

# UK government must stand up for Rojava region, say Greens

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Reacting to attacks on northeast Syria (Rojava) and Kurdish communities, Green Party peer Natalie Bennett said:

“The unprovoked attack by the Syrian government on the autonomous area of North Eastern Syria is a potential disaster for democracy, women’s rights and peaceful coexistence. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) successfully fought ISIS for 12 years and their abandonment by Trump is a straightforward betrayal that we should not copy.

“The UK government has got to make clear to the Syrian government that the mass release of ISIS prisoners is unacceptable; that the current ceasefire must stand and that attacks on Kurdish majority towns are unacceptable. Instead of the promised integration of the ethnically mixed SDF forces into the Syrian Army, we have the Syrian government set out to destroy one of the most vibrant democratic cultures in the middle east.

“The Kurds need the recent recognition of their language and rights as citizens written into the Syrian constitution, along with more autonomy for the Kurdish majority region of North East Syria.”

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