



Trades Union Congress

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Dear Ambassador

Kobane

The General Council and Executive Committee of the TUC - representing nearly 6 million trade union members in Great Britain - have met recently and reflected on the struggle around the city of Kobane.

Taking our lead from our colleagues in trade unions from Iraq, Iraqi Kurdistan and especially from Turkey, we would urge the Turkish government to do more to support the fighters and people remaining in Kobane, in particular by relaxing border controls on refugees, and on the provision of food, medical supplies and military support. We understand that your government has recently gone some way to relax the borders, but we believe more could be done.

I would be grateful if you could convey this message to your government and let us have their response.

Yours sincerely

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General Secretary