him on his way of revolutionariness. In those years, as the increasing influence of the Kurdish national revolutionary struggle was rising his patriotic feelings and thoughts, comrade Bayram started to step up for his political quests. He has always been adopting the idea of the necessity of armed struggle. He took his first step to be an organized revolutionary in Tekirdağ.

His name entered in the official records of the political police first time on May, 1990 after he was taken into custody in Çanakkale. About a year later, he was imprisoned after being caught in a temporary seized vehicle together with two of his comrades, while they were on the way for an expropriation action. After his years in prison, he directly ran for MLKP's "Unity Revolution". Since October 1995, he had many times been exposed to the attacks of detention. Following the detentions on October 1995, February 1997 and September 2006, he continued to produce his revolutionary work in prison for various times. Starting from 1990, comrade Baran had responded the tortures in all police interrogations by defeating them in their own lairs. He transformed the courtrooms into

the trenches from which he interrogated fascism, denialist colonialism and capitalism and shouted out his revolutionary ideals.

In all these periods of struggle, comrade Baran came to the fore as one of the vanguard representatives of the "Generation of Victories" that our Unity Revolution aimed to create. He was a strong militant of the party line and party style. He ran wherever the revolution called for. He didn't make any differantion of duty or work. He added his spirit into all his duties; kept on strengthening his "collective active individual" character on and on. In a quarter century of time period, apart from his other duties, he undertook different responsibilities of our party in various periods, including the Membership of Istanbul Province Committee, the Secretariat of Adana Province Committee, the Secretariat of Istanbul Province Committee, the Secretariat of Northern Kurdistan Organization, the Representativeness of Rojava Organization, the Membership of Kurdistan Organization, the Membership of Central Committee and the Membership of Executive Council of the Central Committee. He carried out all of his duties with a great desire, determination, sedateness and militancy. No matter what it was, a new duty, a new responsibility



had always been an order, opportunity and a debt for him to enhance the revolutionary struggle. In every field, he mobilized his wisdom, experience and talent with all his strength. He worked with a perspective and spirit to create and get a revolutionary possibility from everything. He brought richness and pace to the activities with his creative initiative and vanguard will.

Comrade Baran was the leader of our party in practicing and deepening its character of Kurdistanian and socialist patriotism. As the "Kawa" of Northern Kurdistan, the "Baran" of Rojava, he put forth an unlimited effort and labor. His determination did not diminish for a moment against tough obstacles that seems insuperable. In order to move forward, either he found a path or succeeded to open a path.

As one of the vanguards of our party's understanding and action towards a united revolutionary struggle, frontbuilding and united revolutionary leadership, he gave effort for the foundation of the International Freedom Battalion (IFB). He was one of the pioneers of the foundation process of People's United Revolutionary Movement (HBDH). He has been in a continuous effort and revolutionary insistence for the success of HBDH, as well as for enhancing our party's devotion and effectiveness to achieve this success.

#### **Our Sisters and Brothers!**

Comrade Baran Serhat has never lost his revolutionary optimism but always produced a revolutionariness full of revolutionary romanticism. In the trial held on November 4, 2013 of the "8 September" case, of which he was kept in prison for 8 years, he responded the prosecutor and the indictment with an 18 page-long text that he read some parts in Kurdish and others in Turkish. In his speech in Kurdish, after emphasizing the division of Kurdistan into four parts, the denial and assimilation policies, as well as the national struggle of Kurdish people, he evaluated the situation in each parts and shouted out that "a Kurdish region is built in Rojava, in the Western Kurdistan. In this small part, a big gate is opening". He greeted those who were fighting and make sacrifices there in Rojava. Thus, nine months after these words full of hope, which were stated in a tough period that Rojava revolution was being kept under the threat of collaboration of Erdogan administration and ISIS, he was in charge of his revolutionary duties in Rojava on

#### July 2014.

Comrade Baran Serhat carried out the leadership of our party's struggle in Rojava. He mobilized all his strength and talent for the sake of defeating ISIS, stopping the tendency of immigration, defending Rojava revolution, organizing peoples to embrace the revolution and its institutions, as well as for the fraternal and democratic unity of the peoples of Rojava. He carried out a range of ardent works such as the foundation of our party's battalions and the establishment of mass work organizations. As a commander with executive responsibilities, he gave effort to develop ideological, political and military qualities of our guerrillas and guerrilla candidates. He had trained and raised many commanders. His footsteps shine not only all across Rojava but also in Shengal as well.

In all these though periods, Comrade Baran, as one of the leaders of our party, continued to give his mental labor for the development of the communist vanguard. With his opinions, suggestions and criticisms at the Central Committee meetings and other processes, he presented his energy for putting our party's decisions into practice in a strong, competent and creative manner, producing true solutions to new problems and developing our party's claim and horizon.

#### **Our Sisters and Brothers!**

It is clear that the fascist political-islamist chief Erdoğan and his regime of the fascist decapitators are aiming at taking revenge on our comrade and our party by murdering Baran Serhat, depriving the united struggle of a strong mind and action of leadership. At the same time, through this assassination, these vile enemies of the peoples of Turkey, Kurdistan and the region are hoping to debilitate our party's will of struggle, weaken our revolutionary claims and break our determination for being the bridge of the united revolution of Turkey and Kurdistan and our orientation for the regional revolution.

But, that is in vain! As the sacrifice

troop of the emancipation of the working class and the oppressed, of our peoples' freedom and equality, our party will continue its fight in the cities and in the mountains with a greater determination and will not deviate even an inch from the line of asking for the account of the spilled blood of revolutionaries and our peoples. This is our word for comrade Baran Serhat and on behalf of him, for all our fallen comrades and revolutionary comrades. As much as a sacrifice troop, our party is also a seed plot of many Baran Serhats. This seed plot will always remain alive.

Our sorrow is strong. But our enemies should know that our rage is stronger than our sorrow. We will raise the revolution!



"Our party gained its right to exist in Rojava of course by joining the revolution, by defending it and struggling to ensure its victory, by giving martyrs for this cause..."



#### Bayram Namaz (Baran Serhat) Illumunates Our Path!

**MLKP Kurdistan** 

Comrade Bayram Namaz (Baran Serhat) marched to immortality in the morning of March 23 in Serekaniye, Rojava after a vile attack of the Turkish state and its collaborator gangs. While he was on his revolutionary duties early in the morning as usual, an explosion of a bomb placed in his car made him martyr whereas the comrade next to him has been

#### wounded.

Comrade Baran Serhat was a member of our party's Central Committee and the Kurdistan Committee, as well as the representative and commander of our party's Rojava organization. It is no coincidence that comrade Baran Serhat, who has been one of the leader cadres of MLKP, became a target. This attack is the continuation of the

Suruç massacre, which aimed to blow down the united revolution bridge of Turkey and Kurdistan. Our party has positioned at the forefront of war trenches, right after the Rojava Revolution began. On almost every front from Kobanê to Raqqa, Minbij to Efrîn, our party fought against the collaborative gangs of the Turkish state and gave martyrs. Our party played an important role in frustrating the conquest plans of the colonialist fascist Turkish state in Rojava and Northern Syria by the hand of its collaborative gangs.

During his five years in Rojava, Comrade Baran served as the ideological, political, organizational and military leader of our party forces. He took a primary part in the multidimensional training of dozens of comrades. For the triumph of the Rojava Revolution, he worked with his mind, labor, love, and revolutionary enthusiasm. He ran from one front to another. He conducted the establishment process of the International Freedom Battalion.

With his revolutionary audacity, his consciousness and self-expression, Comrade Baran represented the leadership strength of our party, which defines itself as the sacrifice troop of the revolution. He served his 24 hours for the revolution. Without questioning whether small or big, he associated with every revolutionary task with revolutionary devotion and care.

Comrade Baran combined the combat warfare with political and organizational work, trained politically and organizationally high quality cadres as well as commanders and warriors. He led our party forces working in the revolutionary democratic construction as well as the defense of the Rojava revolution.

Comrade Baran participated in the establishment and development of Peoples' United Revolution Movement (HBDH). He has striven for practicing the decisions of HBDH, for the unity of word and action. He followed the unified revolution line with a perspective of the Middle East regional revolution.

Comrade Baran was a Kurdish communist from Serhat region of North Kurdistan. He had worked as a member of the Kurdistan Committee of our party from 2003 until he was arrested in 2006. He undertook the leadership of the North Kurdistan work. He became prominent with his resistance in dungeons against torture. He turned cells into a school of revolution. He was a member of the Kurdistan Committee since the day he finished his revolutionary mission in dungeons until the day he immortalized.

He made a great contribution to the construction of the line of socialist patriotism of our party. He put himself forth utmost for the practicality of this line. He combined the de facto legitimate struggle with the illegal struggle. He blended his organizing and working manner with political military struggle. Wherever he was, he upheld the slogan of "free Kurdistan" and embodied it in his own personality.

Colonialist fascist gangs must know, neither mass massacres like the Suruç, nor their vile attacks on our leading cadres, like Baran Serhat, can stop our revolution march, prevent our struggle for freedom and socialism or strangle our dream of a free Kurdistan.

The ignominious enemy hordes must know, our party's Baran Serhats are inexhaustible. The men and women commanders and fighters, who Baran Serhat cultivated with his labor, are ready to fill his watch. No matter what you do, we will grow and come like an avalanche. We have placed the dreams of our immortals into our gun barrels. We are going to be Baran (rain) on you with our bullets and bombs.

You cannot stop us. We will continue to defend and build the Rojava Revolution. We will destroy your colonialist fascist regime. We will free Kurdistan. Young women and men, to the fore, to the ranks of the party, to become Baran!

We are the party of Baran Serhats, you cannot stop us!

MLKP is invincible!

Baran Serhat is Immortal! Long live the Middle East Revolution!

Long live Freedom and Socialism!

Ahmet Şoreş, MLKP commander in Rojava, who has been fighting side by side with Baran Serhat (Bayram Namaz), gave an interview on his comrade who marched to immortality after a vile attack by the fascist palace dictatorship.

It was declared that your party's Rojava representative Baran Serhat was murdered by Turkish state and its collaborative gangs. What was the purpose of this assassination in your opinion? Can you elaborate why Baran Serhat was purposefully chosen as a target?

I want to begin my words by commemorating Comrade Baran and stating my commitment to his ideals.

To give a meaning and to understand the reason of this massacre, one needs both to learn and know the communist personality of Comrade Baran and to analyze the political period that we are passing through. Maybe I can't tell all of these detailedly in this interview, but I try to remark some main aspects.

Comrade Baran was a leading cadre who both accumulated at himself a lot of quality and feature which a communist party line requires, and owned capabilities of a communist leader of masses.

It is possible to see what kind of a role he played at organizing and developing a communist party in the statements of MLKP Central Committee and MLKP Kurdistan. Comrade Baran Serhat was a rare comrade who can pull people to himself with his jubilant enthusiasm, his organized revolutionary stance and his passionate belief to the victory. Leaving aside for a moment his working fields in Turkey and North Kurdistan, anyone who knew Comrade Baran, who had a chance to know him, who carried out works with him, any revolutionary person or party in relation with him; Kurdish, Arabic and Assyrian women, men and children, could see a great passion for freedom, love for human, nature and his comrades in him. We have seen and lived this once again in the words, eyes and anger of every person who came to his commemoration to show their commitment and respect to him. That is why it is quite understandable that those who don't want

communist ideas and a communist organization to spread and root in Rojava revolution and among North Syrian peoples, targeted Comrade Baran Serhat. We were not surprised. It wasn't something unexpected.

We know those who murdered Comrade Baran. We know them from the dirty vile war they waged against Rojava and North Syria revolution. Revolutionary forces of Rojava and North Syria caused the enemy to suffer heavy defeats in the war they have fought for seven years hand to hand. Revolutionary forces took away the last pieces of land where they built a barbaric system. Their last foot-hold fell on 21 March, on Newroz Day in Baxoz. They were defeated. They surrendered. This was also the defeat of the Rojava policy of Turkish state and its footman gangs. This

defeat of ISIS and palace fascism points out the beginning of a new period for Rojava and North Syria revolution and for peoples of Middle East. Political possibilities to advance the revolution further have increased. This holds an important part why cornered Turkish state and its gangs attacked the leading cadres of the united revolution. In the morning of the day when the defeat of ISIS would be announced, this vile assassination was carried out as a revenge attack, and apart from that, it should also be evaluated as the new process targeting the leading cadres.

It is being emphasized that this assassination targeted the united revolution line. However, what we understand from what is said and written is that Baran Serhat is also one of the constructors of the line of socialist patriotism. Looking



from this aspect, can we perceive that this assassination is at the same time towards the development line, political stance and the bonding of communist movement with Kurdistan revolution?

Of course, we can, we should. Those who carried out this attack are the ones who live in fear of the reality of Kurdistan, which is the vanguard wing of united revolution of peoples. Palace fascism and the gangs which collaborate, wanted to prevent and block the development of united revolution which started as Rojava revolution and expanded as North Syria revolution, yet they failed. They couldn't prevent the Rojava and North Syria revolution from becoming the united revolution of Kurdish, Arabic, Assyrian, Armenian, Turkmen, Circassian peoples. The revolution ended the conflicts between different nationalities and religions.

That is why murdering Comrade Baran tends to prevent the Rojava revolution, which is also a Kurdish revolution, from being a strong basis for other parts of Kurdistan. Because the line Comrade Baran led, meaning the socialist patriotic line, aims at organizing in Rojava on the one side, and uniting with other parts of Kurdistan on the other. Rojava revolution opened a path for itself by heading towards a Syrian revolution. It draws attention with this feature. Comrade Baran, as a leading cadre of the socialist patriotic line, was concentrating on the political and organizational requirements of organizing the revolution of North Kurdistan and Turkey both separately and as a united revolution.

Comrade, was leading cadre who has the consciousness and claim to meet this revolutionary base with socialism, to unite it with other parts of Kurdistan and crown it with Turkey revolution. He was, in every aspect, a Kurdistanian communist. He was a comrade who has never hesitated to put forth all of his self-being for the sake of liberation of a colonized nation and an exploited people.

Recently, one of the vanguard cadres of the Kurdish liberation movement, Zeki Şengali, was also targeted and murdered in a similar special way. Plus, informations about various attempts to kidnap or assassinate other revolutionaries and leading cadres were also presented in the press. In that sense, can we consider the assassination of Baran Serhat as a sign of a new aggression concept?

For like about five years, the colonialist Turkish state and the Palace fascism have undertaken to liquidate the communist and revolutionary patriotic movement as a prior duty for the sake of its own power. And in every occasion, it kept on stating that they will do everything needed to succeed in this mission. The mass massacres and assassinations of the leading cadres were the basic forms of this liquidation policy that have been came to the fore so far. So, we are talking about an ongoing concept which has already been put in practice for a while. Now, by diversifying the methods and expanding the targets, they are making this concept much more active than before. Thus, such vile attacks must be taken into account as an expected reality for the future.

From the statements on his martyrdom, we understand that Baran Serhat has established a multi-dimensional relationship with the Rojava revolution. It is stated that he played his role in various extends such as the foundation of the Internationalist forces, organization of united movement, social construction or the training of each fighters. These remarks about him portrait a total leadership profile. Can you tell us concrete examples about his

#### ideological, political and organizational leadership qualities?

Comrade Baran has always hold it as an actual question for himself that Rojava revolution should establish a deep and strong relationship with the people and vice versa. One of the main features of comrade Baran was not to be satisfied only with seeing or defining a problem. His manner of action has always followed the perspective of "if there is a problem, then there is also a solution for it." And he was always saying "if we are the communist revolutionaries, then we cannot leave anything without a solution." He has never endured spontaneity and uncertainity. This was the way of comrade Baran's thinking, living and working. He was giving all his efforts to enhance the solutions for the problems of Rojava revolution.

As a concrete example, we can tell about his role in organizing various campaigns and political activities during the initial years of the revolution for the sake of strengthening peoples', especially the youth's claim to the revolution, aiming to develop their political and ideological consciousness. Again, as another example, right after the autonomous cantonal administrations had organized themselves under a federational system, he has been actively involved in the works aiming to make the peoples of Rojava embrace the federation structure and get organized within the communes.

Even though the consciousness of the masses in terms of claiming or participating the revolution, of seeing the revolution as their own revolution was growing day by day, the consciousness and decisions of the revolution on the women liberation field was not being materialized in a desired pace and level among men. The works carried out under the slogan "Let's bring the revolution inside homes", which evaluated this issue as a question of the political activity, can be given as another example of comrade Baran's within this context.

He has always been stating that in order to secure the defense and establishment of the North Syria revolution, the political link of the revolution established with the Arab people must be brought to an organizational and ideological level. On this basis, he was focusing on the ways and methods to build strong links with the Arab people, to make them participate the defense and establishment of the revolution. In this regard, he has always been emphasizing that the destiny of the revolution depends on its capability to meet with the Arab people on a stronger basis.

These examples can present a sufficient picture to understand the deepness of comrade Baran's ideological, political and organizational leadership qualities.

What has been targeted on behalf of comrade Baran is actually an ideological line; a leadership stance of this line. That's why, those, who are afraid of this line to be rooted in the lands of revolution and to extend towards united revolutions, applied for such a vile method against our comrade.

As his comrades, we will keep him alive in every field of our lives. We will never let our enemy to rejoice their heart. We will continue to grow their fear. They will feel more fear from us more than before.

To conclude with his words, we, as his comrades, will continue to be both the "fire bearers" and the "icebreakers".

We will be the winners!

Our Revolution and Socialism struggle win!



#### We Will Ask For Account of Comrade Baran

Peoples' United Revolution Movement (HBDH) Executive Committee

"...This attack of the enemy shows that the whole of our united revolution movement was targeted in the name of the comrade. This attack will never weaken our determination to fight against the fascist state. On the contrary, our anger against the enemy continues to increase. Comrade Baran's martyrdom necessitates all the HBDH components, supporters and sympathizers of the revolutionary struggle to fight against fascism, spread and develop the war in all areas, and embrace the tasks of this period more determinedly, planned and consciously. Claiming the memory of our comrade Baran on a correct basis can only be possible through developing the struggle we began against fascism. On this occasion, we call on every revolutionary and democratic organization to take part in organizing wherever they are, to strengthen the unity, to make actions with the unified struggle understanding and to join the move to destroy fascism more determinedly. We invite the youth, laborers and women from Kurdistan and Turkey to be in unity and struggle, we invite you to expand the resistance...."



Comrade Bayram Namaz in his prison years

"Hewal Baran was a friend, who always talked with the children, the old and the women. He always worked to give the people new ideas. The Turkish state shall not think that Baran Serhat became immortal, today, there are hundreds of Baran's living.

They killed comrade Baran but his ideas will live on this ground in the Rojava Revolution. With every idea of comrade Baran, there will grow hundreds of more ideas and they will be realize on this ground."

> Rojin Serêkaniyê firom Rojava

"...The attack against comrade Baran targeted the united revolutionary struggle of Kurdistan&Turkey.

With this consiousness we state once again, that this attack and similar ones won't reach its purpose. For this reason we commemorate comrade Baran and promise to keep his memory.... "

## YPG

"... The greatest heritage of Baran Serhat to us is the revolutionary struggle with the peoples of Rojava, the comradely relationship he built with his comrades in arm. Before thinking about himself, our comrade Baran Serhat first cared about the people and the comrades he struggled together, he never forgot the name and struggle of a comrade, he is the bridge of comradeship of our unified revolution struggle..."

# DKP/BÖG

"...Comrade Baran Serhat embraced the slogan '...We did not submit. Life and Revolution are everywhere. Hope stands upright...; he is the name of realizing this slogan, of not yielding and standing upright for the liberation and freedom of the people in the world, until the last breath..."

MKP Rojava

martyrdom of our very valuable friend and comrade, our companion in HBDH, the MLKP militant comrade Baran Serhat, through an attack of gangs in Rojava on 23 March with deep sadness. First of all, we commemorate the great revolutionary comrade Baran Serhat with respect and love, we share the pain of the leading and comrades of our friend MLKP.

"We received the news about the

We state, that we will definitely take revanche for our comrade Baran, who contributed a lot to HBDH in the past three years. We call the workers and labourers, the women and youth in Turkey to appropiate the memory of the great revolutionary comrade Baran and to join stronger to the unified revolutionary struggle. It is obvious, that comrade Baran is a martyr of the revolution in Turkey, as much as he is a martyr of the revolution in Kurdistan, Rojava and the Middle East. His memory will continuously live in the free Kurdistan and democratic Turkey and the Middle East. With the unified resistance of the peoples the isolation will break, fascism will be defeated, Kurdistan will be free and Turkey will be democratic."



Bijî têkoşîna rûmet û azadîyê! Bijî Şoreşa Rojaval

> "Hewal Baran connected fundamentally with all the peoples, because he treated everyone with an equal manner.

> He has always made talks with the peoples so that they respect each other.

The dreams of Hewal Baran were very big, the most he wanted was the Rojava Revolution to gain victory.

The Turkish state wanted to scare us by killing Hewal Baran, but we will keep his ideas live in our children. We promise to walk on his path forever, to walk after his truth..."

> Cemil Baran from Rojava

"...Time; in this section, is the time to rise up on our feet, to flood the day outside its border.

Time; is the time to emrace the Rojava Revolution from tip to toe.

Time; is the time to tie round the spirit of Zülküf Gezen and Ayten Becet against the isolation and extermination attacks.

Time; is the time to encircle the fascsit encirclement!

Time; is the time to lock on the target! And the time; is the time to become Baran more than ever before in our fight to strangle AKP-MHP fascism in this storm!..."

# DKP/Birlik