

# PEACE IN KURDISTAN

## **Day 1 – May 7th**

Cross at Semalka (Peshkhabour) gate from Kurdistan Region of Iraq into Rojava.

Welcoming by the Aras Fetah responsible for the Semalka gate in Rojava, as well as representatives of Kongreya Star's diplomatic relations committee of Jazeera canton.

Dêrîk (al Malikiyah) to eat with the women who will welcome us and coordinators of Kongreya Star (Evîn Swêd, Spokeswoman of Kongreya Star in Rojava and Fîdan Seydo, Head of the Diplomatic Relations Committee of Kongreya Star). Afterwards, the Kongreya Star centre in Qamishlo

Stay at guest house Amûde/Amuda for the night.

## **Day 2 – May 8th**

Meeting with Ilham Ahmad and xxx from the Syrian Democratic Council in Darbasiyeh.

Jinwar women's village in Darbasiyeh.

Meeting with the PYD (Democratic Union Party), including co-president Aisha Hesso

## **Day 3 – May 9th**

Trip to Kobane, welcome by Kongreya Star members of Kobane (Nejbîr, Felek, Zehra, Xalsa, Sara, Rima)

In the evening, conversation with Adliye and Sara, two women who are active in Kongreya Star and who stayed in Kobane throughout the siege 2014-2015.

## **Day 4 – May 10th**

Visit of Kobane cemetery

Trip to Manbij: meeting with the Manbij Women's Council, spoke to Kurdish, Arab, Turkmen and Circassian women.

Afterwards lunch at Manbij Women's Economy Centre

Return to Kobane

Walk through the eastern part of the city, which shows the state of the destruction of the town, which was liberated from ISIS in January 2015

Drive up Mishtenur Hill, the site of Arîn Mirkan's action against ISIS in October 2014, which turned the tide in favour of the YPG/YPJ

Evening stroll around the markets

**Day 5 – May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Visit of Şehîd Sorxwîn commune house, meeting with members of the women's council (due to it being a Friday, not many commune members attended)

Meeting with a family from Afrin, with an ill grandmother, three small children (two new-born twins)

Return to Amude

**Day 6 – May 12**

Meeting and music at Kevana Zerîn (Golden Crescent) women's cultural centre in Qamishlo

Meeting and lunch at Kongreya Star Women's Economy Centre in Qamishlo

Legislative Council of the Democratic Self-Administration of Jazeera Canton: co-presidents man: Hekem Xelo, woman: Nazira Gourie [Syriac], Mizgîn ???, Abdulkerim Saroukhan, Dr Abdulkarim Omar, Dr Hussein Taza al Azam [Arab] , in Amûde

**Day 7 – May 13**

YPJ (Women's Defense Units) in Qamishlo held a military ceremony for Anna Campbell

Kongreya Star coordination, closing speech and farewell

Brief visit to Şehîd Defîl Sarûxan cemetery in Qamishlo

**Day 8 – May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Visit to Şehîd Xebat cemetery in Dêrîk

Internationalist Commune, brief visit, Dêrîk (al Malikiyah)

YPG international, lunch, Dêrîk

Crossing back into KRG