

Al-Jazera

Beth Nahrain

Rojava



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POLITICAL STATEMENT

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In light of the dangerous and rapidly unfolding developments Syria—and the region more broadly—is experiencing, accompanied by an escalation in incitement rhetoric, the reproduction of hotspots of tension, and systematic attempts to undermine fragile stability, SEEN Organization affirms that what we are witnessing today is not isolated from a broader political and security context, for which both internal and external actors bear responsibility.

Attempts to destabilize Arab–Kurdish relations and redirect the conflict toward ethnic or sectarian trajectories pose a direct threat to the social fabric and serve projects of fragmentation and the reproduction of violence. These policies have historically proven to have failed and will only lead to further chaos and instability.

The Jazira region / Rojava / Beth Nahrain has historically demonstrated that coexistence and political and social partnership among its diverse components are not a temporary choice, but a necessity and a foundation for any genuine democratic path. Targeting this diversity through comprehensive military means and incitement-driven rhetoric comes within clear efforts to undermine any discourse calling for decentralization, justice, and political participation.

In this context, SEEN Organization affirms its full and explicit support and solidarity with the peoples of the region—Kurds, Arabs, Syrians, Assyrians, and Armenians—in their legitimate struggle to remain on their land and defend their existence and rights. SEEN also expresses its solidarity with the Women's Protection Units (YPJ) for their role in resisting ISIS and defending local communities and women.

Conversely, we hold the International Coalition against Terrorism, as a de facto force with direct military presence, fully politically and security-wise responsible for the accumulated failures in addressing terrorist organizations—most notably ISIS—whether in terms of the resurgence of its activity, the escape of its members, or the reconstitution of its sleeper cells, and the resulting direct threat to civilian security and social peace in the region.

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At the same time, SEEN clearly condemns the practices of the transitional system in Syria that have contributed to the reproduction of risk factors and provided a fertile political, media, and social environment for the rise of sectarian discourse—whether through exclusionary policies, the instrumentalization of societal divisions, or turning a blind eye to networks of incitement and violence. These practices not only threaten civil peace, but also undermine any possibility of a genuine political transition grounded in justice and accountability.

Based on our human rights and political responsibility, SEEN Organization affirms its role in urgently calling for the deployment of independent international monitoring missions, through UN country offices and in coordination with the Protection Forum, to monitor social impact, protection risks, and community-wide fear dynamics, and to ensure the prevention of impunity.

We believe that political awareness, a clear stance, and naming responsibilities without equivocation—alongside Syrian opposition political bodies—constitute the first line of defense against projects of fragmentation, the recycling of violence, and the transformation of communities into fuel for conflict.

Protecting the social fabric and defending the existing experience of coexistence are not political slogans, but a national and ethical responsibility that tolerates neither complacency nor delay.

SEEN for Equity

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ABOUT SEEN

hSEEN is an independent organization that has been working since 2019 to advance social and political justice and equity. Its work is grounded in a critical understanding of the structures that produce violence, exclusion, and inequality—particularly those related to gender, sexuality, and other forms of structural marginalization.

SEEN's mission is to support community actors and strengthen their capacity to organize, articulate their voices, and create impact by providing safe spaces, knowledge tools, and approaches that are responsive to local and regional contexts. The organization seeks to contribute to social and legal transformations that lead to more just and equitable societies.

SEEN's work is grounded in intersectional feminism as both an analytical and political framework. The organization recognizes that issues of gender and sexuality are structurally interconnected with class, labor, the economy, the environment, colonialism, and systems of power.

SEEN rejects all forms of discrimination and exclusion, affirms the right of individuals and communities to self-determination, and values non-hierarchical collective action, mutual accountability, and solidarity across identities and affiliations. The organization also adopts the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a foundational reference and a minimum standard that must not be compromised.