

Iran: “ISIL Attack on Kobani Meant to Provide Excuse for Coalition’s Military Presence in Syria”

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Kurds protest in London on Oct. 8 against assault on Kobani. Massive protests took place throughout Turkey, where 34 people were killed by the Erdogan regime, and Europe

Iran’s Chief of Staff Major General Hassan Firouzabadi said the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) attack on Kobani, a Syrian-Kurdish town near the Turkish border, is only a plot to provide an excuse for the US-led coalition to start a military build-up in Syria. “There is premonition of conspiracy to victimize the people of [Syria’s Kurdish town of] Kobani in order to create a bridgehead for the military presence of the [so-called US-led] coalition in Syria.”

“You can smell conspiracy in the air as it seems that they want to victimize the Kobani people to pave the ground for the presence of the coalition’s military presence in Syria,” Firouzabadi said on Saturday.

“We are truly worried about this massacre and believe that it is a catastrophic crime in mankind history,” he said.



Turkish soldiers block Syrian refugees at border near Kobani. Turkey and the U.S. are cynically using the Kurdish people as a bargaining chip in a strategy of conquest

He did not name Turkey, but blasted the neighbouring country which has closed its border and blocked the route for sending aids and assistance to the oppressed people in Kobani.

He also smashed the US-led coalition for its selective airstrikes on ISIL-occupied territories which, he said, will further accelerate the ISIL's operational advances.

Firouzabadi described the ISIL as a mercenary of the regional nations' enemies, and said all Muslims and peace-seeking people across the world should protest at this situation and keep vigilant against the theatrical moves of the so-called anti-ISIL coalition.

"If the oppressed people of Kobani are assisted, God willing, they will be able to push back the ISIL from Kobani," he added.

Reports from Kobani said on Saturday that the Syrian Kurdish fighters put up a fierce fight against the ISIL terrorists and managed to repel several of their attacks on the strategic town.

"Clashes were focused in the Southern and Eastern parts of the town. We thwarted several of their (ISIL terrorist) attacks," a senior Kurdish official, Ismet Sheikh Hasan said.

"We are defending (the town) but ... we have only simple weapons and they (terrorists) have heavy weapons," he added.

"The US-led airstrikes were not effective," Hasan said, urging the international community and the United Nations to intervene.

Kobani, Syria's largest Kurdish city, has seen intense battles over the past three weeks as ISIL terrorists are trying to seize the city due to its strategic location.



On Saturday, Iranian Majlis (Parliament) Speaker Ali Larijani called on governments in the Middle East region to "act responsibly" to prevent a possible massacre by the Takfiri ISIL terrorists in Syria's Kurdish town of Kobani. "Everyone has to help in this regard so that the regional countries would behave responsibly and we will do all in our power to save the people of Kobani," Larijani said. On Friday, the United Nations' envoy to Syria, Staffan de Mistura, had warned that thousands of people "will most likely be massacred" if Kobani falls into the hands of ISIL Takfiri militants. He also urged Turkey to allow in Kurdish volunteers to cross border into Syria to defend Kobani against the ISIL terrorists.

Larijani rejected Turkey's call for the imposition of a no-fly zone over its border with Syria, saying the idea "lacks strong international backing."

“No coalition can decide for itself and create a no-fly zone over a country because it would lead to international chaos and it is not that easy in practice,” he added, pointing to the so-called US-led coalition to fight ISIL militants.

On Wednesday, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Marziyeh Afkham said Tehran is ready to help the Syrian government in pushing back ISIL’s wild attack on the Kurdish town of Kobani.

“Kobani is part of Syria’s sovereignty and territorial integrity and if the Syrian government makes a demand, we will be ready to provide any assistance it wants,” Afkham said.



Syrin YPG fighters in Tel Kocer. Photo- AP

She voiced concern about the conditions of the people residing in Kobani after the terrorist attacks, and said the Islamic Republic is making coordination to send humanitarian, health and medical aids to the people in the war-hit Syrian city.

Afkham, meantime, said that the Syrian government has not yet asked Iran for sending aids.

She also blasted the international community for ignoring the situation of the people in Kobani, and said the actions and the policy taken by the US-led anti-ISIL coalition have rather encouraged the terrorist group to take any action that it desires.

Also on Tuesday, Afkham warned of a pending human catastrophe in the Syrian-Kurdish town of Kobani which has been under attack by the ISIL terrorist group in the last few weeks.

Afkham warned that the dire situation of the people in Kobani can lead to a human catastrophe in the city, and called on different countries to support the Syrian government and people with their fight against the terrorists and send humanitarian aids to the residents of Kobani.

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