

Urgent Call for a Peaceful Resolution to the Humanitarian Situation in Sur District of Diyarbakir

The historical district of Sur in Diyarbakir has been under curfew since December 11 last year.

The infrastructure has been largely destroyed by shelling. An estimated 200 people are still trapped in the basements, including 15 children under 10 years of age and an unknown number of wounded people. Civilians cannot leave their homes due to the continuous shelling and dead bodies are lying on the streets.

The Turkish authorities acknowledge the presence of 131 civilians and 25 PKK militants.

We appeal to the Turkish authorities to enable a humanitarian solution to the crisis in all urgency and to create the circumstances that would allow sparing the lives of the civilians, especially the children.

We urge you to suspend the curfew and to put in place a 24 hour ceasefire to allow for the wounded to be evacuated and for people to be able to leave the area safely.

Please don't allow for another humanitarian catastrophe like the one in Cizre, where a reported 158 civilians trapped in a basement died.

We also appeal to the High Representative Mogherini and EU Heads of State to address the dramatic situation in Sur urgently.

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