



KONGRA STAR

- A- NAME: KONGRA STAR (STAR CONGRESS)
- B- KONGRA STAR'S AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Kongra Star is the confederation of organised women's structures in Rojava and organises based on the democratic-ecological-woman's liberation paradigm. Taking as its axis the Democratic Nation mentality it develops the Free Rojava, Democratic Syria and Democratic Middle East system based on woman's liberation.

Kongra Star accepts that politics is an immediate preoccupation of society and women and views democratic politics as the strengthening of women's participation. While organising the women's movement in the political, social, cultural, ecological, economic, self-defence, diplomacy and other spheres, basing it on the democratic confederal system, it aims for equal participation and representation. It socialises the woman's liberation ideology and with the construction of a democratic nation it leads the way for the development of a democratic communal social life.

Beginning with Rojava and Syria Kongra Star aims to realise the Woman's Liberation Revolution across the Middle East. Struggling against patriarchy and the given family structure, it aims for the free-union of woman and man and a democratic family based on mutual will. With the free-joint life perspective it aims to overcome, beginning with relations between woman and man, all forms of domination, power, ownership and sexism to unearth the free society founded on a free and joint-life.

Kongra Star views self-defence as a fundamental principle in defending, developing and improving the values of the moral and political society. It develops the self-defence of women in all spheres against statist-sexist structures and tendencies. It views economy as a sphere led by woman and is the vanguard for the development of a communal economy, its mind-set and for the formation of an economic system based on these principles. It

recognises all democratic and free, belief and cultural organisations. It sees the organisation and democratic participation of all social groups and individuals in political life, based on their needs, as a requisite for a moral and political society. It is in an active struggle against male-dominant mentality and practices and aims to transform the man based on the freedom paradigm and develops projects to achieve this.

Kongra Star aims to make the Democratic Autonomy model, unearthed by the Rojava Revolution, the foundation for a democratic Syria. It is also the vanguard for the protection and development of Kurdish gains.

C- GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISATION:

- 1- KONGRA STAR is a confederal women's organisation based on the voluntary union of all liberationist, democratic institutions, organisations and individuals and organises itself in the form of commune, assembly, academy, co-operative, foundation, association and party etc.
- 2- Each organisation, union or committee protects its identity and joins KONGRA STAR based on mutual dependency. It acts according to the radical democracy principle.
- 3- KONGRA STAR is responsible for the co-ordination, implementation and supervision of the decisions and policies of different institutions, organisations and canton assemblies.
- 4- KONGRA STAR is flexible and embraces diversity and democratic participation.

MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTION:

Organisations, parties, unions, committees and individuals that accept KONGRA STAR'S constitution and struggle for its aims and objectives are members of KONGRA STAR'S Democratic Confederal System.

THE SYSTEM'S DEMOCRATIC ORGANISATION FORM AND MECHANISM

A- DEMOCRATIC CONFEDERALISM LEADERSHIP

- 1- KONGRA STAR recognises Abdullah Öcalan as its leadership and the leadership of the peoples' of the democratic nation.
- 2- KONGRA STAR bases its struggle on the ideological, philosophical, theoretical, strategic and political line determined by Abdullah Öcalan.
- 3- KONGRA STAR'S organised women's structures struggle and work according to the principles and mechanisms of

democratic confederalism. They take and implement joint decisions in the ideological, organisational, political and legitimate self-defence dimensions. Every organisation as a legal entity co-operates and develops relations with other organisations. Based on this;

B- KONGRA STAR creates and constructs society's democratic confederal system predicated on the Woman's Liberation ideology.

C- UNION OF YOUNG WOMEN, is the youth organisation of KONGRA STAR. Young women are society's dynamic vanguard. It organises and takes an active part in all areas of societal struggle. It forms its own organisations in all areas of work. It organises according to the democratic confederal system.

D- YPJ, is KONGRA-STAR'S legitimate self-defence force and is in solidarity and co-operation with all parts of Kurdistan and other peoples based on democratic national unity and the democratic confederal mind-set. The Asayish (public security) and self-defence committees of Assemblies are also the self-defence forces of KONGRA STAR.

E- COMMUNES & ASSEMBLIES; Communes and assemblies are KONGRA STAR'S fundamental units of organisation. All members of institutions, establishments and organisations must be members of their local communes and organise according to the principles of the commune. Democratic principles apply to elections held in all communes and assemblies.

1) Communes: The moral and political society's and radical democracy's fundamental organisations and decision making bodies at the street, village and local level. Every person represents himself or herself in at least one commune. Communes organise predicated on resolving issues in all areas of life including political, social, economic, cultural, security and self-defence issues using self-power. Communes can come together outside of the assembly and any number of communes can co-operate, organise and take decisions together in matters that concern them.

2) Assemblies: Assemblies organise on a neighbourhood, city and canton level. Neighbourhood assemblies constituted of street and village communes come together to form city assemblies. The association of city assemblies form canton assemblies. Women, as a societal force, participate in general politics via the assemblies. Women according to needs can form committees and commissions.



F-COMMITTEES: Are formed in the ambition of organising every dimension of social life that fall within the boundaries of the communes and assemblies.

- 1- SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Is responsible for the organising of the areas of human rights, peace, sports, faith, health and social relations, and the drawing up of plans and projects for the development of children, the elderly and the disabled. It may develop institutions in accordance with needs. It also develops educational and organisational activities. The committee strives to further democratic national conscious. It works to democratise the fundamental unit of society, the family. It commits to a radical stance against all mentalities that further and maintain the existence of sexism within society, and supports the development of the idea of free togetherness.
- 2- POLITICAL COMMITTEE: Is responsible for creating and administering national democratic politics on the basis of the women's confederal organisation. It forms the political tools of women within current political parties and structures. It develops the democratic societal administration of women against the patriarchal system. It forms local, regional and national women's assemblies in villages, towns, neighbourhoods and cities. It works to spread the use of the co-chairing system in all the institutions and organisations of democratic society. It prioritises the forming of relationships with women in the international sphere in order to further democratic politics, and prioritises the organising of different identities, cultures and faiths. It develops its own

institutions - primarily academies - in accordance with need.

and strives to develop women's cooperatives in agriculture, industry, business and all other areas. It organises women's economy academies and economy communes and assemblies.

It forms the necessary institutions for the quantitative and qualitative enhancement of women in the media.



3- COUNCILS AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE: The councils that work within this committee strive to further the self-administration of women and also ensure that women are equally represented and participate equally. By ensuring the mark of women in all council services, it organises work to further the quality of the service provided and aims to make life more beautiful and liveable. Elections in councils are conducted in accordance with democratic principles. The mentality of the councils is ecologically constructed. The committee organises and forms institutions grounded on a social ecological mentality in accordance with need. It works to develop the harmony between the city and the village. It leads the development of the democratic-ecological social project to overcome the human-human and human-nature contradictions.

7- CULTURE AND ART COMMITTEE: Is responsible for the preservation of the cultural values of the Kurds and the peoples of Rojava and Syria. It organises on the grounds of the ethical and aesthetic enlightenment of women. By deepening the understanding of women in the fields of language and literature, encourages work in these fields. It leads the development of the Kurdish language and its literature, but also contributes to the development of Arabic, Assyrian, Armenian and Turcoman. It aims to support the development of a multi-lingual and multi-cultural society. In accordance with this ambition, it forms academies and other organisations and institutions.

10- THE COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC RELATIONS AND ALLIANCES: It organises and develops women's diplomacy within the perspective of the democratic nation. It ensures the development of the joint life of women and peoples on grounds of solidarity and political-economic partnership. By grounding diplomacy on the power of the people, it develops society in order to better attain its needs and interests. It aims to develop a joint struggle against patriarchy and its embodiment, capitalist modernity, together with anti-capitalist and anti-fascist organisations. With the perspective of a democratic national consciousness, it promotes and forms platforms for the unification of the women's struggle in all four parts of Kurdistan. It aims to be in solidarity with Kurdish women's organisations and institutions. It also aims to promote the Kurdistan Free Women's Movement nationally and internationally and creates joint platforms. It aims to form institutions for women's diplomacy in accordance with need. By organising training courses in diplomacy, it aims to form its own cadres through training.

4- SELF DEFENCE COMMITTEE: It sees the construction and maintenance of the democratic system and the struggle for women's liberation as the fundamental form of self-defence against the attacks of the patriarchal system. The self defence committee organises itself as committees in communes and assemblies and is the fundamental defence of mechanism of society.

8- EDUCATION AND ACADEMIES COMMITTEE: It prioritises the enlightenment of society within the context of democratic modernity, the development of intellectual knowledge, theoretical depth, and within this framework, the construction of an ethical and political society. It determines the educational policy of women and functionalises the academies. It aims to institutionalise jineoloji and develop the science of women's knowledge. It works to form the cadres for the construction of the democratic autonomy of women. By uncovering the theoretical and ideological foundations of the women's problem, it updates the philosophy of freedom and the perspective for a free life. It forms the necessary institutions to ensure that education is the fundamental function for the whole of society and not just an activity for the elite.

5- WOMEN'S JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Is responsible for the development of justice from a women's perspective as one of the most important aspects of ethical and political society. It is responsible for work in the development of institutions such as women's houses, peace committees and mixed justice committees that work to resolve the issues of women created by sexist and regressive mentalities and traditions. At the same time, it strives to further social justice. It ensures the strengthening of the ability of women to defend themselves legally by enhancing the laws around women's self defence.

9- PRESS COMMITTEE: It prioritises the promotion and spreading of the democratic communal values of women, and the conveying of the struggle for women's liberation to other women and peoples through an appealing and attractive communication method. It upholds an alternative understanding of the media on grounds of a democratic, ecological and women's liberationist as opposed to the sexist mentality and approach currently dominating the media and the press. It forms the ideological and political perspective for women in the media field. It is responsible for strengthening the organisations of women in the media.



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