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- New born figures dropped to % 10 percent during the curfew.
- Where were the rest of babies born ?
- A few HP who stayed inside provided HC
- Some risky patients left the town after 1<sup>st</sup> ceasefire
- So many died because of not
- accessing medical care



- Local health professionals sent to other towns and or given several weeks of paid holiday
- Instead UMKE and military personel worked in the hospitals
- Every one entering hospitals including mother who brought their babies went through security information check before entering hospitals

- Wounded civilians died while waiting ambulances
- People were not allowed to take the dead bodies of their loved ones.
- Snipers intentionally damaged all water tanks.



# Health Care Under Siege

 PHR Report based on Fact Finding Mission to Turkey including Cizre-Diyarbakir- Mardin

https://s3.amazonaws.com/PHR\_Reports/southeastern-turkey-health-care-under-siege.pdf

# ICRC Classification on attacks to HC facilities

- 1)The first is the deliberate targeting of such places to gain military advantage by depriving opponents and those perceived to support them of medical assistance for injuries sustained. Some attacks might also be intended to terrorize a local population by targeting a protected facility.
- 2)The second category of attack is also deliberate, but this time for political, religious or ethnic reasons rather than for military advantage
- 3)The third type of attack is unintentional bombardment or shelling "collateral damage" from a missile or mortar aimed at a military target.
- 4) The fourth and perhaps most common form of violence committed against health-care facilities is the looting of drugs and medical equipment. Occasionally, the motive might be to obtain medical supplies for injured combatants too afraid to enter a facility, but purely criminal motives are more common.
- Health Care in Danger ICRC
  https://www.icrc.org/eng/assets/files/publications/icrc-002-4072.pdf

# Use of hospitals for military purposes

- Cizre Hospital (attacks from both sides, minimum one Turkish security force member killed in front of hospital)
- Silvan Health Unit No 4 attack



Silvan'ı PKK'dan temizleyen polisler Türk bayrağını tekbirlerle göndere çekti

# Collateral damages

Family Health Centers

 If there is clash inside a town it is impossible to avoid collateral damages

## Looting of the health facilities

 Kurdish youth looted the health centers during the first days of the curfew

#### PRESSURES ON MEDICAL DOCTORS

- Doctors forcedly dragged
- Movement of ambulances stopped
- Doctors not allowed to go in
- Children were not vaccinated during 4 months

#### **UMKE National Medical Rescue Teams**

- -Accusations of ethnic discrimination against local patients
- -Just providing health care for Turkish security forces
- -Accusations of not cooperating with local health professionals and accusing local HP as terrorists



#### Killing of health professionals



HRFT Member Aziz Yural killed by sniper while he was trying to reach one patient





## Dr.Serdar Kuni

HRFT Cizre Center Representative and Previous Head of Sirnak Medical Chamber

He was prisoned with the accusation of providing health care to his patients



Thank you for your interest.....

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