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SDF arrested French IS leader linked to Paris and Nice attacks

The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) said they had arrested a French citizen who headed an Islamic State group in Syria and had been involved in the Paris and Nice attacks in 2015 and 2016.

An SDF statement said the man arrested was Adrien Lionel Kayali and that he was born in 1983 and converted to Islam in 2003. It said Kayali, who also goes by the name of Abu Osama, had been arrested and then released in France in 2010 on suspicion of belonging to terrorist organisations.

French media have reported the captured man's name as French citizen Adrien Guihal, wanted in connection with terrorist activities in France. SDF media spokesman Mustafa Bali told Reuters Adrien Lionel Kayali and Adrien Guihal were two names for the same man.

French judicial sources told Reuters on Thursday there is an arrest warrant for an Adrien Guihal from 2015, and that he is suspected of having claimed responsibility for attacks in Nice and Magnanville, near Paris, in France in 2016.¹

Jihadis ask for ransom for the locals they abduct in Afrin

Reports suggest that invading Turkish forces and allied jihadi gangs have gathered together and abducted young people in the village of Dibe in Afrin's Mabeta district. Other residents of the village cannot ask about the aftermath of the youths as they also remain under threat.

According to reports, gangs have asked for 5,000-dollar ransom for each one of the young men they have kidnapped.

The jihadi gangs abducted another local on his way from Mamila to Çoqe village of Mabeta with his family, and his whereabouts is not known either since.

Local sources report that the invading forces seized the car and money of civilian C.E. while he was heading to Mabeta's Gimrok village and threatened him not to go out of his home.

Moreover, 40 years old Reşad Dado was savagely tortured by the jihadis in Qermitleq village of Shiye district. They then asked his family to pay them 10,000-dollars in three days.

Again, in Qermitleq village, the jihadi gangs abducted and tortured 40 years old Xelil Mustefa Abdullah with diabetes and cancer. Another unidentified resident was abducted while working in his field.

¹ <http://sdf-press.com/en/2018/05/syrian-democratic-forces-arrest-the-most-dangerous-isis-europeans-terrorists/>

According to reports, the gangs stole 4,000 sheep and goat in Bilbile district. Further reports suggest that they have set up bases in villages of Mabeta district, as well as in Abu Keib and Hajlar village of Jindires.²

Massive demo in Amûde against Turkish invasion of Kurdistan

Hundreds of residents of Amûde and members of the civil institutions protested on Saturday in response to a call by a group of academics, intellectuals, parties, associations and civil society organizations to make May 26 a Global Day of acting against the Turkish invasion of Kurdistan.



The demonstration was launched from the square of Martyr Judy in Amûde district in Qamişlo canton and headed towards the Women Square. The demonstrators held banners with "No to the Turkish occupation, the march of the peoples against the occupation of the Turkish state, Afrin will be the graveyard of the mercenaries".

The speeches made noted that the will of the people of Afrin was strong in the face of the Turkish occupation, and they continue to resist by all means to liberate their land and to return to their homes victorious.³

Ecological system improved in Cizîre Region

With the revolution in Northern Syria-Rojava, intense efforts are being made for the improvement of the ecological system in the region. In the year of 2014 when Democratic

² <https://anfenglish.com/rojava/gangs-ask-for-ransom-for-the-locals-they-abduct-in-afrin-26943>

³ <http://hawarnews.com/en/haber/massive-demo-in-amuda-against-turkish-invasion-of-kurdistan-h1656.html>

Autonomous Administration was declared in Northern Syria, protection of the nature and ecological system became the primary articles of the social contract.

For the protection of the nature and improvement of the ecological system in Cizîre region, an area was declared ecological city and region in Dêrik in the first phase. To this end, Cizîre Region Environmental Department launched ecological works at and around the Mashuqa dam in Dirbêsiyê region. Before that, Mizgeftê dam and surroundings had been declared ecological site.

In 2015, the city administrations planted thousands of trees around Mizgeftê and Mashuqa dams as part of these efforts.

Cizîre Region Environmental Department Administrative Board member Luqman Bedir stated that they want to open both ecological areas to tourism. Luqman Bedir underlined that they will always protect the water, land and forests in the region, and continue their efforts for the awareness of ecological system to be raised further.

Luqman Bedir said they are preparing to declare the Kîl Hesnak village and surroundings ecological site in the near future, adding that the Turkish state's attacks on the region affected their projects adversely.⁴

VIDEO: Armed men torture Afrin civilians in public⁵

A group of armed men detain and torture two residents of Afrin, according to video footage obtained by Rudaw, showing the armed men beating the civilians in public.



A source inside Afrin told Rudaw that the incident took place in the Mahmoudiya neighborhood of the city.

⁴ <https://anfenglish.com/rojawa/ecological-system-improved-in-cizire-region-26978>

⁵ <http://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/syria/270520181>

The Kurdish city of Afrin fell to Syrian rebels backed by Turkey in March after weeks of intense fighting.

The area has since witnessed acts of looting, Arabization and its original inhabitants prevented from returning home.

Spanish YPG volunteer Ramon laid to rest in Rojava

Spanish YPG fighter Ramon Maria Rull Linhoff (nom de guerre Kendal Ramon) lost his life after stepping on a mine planted by ISIS gangs during the operation to liberate the village of Baghous from ISIS on May 13, People's Defense Units (YPG) Press Office announced on Sunday.



Following a ceremony by Self-Defense fighters in the cemetery, Heqi Niviskar spoke on behalf of the YPG's Battalion of Internationalists and told about Martyr Kendal Ramon's struggle in Rojava and Deir ez-Zor.

Heqi Niviskar stated that Ramon believed in Kurdish People's Leader Abdullah Ocalan's ideas, saying; "Kendal came from Spain to defend the honor and freedom of peoples and values of democratic nation."

Niviskar vowed to follow in the footsteps of the martyrs. Speaking after, Derik Region Council Co-president Mihemed Ebdulrehman called for solidarity and struggle against the Turkish state's invasion politics. Following speeches, Kendal Ramon was laid to rest amid slogans.⁶

⁶ <http://hawarnews.com/en/haber/spanish-martyr-kendals-corpse-bid-farewell-in-rojava-h1674.html>

Demographic change goes on in Afrin

The Turkish state and its mercenary allies continued to plunder Afrin and to carry out their dirty plans to change the demographic composition of the city and region.

Local sources are reporting of daily violations and violence. Rape, kidnapping and torture are being reported on the increase.

According to the latest news on movements by DAESH mercenaries and their families aimed at changing the population composition of the area, it appears that the Turkish state has moved 15 new mercenary's families from different centers of Syria to the village of Kurzêlê, linked to of Sherawa.

Earlier reports indicate that the invading Turkish state has already placed in Afrin and surrounding villages some 1,139 families of DAESH members.⁷

Syrian rebels kidnap Kurdish physician in Afrin

A Kurdish physician who refused to flee Afrin after the incursion by Turkish forces and their Syrian proxies earlier this year has reportedly been captured by rebels.



Dr. Lazgin Ahmed Sali, a heart expert, was arrested on Tuesday by the Ahrar al-Sharqiye, a brigade operating under the command of the Free Syrian Army, in the town of Jandaris in Afrin, according to a source who preferred to be named only as the father of Renas.

According to the source, Sali was arrested while working at his clinic. Sali's family was evicted and their properties confiscated, the source added....⁸

⁷ <https://anfenglish.com/rojawa/demographic-change-goes-on-in-afrin-27045>

⁸ <http://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/syria/300520181>

Turkish mercenaries shelled Mohsenli village, MMC responded

The mercenaries of the Turkish army targeted on Wednesday the houses of civilians in Mohsenli village, north-west of Manbij city, causing some casualties.

The media center of Manbij Military Council (MMC) issued on its official website a statement indicating that clashes broke out between their forces and the mercenaries of the Turkish army in Mohsenli village on Wednesday afternoon, after the mercenaries targeted civilians in the village by shelling with mortars and artillery.

Accordingly, MMC's forces intervened to protect the residents, and responded to the mercenaries' attacks.

Local sources told our correspondents that as a result of bombarding the village by the Turkish mercenaries, a number of civilians were killed and the casualties' number has not been known yet. Moreover, the area is still witnessing intermittent clashes.⁹

Afrin: 8 civilians kidnapped, houses turned into investigation and torture centers

The invading Turkish state and their allied jihadi groups have looted Afrin and continue their immoral attacks against the people who don't bow down to the invasion in form of harassment, rape, abduction and torture. According to locals, they have turned many homes in the city into "investigation and torture centers" and are torturing civilians they abduct in these buildings.

Another source from the Rajo region stated that Turkish soldiers and jihadi gangs took 8 civilians abducted from the Cheqmaq village in Rajo to the Chiqla village in Jindirese where a prison has been set up. The same source said the families of these civilians have been asked a \$7.000 ransom each for the release of the civilians.

Another source from the Cala village in Rajo said the Turkish soldiers and the jihadi gangs used houses in the village as "investigation and torture centers". Village residents said some 50 civilians abducted from Rajo's Cheqmaq, Xilalka, Jenjliya and Elemdar villages have been tortured in these houses.¹⁰

⁹ <http://hawarnews.com/en/haber/turkish-mercenaries-shelled-mohsenli-village-mmc-responded-h1729.html>

¹⁰ <https://anfenglish.com/rojawa/invaders-use-homes-as-investigation-and-torture-centers-in-afrin-27085>