

No to using water as a weapon in Syrian's Al Hasakah to intimidate its citizen

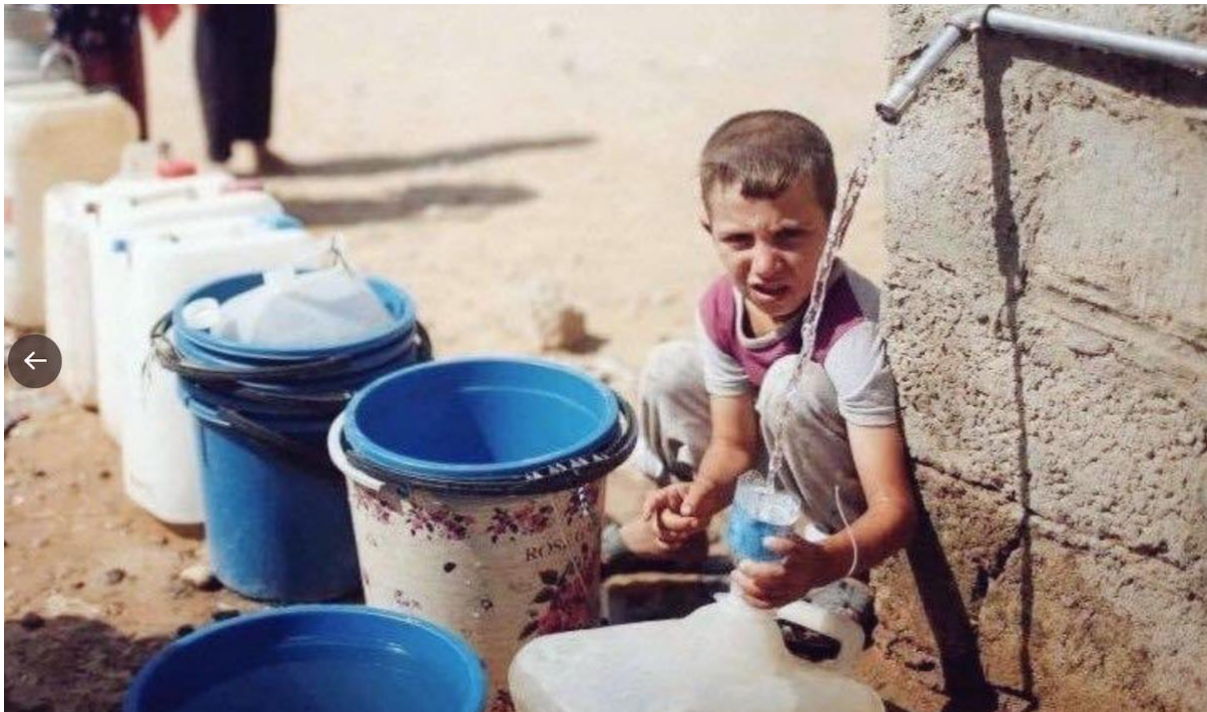


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What is happening right now in the Syrian city of “Al Hasakeh” and its surrounding areas is very dangerous and a very unwelcomed precedent that could lead to tensions and hostilities among nations and groups for many decades to come.

The city which is inhabited by more than one million Syrian citizens of different sects, is being subject to terrorist act by all standards and definitions of international conventions that define a terrorist act, that being “the cut of water supply for millions of poor and needy people”.

Regardless of who is responsible for this inhuman act, some say that the Turkish side has reduced the water level from the Euphrates Shield areas controlled by them which feeds the Al-Aluk plant. This resulted in low water level in one of the dams of Al Hasakeh, which

feeds the power turbines that supply Al-Aluk plant with electricity. Reporters are saying that this act was done in order to weaken the Kurdish local administration, which is controlling parts of the Syrian Al Hasakeh.

While some say that “Qasd” forces are pointing fingers at the Turkish-backed Militia controlling the water plant and associated pumping stations, deliberately cutting off water. All is happening amid international appeal from the Syrian Red Crescent that it has been prevented from reaching the pumping station to repair it.

The suffering of the people of the “Al Hasakeh” region in a harsh, hot and dry environment, in addition to the outbreak of the Corona pandemic as well as, poverty, hunger and marginalization, is a tragic situation that requires all of us to stand with the citizens of Al Hasakah, regardless of the political overtones of states and alliances that are dragging the entire region into deep political and humanitarian crisis from Yemen to Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Libya.

May be this is an opportunity to remind UN, states and international organizations that keep urging us, in every occasion, to use water as a tool to build trust and peace among nations and peoples, to say to them “save the people of Al Hasakeh”. We urge you to act against the crimes of war that are being committed in the North-eastern part of Syria “Al Hasakeh”.

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