

# Report: Turkish army left soldiers' bodies in Charchella and ran away

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Snow-covered Charchella region in South Kurdistan

Turkey's attempt to airlift soldiers in Charchella on March 25, 2017, to fight Kurdish forces failed and a dozen soldiers were killed, Kurdish fighters revealed details to Kurdish ANF news agency.

The Turkish army suffered a heavy blow in the operation in the rough Çarçella mountains, under deep snow conditions reaching to 4-5 meters, and they had to retreat when they were defeated. 6 Sikorsky and 1 Cobra helicopters were damaged and they couldn't deploy like they wanted. Those they were able to deploy, they left to die. Psychologically they were devastated, they started cursing at Erdoğan and in the end, those who were able to survive left the bodies of the dead behind in Çarçella and left.

Kurdish HPG and YJA fighters spoke to the ANF about what happened in the Çarçella mountains on March 25.

## THEY WERE WRONG AND THEY WERE DEFEATED

HPG guerrilla Demhat Koçer was part of the Çarçella operation. Pointing out that there was more than 10 meters of snow where they stayed during the winter, and said they made preparations considering the possibility of a Turkish army operation in a place with such unfavorable conditions. Koçer said the Turkish army wasn't expecting that, and "they were greatly wrong on March and then they were defeated".

## NO CHANCE TO DEPLOY

Demhat Koçer said with the scouts, they dug through the snow and took position, and they didn't allow the Sikorsky helicopters escorted by Cobra helicopters to deploy soldiers. "When one of them attempted a deployment, we started hitting," said Koçer and stated that they made the army suffer many losses this way. YJA Star guerrilla Diren Başkale confirms.

## THESE LANDS ARE OURS

Diren Başkale pointed out the strategic importance of the Çarçella both for the guerrilla and the Turkish side and

stressed the following: "This is Kurdistan, and these lands are ours. We know the conditions best and we will be prepared accordingly."

#### THEY WERE SHOCKED

Başkale repeated that the Turkish army was greatly wrong in Çarçella and said: "We didn't give them the opportunity to deploy. We damaged 6 Sikorsky and 1 Cobra helicopters. We shocked the enemy using the weapons we already had."

#### THEY STARTED CURSING AT ERDOĞAN

HPG guerrillas Mazlum Tufan and Simko Serhildan said the Turkish soldiers couldn't fight in the snow and were psychologically devastated. When their losses increased during deployment, the rest of them saw that they were in no condition to fight. The guerrillas added: "Shortly after, we saw that their psychology wasn't great. When the going got rough, we heard them cursing at Erdoğan."

#### THEY WERE THROWING THEM OFF SIKORSKYS

YJA Star guerrilla Rohşan Tatvan said they targeted the Martyr Rojin and Martyr Renas hills with intense technique and added: "But by the end of the operation, they even left their bodies behind on the snow, because we didn't let them do otherwise. But they didn't really care anyhow. Sometimes they knowingly threw the soldiers off of Sikorskys."