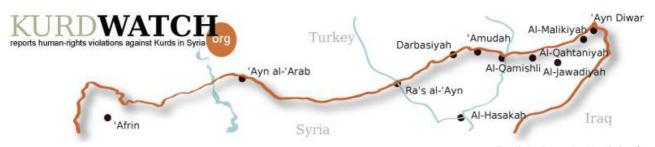
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Al-Qamishli: PYD-supporters attack demonstrators

KURDWATCH, November 10, 2012-Nationwide protests on November 2, 2012 resulted again in numerous dead and injured. Throughout the country, demonstrators united under the slogan »Daraiyah, brothers and sisters of grapes and blood« took to the streets and demanded the fall of the regime. Supporters of the Kurdish National Council as well as numerous youth groups chose the slogan »No to demagoguery, yes to unity«. Supporters of the Democratic Union Party (PYD) demonstrated under the slogan »Friday of the martyr Nujin Derik«, which referred to a commander of the People's Defense Units (YPG), who, according to statements by the YPG, had been killed by the Free Syrian Army—the YPG recanted this statement a few days later. In al-Qamishli, one demonstration took place in each of the districts of al-'Antariyah (organized by the Biratî, Rojava, Shaykh Ma'shuq and Farhad Martyrs youth groups), Kurnish (organized by supporters of the Kurdish Future Movement in Syria under Rezan Bari Shaykhmus, the Sewa youth group, and other independent youth groups), and Munir Habib (organized by the Kurdish National Council), as well as at the Qasimo mosque in the western district (organized by the PYD). The PYD-demonstration was accompanied by a military parade. During a Kurdish National Council demonstration in al-'Antariyah, armed YPG members attempted to force demonstrators to lay down the Syrian independence flag. In 'Amudah, two separate demonstrations took place, one organized by the Kurdish National Council along with various youth groups and the other by the PYD. Two demonstrations, organized by the PYD and the Kurdish National Council, took place in each of the cities of al-Qahtaniyah (Tirbesipî), ad-Darbasiyah, al-Ma'bada (Girkê Legê), al-Jawadiyah (Çil Axa), Ra's al-'Ayn (Serê Kaniyê), and Ayn al-'Arab (Kobanî). In Ayn al-'Arab (Kobanî) YPG fighters also tried to intimidate the demonstrators and demanded that they lay down the Syrian independence flag. Four demonstrations took place in al-Hasakah. During the Kurdish National Council demonstration in the district of al-Salihiyah, YPG-fighters drove their vehicles into the crowd and tore up the Syrian independence flag. In al-Malikiyah (Dêrik), two demonstrations took place on Saturday, organized by the PYD and the Kurdish National Council. There were no protests in 'Afrin or in the mainly Kurdish districts of Aleppo and Damascus.









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