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SOLIDARITY WITH ROJAVA

Alexander Norton
19 March at 09:01 ·

Anna Campbell, nom de guerre Helîn Qerecox, has been killed by the Turkish lead invasion into Northern Syria aged 26. Reports say she was killed by Turkish or Jihadi shelling of the city of Afrin before the YPG-YPJ withdrew. Drawn to revolutionary politics she had been in Rojava almost a year, fighting in Deir Azzor and then working in Tev-Dem, the Democratic Society Movement, the political civil wing of the revolution. But when Turkish troops, Al Nusra, Al Qaeda, and ex-ISIS troops invaded from Turkey into Afrin, she insisted she go to join the resistance, dying her blonde hair black to travel through Syrian Arab Army territory undetected, into the besieged region.

Let this be the turning point in this country's silence over Afrin. But let this also be a turning point for all feminists, socialists, and revolutionaries of every kind. Let us finally understand that we, today, we live in a world of Anna Campbell's! We were born into a fight of terrifying odds, and unmeasurable glory. Of courage and sacrifice; those words do not belong to those that fight for pay or profession; they belong to the people who stand up, their ends empty no longer, to fight against capitalism, fascism and patriarchy.

If you do this, if you accept you live in a world of Ivana Hoffmann's and Anna Campbell's, if you live with that knowledge, if you fight with it, then perhaps we can say she didn't die. We can say she lives on. We can say she is immortal.

The martyrs are immortal!

Sehid Namirin!

Rose MC
19 March at 12:01 ·

I can't believe I'm writing this. There is a vigil tonight for my darling sister in Lewes at cliffe bridge at 6pm

The Women's Revolution in Rojava is with Arthur Rimbaud and Jean Burcombe.
25 March at 02:15 ·

"Dear friends,

You all know my dear daughter Anna.

She believed in your vision of an ideal society, based on honour of the feminine, inclusion of all ethnicities and respect for nature.

She was willing to defend that ideal with her life, as you also are.

Many hundreds of you have already given your lives defending it from those who are determined to destroy it.

Anna's death, though I could not have wished it, has drawn.the world's attention to you.

But the world doesn't understand why your project, the enclave of Rojava, attracted her so.

Nor does the world understand why the Turkish and Syrian states are so determined to wipe it out.

Worse still, the world doesn't know that the high-tech weapons which have killed so many of you, and which killed my daughter, were designed and manufactured in Britain. You know. You know all this.

I don't have to tell you that the Turkish state hates the Kurds because they think the Kurds threaten their national integrity.

But you may not know that the British state once saw our own minorities, the Irish, Scots and Welsh, as threatening in the same way. We, the British, did to them what the Turks are doing to you now. We realised, perhaps too late, the immorality of our ways.

The Turks have not yet learned this. You Kurds are suffering the same discrimination, expulsions and murders that we inflicted on the Irish, Scots and Welsh. That the Europeans inflicted on the native Americans. That the Nazis inflicted on the Jews.

The world has moved forward. Surely it has - hasn't it? How can anyone see these atrocities as anything but horrible, outrageous, unacceptable - whether or not they are dressed up in superficially plausible arguments? The spurious economic arguments that Britain uses to justify arms sales to Turkey?

That Turkey uses to justify genocide of the Kurds? How can this be? It breaks my heart. It destroys my hope.

Yet there is hope. Many millions of us here in Britain, in Iceland, in all the countries of Europe, in America - we are aware of your plight. We will not let you go unnoticed.

We will bring the injustice and horror of your treatment before our governments. We will not forget you. Just as you will never forget my daughter who lived, laughed, danced, shared, fought and died with you.

Together we will ensure that she did not die in vain.

With love and determination,"
Anna's Father
Dirk Campbell

Rosie Alice
20 March at 09:27 ·

You can see Anna here (in the dungarees over a pink shirt) dancing with Sara Shmoon and the rest of us, in the dance off video we made in 2010. She must have been 18 at the time, and she was there from the beginning, always enthusiastic, always joyful. 8 years later, she's a martyr, killed by bombs likely provided by the british state, age 26.

Sheffield Occupation - DANCE OFF!

YOUTUBE.COM

Kevin Kennedy Ryan II shared a post.
19 March at 10:30 ·

Nothing but fond memories of Anna from our student days. She was tenacious in the fight against the government over fees as I know she will have been in the fight against the Islamic State. She fought a noble cause and gave the ultimate sacrifice. Rest in power Anna, may the road rise to meet you ✊

Sara Shmoon is with Ana Maio and Jennifer Holmes.
19 March at 23:34 ·

we met in 2010 just before she started 1st year at Sheffield Uni and I was going into 2nd year. This was the year of the coalition, tories back in government and the fight against tuition fees and brutal public sector cuts in full swing. I remember being pretty bewildered, only 2 months into Uni Anna was pretty much 'leading' the occupation at richard roberts, and a bit later dancing around the picket lines as lecturers fought for their pensions, stomping through london on countless demo's, learning russian, french, esperanto.... she just got up there and did stuff, so many fingers up to the powers that be, throwing herself so vividly into so many struggles on campus (and in between the hard fight giggling over vegan cake in new roots, cooking up storms, dancing in stompy boots in penelopes, wandering round abandoned hotels, volunteering in buddhafield cafe and hanging out at the family home in lewes where i got to know her parents and siblings over the years).

university was never enough, far "too bourgeoisie" (her words) and after getting involved in other activism decided not to continue studying. i always thought that was a pretty brave thing to do in itself and from then on she literally gave her life, her time and her energy to transforming this messed up world, from resisting the eviction of the dale farm travellers site, to working with migrants in calais, sabbing the badger cull and fox hunting and supporting her family when her inspiring mum died a few years ago...

and there are so many pieces of her life i don't know or only know snippets of. we haven't stayed in much touch over last couple of years. the last time i saw her was on my first night back in UK after cycling back from palestine. me and bella ended up getting ferry to newhaven quite late and when we decided sleeping on the 'beach' wasn't best idea i thought i'd try anna who is the kind of person you can call in the middle of the night for a favour (esp as she would always do it to you) anyway she happened to be in lewes that evening. she welcomed us in, fed us curry, caught us up on a year of british gossip and ushered us to bed.

now all these snippets are finding their way into one bumpy idea of an extraordinary life, a short life, but one absolutely filled with a huge amount of determination, courage, unstoppability, indomitability and revolution (that she was always training for).

tonight a few of us who might not have seen each other for some time met in sheffield to celebrate anna's life and to remember the times we shared with her. we sat in new roots speak easy drinking tea and eating cake, sharing stories. and we were joined by abdo, the local kurdish man who happened to come to our jewish purim party a couple of weeks ago where he told his story of how the jewish story we tell (on genocide and resistance) is so true to what is happening now in afrin.

i called him as soon as i heard about anna. he has lost a brother, many cousins in the war. he has been very stressed, upset and angry about the last couple of months in afrin, the turkish aggression, the world's silence. his own stories intermingled with ours. anna's life so real and precious and huge to us. and one life amongst so many thousands who have been lost to both isis and turkish forces. that loss is collossal. and it is political.

our government is arming the turkish forces that are fighting against those that are fighting isis. arms that killed anna and countless others. i have so much to learn about this. but britain we have some serious response to make. i am angry, inspired, confused, proud....she just fucking did it, always, and i will always always be learning from the example of her life.

your spirit already lives on, in all of us, en-couraged, em-powered now to join the fight, to step up some more, to howl naked in the wind standing shivering on the edge of some cold water.

this is hard to say as i still can't believe it but REST IN POWER anna campbell. may your memory be for a blessing/for the revolution

my heart and prayers are with all the campbell family and those that loved her. xx

There is a crowdfunding page to raise memory in Anna's memory to victims of Turkish violence in Northern Syria, please donate generously if possible -

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/annacampbell

and learn more and join kurdish solidarity campaign here -

http://www.kurdistansolidaritycampaign.org/

Sara Shmoon
20 March at 15:58 ·

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– Louise Michel

Just Lauren
21 March at 19:44 ·

It's been a long time, but you'll never be forgotten. You did so much for so many. RIP.

Bella Vis
20 March at 06:41 ·

RIP Anna Campbell
selflessly brave to the last, the memory of you will be cherished for always
you fought the good fight, if ever there was, and the world was made brighter by your love and heartfelt rage x

Robbie Mack shared a video.
19 March at 22:42 ·

I am honoured to have known Anna Campbell. I feel lucky to have been one of the many people whose lives she warmed with her presence. Anyone who met her couldn't help but feel what an incredible person she was.

Anna was proof that you can be a lover and a fighter. Simultaneously fierce and gentle, determined in her resolve to fight injustice, and sympathetic in her support of those in need of help.

Her defence of the oppressed was indefatigable. So many movements were strengthened by her efforts. I am proud to have fought alongside her and impressed by a life dedicated to improving the lot of all.

Never shy of acting on her beliefs, it is no wonder she died fighting for the freedom and survival of the Kurdish people.

While I am saddened by the untimely loss of one of the most altruistic people I have known, Anna's entire life is an inspiration to fight and keep fighting for a better world.

Love and Revolution

Dave Pike I remember when she stayed with me and Jen after they involved in organising a talk for travelers solidarity. We went through coop bins amd found loads of kit kats and drinks. Never seen anyone more happy! Its a fucking shit day. Its a real loss. Loved your words xx

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Taylor Safe
19 March at 11:30 ·

Rest in power Anna. I only met her a couple of times but it was evident that her motivation in life was to fight against injustice wherever it was found. What a huge loss to the world and my thoughts are with everyone who knew her better.

Claire de la Lune
19 March at 18:04 ·

It is hard to explain how I feel hearing about the death of Anna/Daisy who was killed fighting for the Kurds against the Turkish army in Afrin. Angry/proud/sad ... And thrown back to all the emotions that we went through during the eviction of Dale Farm and the fierce comradeship that was built amongst the many incredible people resisting there, one of whom was Daisy. She was passionate, caring, funny, brave, deeply committed and fucking cool.
I hope that her death at least serves to highlight terrible situation that the Kurds are facing in Afrin and puts international focus on Turkey.
Rest in Power Daisy. I am proud to have shared barricades with you. And rest in power to all those killed fighting for freedom for the Kurds

Claire de la Lune
25 March at 16:44 ·

There should be a ceasefire. Not because Anna is more important than the other people that have been killed in Afrin. But because there should be a ceasefire. And if this helps to put pressure on for that to happen then it is worth signing. Anna was wonderful. What is happening in Afrin is terrible.

Brighton Antifascists
19 March at 10:18 ·

It was with great sadness today that we learned of the death of Anna Campbell, martyred in the Kurdish struggle for the freedom of Afrin.

Anna was a long term activist who made her life in Brighton and Bristol and was known to many of us here

She threw herself into all aspects of anarchist activism, working at the No Borders camp in Calais, resisting the eviction at Dale farm, campaigning with SMASH EDO, sabotaging hunts and fighting fascists on the streets of Brighton and Dover.

It was this strong desire for justice that led her to travel to Rojava last spring and join the YPG.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends,

Sehid Namirin

https://www.theguardian.com/…/briton-kurds-anna-campbell-di…

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24 March at 20:29 ·

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We stand in solidarity with Anna's fight and that of Kurdish revolution.

We send our deepest condolences to Anna's friends and family.

Anna is with us!
We fight on!

Heledd Williams shared a post.
19 March at 13:08 ·

Cariad mawr. Oedd hon yn ddynas arbennig iawn iawn xxxx

> Big love. This was a very special lady xxxx

Jeune Garde Lyon
25 March at 19:35 ·

> 's resistance continues, solidarity too!
> Tribute from Lyon, with the comrades of Unité 2 Classe, to the combattante fighter Anna Campbell! Şehîd Namirin!
> #SupportAfrin
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Bristol IWW
19 March at 12:51 ·

Bristol IWW are saddened to learn of the death of Anna Campbell, a fellow worker of the Bristol branch. Anna gave her life fighting against ISIS and the Turkish state at the Afrin front alongside the Kurdish YPG. Our thoughts are with her friends and family.

#BreakSilenceOnAfrin

Bristol Hunt Saboteurs
19 March at 18:46 ·

It is with great sadness that we hear of the death of our friend and comrade, Anna Campbell, who was killed last week whilst fighting as part of the YPJ in the defence of Afrin.

Anna travelled to Syria in 2017 to join the Kurdish struggle against Islamic State and had recently moved on to join the defence of the besieged city of Afrin against a Turkish offensive, where she was killed by an airstrike on 15th March.

Anna's courage and determination in fighting against all forms of oppression was truly inspirational, as anybody who had the honour of working alongside her will know.

Anna was a dedicated member of our group and was active in sabotaging fox hunts and the badger culls in Somerset and Gloucestershire.

Her bravery and commitment gives us the strength and determination to carry on the fight for the world that she wanted to see.

Rest in Power, Anna.

Empty Cages Collective
19 March at 14:17 ·

Our hearts are heavy with sadness today as this weekend we learned of the death of our friend and comrade, Anna Campbell.

Anna was killed in a missile strike in Afrin while fighting with the YPG.

Anna was a core member of the Empty Cages Collective and an active organiser in many anti-prison projects and campaigns, including Community Action on Prison Expansion, Smash IPP as well as Bristol Anarchist Black Cross. She made organising a joy.

She was a dedicated anarchist deeply committed to fighting for liberation. Her list of engagement in social struggles is long, from hunt sabotage to student occupations. She was a passionate feminist and proudly queer.

Like, Louise Michel, her favourite historical anarchist, social revolution was the deepest of her desires and is what took her to Kurdistan.

Anna died on the frontlines where she wanted to be - defending a revolutionary movement. She will be deeply and desperately missed by friends and family. Her courage inspires us to keep fighting for liberation, and for the destruction of the state and its prisons.

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Sandy Piper

19 March at 15:42 ·

I've been away for a few days, a whole world away from the news, and am only just catching up with all the terrible stories coming out of Afrin the past week or so. And I just woke to read more and saw a familiar smiling face pop up on my screen.

I didn't know her well but it always brings far away stories closer to home when it's someone you know. I knew her as Daisy and remember her being incredibly sweet and caring, she took my beautiful cat Chino to live with her in Bristol when first I, and then Yamuna left the country.

When Chino got sick I visited them all shortly before to say goodbye to my kitty before leaving again, and I was so moved by her loving energy and the welcome I got from her and her housemates.

When Chino became very sick, she and her housemates lay on the bed holding and stroking him until he died peacefully, her email to me describing all of this meant so much to me. I said then that all humans should also have the opportunity for a similar death if they chose to. Daisy chose to fight for something she believed in, a courage and bravery I wish I shared, she must have been surrounded by many that meant so much to her when she died - at least I very much hope so.

She went to Syria to fight Daesh/IS alongside the amazing YPJ (the all female Kurdish fighting group). It seems that she was killed during the disgusting attacks on Afrin by theTurkish military.

Daisy was also involved in refugee solidarity work among many other human rights and social justice activities.

I am so moved by her passion, her commitment to what she believed in and send love to all those friends who knew her.

Mossy Logs

19 March at 13:15 ·

RIP Anna. She was a kind and brave woman.

Charlie Charlston shared a post.
19 March at 13:56 ·

Sad news this morning, Anna you will be missed

Gordy Cullum She came to Cambridge & did a talk on IPP prisoners through Smash IPP (basically the locking up of working-class youngsters handed indeterminate sentences for minor offences) I know she'd help the families of those imprisoned & once staged a demo outside Tory Liz Truss surgery. Always came across as passionate & warm hearted everytime I spoke to her.

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BadMouse
@BadMouse101

Following

Oh christ. It was so sad to see this on my feed this morning.
My friend Anna Campbell has been killed in Afrin, making her the first British women to have died in Syria.
She was the best book tsar in Hydra Books ever. Rest in Peace.

Bog Myrtle shared a post.
20 March at 00:33 ·

Sad news, love & solidarity to all those still out there fighting

Durston Fletcher
19 March at 10:31 ·

Saddend by the news of Anna's death. She was a very brave woman.

Macer Gifford

19 March at 09:53 ·

The Internationals are shocked and saddened by the death of their heval and sister - Anna Campbell.

I travelled into Rojava with Anna in May 2017. She was kind, funny and brimming with energy. She had heard about the bravery of the YPJ and they inspired her to come out to fight for democracy, equality and peace in Syria.

She wanted to fight ISIS and to rid Syria of the evil that has ripped the country apart. After victory in Raqqa we were so close to completely destroying the Islamic State. Then in January 2018 the Turkish army with their jihadists allies - the FSA - attacked Afrin. This stopped the war against ISIS and saw a new front open up against innocent Kurdish civilians.

Anna bravely volunteered to join the defence of Afrin. The illegal invasion of Syria by the Turkish Army saw death and suffering on an unimaginable scale. She bravely fought alongside her YPJ sisters, they opened corridors for civilians to leave and delayed the invaders long enough to save thousands of lives.

I hope her death by the blood soaked hands of the Turkish military wakes the Western world to Turkeys aggression and their open alliance with the jihadists. She stood for what she believed and was soon loved by the Kurdish people...

Rest in peace heval, you'll live forever in the hopes and dreams of Kurds across the world. 💔💔

AFFA - Antifascist Forces in Afrin
19 March at 17:37 ·

THE HEROISM OF ŞEHID HELÎN QERECOX WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

British communist volunteer from London, Rûken Renas, remembers British YPJ volunteer Helîn Qerecox (Anna Campbell)

I first met HelÎn when I was hospitalised in Sere Kaniye within my first month in Rojava. She visited me twice to check on my situation, and I remember clearly her determination and her strength, as she told me she wanted to fight. She spoke good Kurdish, and was well loved by the people for her kindness and her eagerness to talk with them, listen to them and help create a new life with them with the blossoming of the Rojava Revolution.

She had come to Rojava to help serve the Kurdish revolution, especially the growing women's movement in the revolution which has liberated hundreds of women from both Daesh and the Assad Regime. She had become fully involved in the society, making strong bonds, moving with the women of Rojava to recognise their own freedom and autonomy.

Just before she went to Afrin, she told me she was going to fight, just as she did all those months ago back in Sere Kaniye. Once again, the fire of her iron willpower blazed in her eyes and I knew she would. There was no stopping her. Her strength and courage was immaculate.

Helîn was incredibly popular and appreciated by the people of Kurdistan. Her solidarity, sacrifice and willingness to fight is unmistakably beautiful. She will become an icon of international solidarity, and prove that love, bravery and the very human instinct to protect others lives, despite the lies we are told about human nature being selfish and uncaring.

Şehid Helîn will be remembered throughout the years as a 21st century hero. We must never forget her.

Bristol Kurdish Solidarity Network

22 March at 12:40 ·

This morning BKSN, along with friends of Anna Campbell, went to BAE systems and MBDA offices in Filton (both companies are arms dealers) to protest against their direct involvement in the genocide committed by the Turkish state and their allies within Daesh.

BAE systems along with MBDA have been supplying weapons and fighter jets to Erdogan and his nationalist thugs with the blessing of the UK government. These arms are being used to massacre civilians and Kurdish freedom forces defending the revolution in Afrin from the brutal Turkish invasion. Thousands of people, including Bristolian Anna Campbell, have been killed as a direct result of this.

Since 2012 a direct democratic revolution has been forming based on the principles of womens liberation, equality, secularism, communitarianism, anti-capitalism and ecology. This social and political revolution goes under the name of Rojava and encompasses the Afrin region. NATO member Turkey and it's Daesh allies are against this egalitarian democratic revolution, resulting in the targeting of the Afrin region since January 20th 2018. This military attack, known as 'Operation Olive Branch', has taken countless lives from the defense units (the YPJ and the YPG) as well as from innocent civilians. Hundreds of thousands of inhabitants have fled the region due to the reign of terror that is now ensuing, with practices including rape, systemic oppression, murder, looting and ethnic cleansing integrated into the regime. This oppression is facilitated by weapons produced by BAE and MBDA, as well as arms deals signed in the UK. (Prime minister Theresa May recently signed an arms deal with Erdogan worth £100 million in January 2018.)

At today's action a large group of people showing solidarity with those in Afrin strolled past the empty security box straight towards the BAE company building, where banners were unraveled, flags of solidarity waved, pans banged, slogans shouted and placards raised. One foyer was occupied and those arriving to work were greeted with chants such as "Desktop Murders" and "We will fight, we will win, long live Afrin". The group congregated and protested not only outside BAE but also MBDA offices, exposing the truth behind these companies and banging on windows. One arms dealer (employee) came outside and was incredibly verbally aggressive, attempting to defend their unjustified role. Before leaving, we ensured that ALL the employees within the site were made aware of our presence by walking around the site shouting our message outlining their involvement within the atrocities taking place in Afrin.

We will continue resisting oppression and genocide with our fight against the military industrial complex and their dictator customers.

ANNA IS WITH US, WE WILL FIGHT!

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Clarissa Mildew
21 March at 10:30 ·

"I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own."

~ Audre Lorde

For Anna and all the sisters and brothers she was choosing to be in radical solidarity with. May your precious and vast heart rest and radiate peace as you pass to different realms ... thank you dear sister for your courage and commitment in times when I too know in my heart that part for which only the most radical of actions make sense in this crazy crazy world.

Your tragic death inspires me to make each moment count, to stand bold and bright for that which feels true in my heart, to keep softening and strengthening, softening and strengthening, to keep widening my circles to let all of life-death-life in - in our kaleidoscope of colours through darkness to light.

Your death is not in vein - I feel it in my bones. You have woken me up. Thank you dear Anna.

Beau Nafyde
19 March at 19:44 ·

absolutely gutted to hear today of the death of English anti-fascist Anna Campbell in Syria at the hands of Turkish state forces. She had gone over there to fight with the Kurdish YPJ against ISIS, and was killed by Turkish artillery. a brave and inspiring feminist and freedom fighter. rest in power comrade. disgusts me that while good people are being killed the headlines still seem more keen to talk about Ant from Ant and Dec drink driving. The situation in Afrin is making me feel utterly useless, but massive respect to the Kurdish fighters doing their best against impossible odds

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A message from Anna:

I came to know Rojava about a year ago as an internationalist. . . there have been international martyrs since many, many years in this place and so one of the one of the forces behind the Revolution is that we build things up even stronger and even greater in the memory of the people who have fallen, that have become martyrs. So even if there were no more international people that came to Rojava to fight, which I don't think will ever happen, then the fight would still be continued in memory of those international people who have died here and so I think this is something really beautiful for the revolution and you know to feel like we can all fight together to create a better world.

To our companions friends and comrades, our quest for a different world brought us to the liberated territories of the Middle East, the revolution in Rojava today embodies the spirit of resistance against their malicious world, the revolution happening in Kurdistan right now is our revolution and part of our search.

Our search for what could be possible means accepting a rich heritage. The women of the Paris Commune of 1871, and the workers militias of the Hamburg Uprising of 1923 - that's us. The comrades of the October Revolution and the Spanish Civil War - that's us. The workers on strike in India and the guerrilla in the mountains of Kurdistan - that's us. We are the anarchists of Greece, we are squatters, we are the witches and the rebellious farmers at the early modern period, we who are working here in Rojava as internationalists a part of the worldwide fight of the oppressed against the reign of state, capital and patriarchy.

Rojava is a good school, here we cannot only learn how to be an actual part of a movement and a whole society, we teach ourselves in the arts of strengthening our unity and being diverse without falling into ideological arguments.

Our resistance needs a long term perspective, that includes ourselves become militant personalities, letting our strengths grow and learning the truth about the revolutionary struggle. This also means overcoming the culture of dominance, the traces that were left by patriarchy, a capitalist lifestyle and a mentality of a nation-state, today we wage a global struggle that will end either in liberation or in total oppression and has reached the level of a third world war.

We cannot take ourselves out of this and expect or hope that others will do what we are too lazy or too afraid to do, if we want to be victorious we have to admit that our fight today is the fight for all or nothing, it is the time of bravery and of decisions, the time of coordination and organization, it is the time of action, we send you all our bravery and willpower, we send you all our love, you who fight with us and light the fires of resistance.

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