



People flock to Newroz area in Diyarbakır (1)

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DİYARBAKIR – People have begun to go to Newroz area in Diyarbakır to celebrate 2017 Newroz organized with the motto, “We will definitely win”. Despite the blocking attempts of the police, the people are flocking to the area by shouting slogans.

This year’s Newroz is organized with the motto, “We will definitely win” and preparations for the Newroz were began days ago. Five different gates were built for Newroz organized by the DTK, HDP, DBP and TJA and two thousand people are responsible for the security. 20 tons of firewood were brought to Newroz area.

Delegations and activists from many countries come for Newroz

Early morning, the people began to go to Newroz Park to celebrate Newroz. Totally 367 domestic and foreign journalists will cover the Newroz celebration. Many activists from Basque, Catalonia, Italy, Norway, France, Scotland, Switzerland, Colombia and Germany came to Diyarbakır for Newroz.

Extraordinary measure

Police have built barricade in five gates since last night and they didn't stopped the people from entering the area. Hundreds of journalists are waiting for entering the area.

People dancing accompanied with the zurna and davul

The people are waiting for entering the area with great enthusiasm. The people protested the obstacles by applauding and whistling. The people dancing accompanied with the zurna and davul are shouting slogans, "Long live Apo", "PKK is the people, the people are here", "No life without the Leader".

Women come to Newroz with their colors

Women going to Newroz area wear their traditional dresses in the colors of yellow, red and green. Some women wear skirts reading "No". The women have scarf, shawl and accessories in the colors of yellow, red and green; however, the police state that they will not allow the women wearing the skirts in the colors of yellow, red and green to enter the area.

One person shot in the entrance to the Newroz area

One person running to Newroz area was shot by police. The unidentified person was taken to hospital.

Appointed trustee stops the buses

According to reports received, Cumali Atilla, the trustee appointed to Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality, didn't allow the municipal buses to go to Newroz Park. The people are going to the area by their cars or minibuses.



‘No’ from women in the Diyarbakir Newroz (2)

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DİYARBAKIR – Women, who come to Newroz area with their traditional dresses and flag reading ‘No’, say, “We are here for our freedom”.

While thousands are flocking to Newroz area in Diyarbakir, the women give a magic touch to the celebration with their traditional dresses. They wear the dresses in the colors of yellow, red and green and carry flags reading “No”.

‘I come here for our future’

“We are here for our future and our women, it is the time to take our freedom,” said the women while entering the area.

Aygül Eksi said, “We waited today for one year. I started the day with great enthusiasm. I had to wait for hours to enter the area. I am here for the future of the women and the children. We will fill the area today.”

‘Newroz is freedom’

Ümmügülsüm Mergül said, “Newroz means freedom for us. We say that we should take our freedom now. There is a goal of these people gathering here. We fight for this goal for years.”

‘He will get an answer in the referendum’

Sultan Çelik is one of the people who got up early and came to Newroz area. She said, “We left home at 6:30 in the morning. We come to this area for our freedom. They are trying to block us. Erdoğan’s end will be like Saddam Hussein’s. He will get an answer in the referendum.”

‘We are here for resisting women’

Sevim Korun said, “We are here for the women, whose dead bodies were exhibited as naked, we are here for our destroyed and burned cities. We wear colorful clothes because Newroz is the coming of spring. We are for our female MPs, particularly for Figen Yüksekdağ. We resisted and we will continue to resist.”