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PERMANENT PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL ON TURKEY AND KURDS

Session on alleged violations of international law and international humanitarian law by the Turkish Republic and its officials in their relations with the Kurdish people and their organisations.

15-16 MARCH 2018
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Press conference

On Tuesday 13th March 2018 from 2-4pm
at la Maison du Barreau 2 rue de Harlay
75001 Paris

with the participation of

HEVAL ARSLAN,
journalist (moderator)

GIANNI TOGNONI,
General Secretary of People's Permanent Tribunal

CHRISTIAN CHARRIÈRE-BOURNAZEL,
Former President of the Paris Bar Council

BASILE ADER,
Vice-president of the Paris Bar Council

TONY SIMPSON,
Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation

ANTOINE COMTE,
lawyer of the families of the three Kurdish militants
assassinated in Paris in 2013

JAN FERMON,
Lawyer and Secretary General of the International
Association of Democratic Lawyers (Belgium)

PAUL MOLAC,
French depute



The session of the Tribunal on Turkey and Kurds will take place

On the 15th and 16th of March
At la Bourse du Travail, salle Eugène Hénaff
29 boulevard du Temple
75003 Paris

In recent years many human rights organisations have denounced massive war crimes conducted in the context of the armed conflict of the Turkish state against the Kurdish rebels. In addition to these crimes, intended to terrorise the civilian population, agents of the Turkish state have organised assassinations, targeting opponents, including prominent Kurdish personalities.

To shed light on these allegations, and for the first time since its creation, the Permanent People's Tribunal, which is an independent and international institution, is going to study the serious human rights violations committed against Kurds and their organisations. The Tribunal will convene in Paris on the 15th and 16th of March 2018.

After working on the situation of the Rohingya and Kachin people in Birmania (Burma), the Permanent People's Tribunal will hold its 44th audience about dramatic events in the Kurdish community and will try to determine the role of the Turkish state has played in those tragedies.

Composed of eminent jurists and persons of high moral authority, this session will allow us to clarify little known or even deliberately ignored facts, and to spread this information to the media, to the general public and the international political community, opening the way to broad awareness and concrete measures.



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Under the patronage of:

Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation

Mgr Desmond Tutu, Nobel peace prize holder, 1984

Noam Chomsky, linguist

Toni Negri, philosopher

Slavoj Žižek, philosopher

Margaret Owen, human rights lawyer

Helena Kennedy, member of the House of Lords

Eva Joly, European deputy

Patrice Franceschi, writer

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