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In Pictures: Nobody comes to rescue us!

📷 Omer Faruk Baran 🌐 Yonca Sarsilmaz 📅 15. 03.2023



Sanliurfa came across flooding in the morning on the 15th of March after the earthquake on the 6th of February. At first, Tiktok videos and sharing on social media showed the world how it is big. Official sources piled up one by one the number of deaths and towards evening this number passed ten.



Flood in the center of Sanliurfa took trees, people, and cars with itself, and one slipper on the pile of water.



Flood threw out the hospital registration documents and they didn't let us for taking photos and videos.



Children were staying around their house, with fear and wishing for playing.



One of the children drained the water from the house and spilled it on the street.



Most of the victims of the flooding were Eyubi and Halili that both of them is in the center of the Sanliurfa.



The victims of the flooding were Arabics, Kurdish, and Turkish. Some of them with a political stance said we consent with the government and add disaster is big but this case is normal.



Also, some of them say that it is evening, and there is neither electricity nor a lighthouse. We have been calling since morning but nobody comes to rescue us, we are in the darkness.

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There is a flood in Adiyaman and Sanliurfa

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After heavy rains, Adiyaman and Sanliurfa were flooded.

13.50 In Adiyaman, one person, and in Sanliurfa 4 people dead. Totally 10 people are missing.

In the Sanliurfa, because of the flood people reacted to mayor Zeynel Abidin Beyazgul. Beyazgul moved away with his guards. In that moments, the guards pull their guns.



Arat Barış @aratbaris_

https://twitter.com/aratbaris_/status/1635944910841839616?s=20

12.40 In the Sanliurfa, the roads of Bozova and Hilvan were destroyed.



Hozan Adar @HozanAdarr

<https://twitter.com/HozanAdarr/status/1635932596394770434?s=20>

Governor of Adiyaman Numan Hatipoglu announced that a container was flooded in Tut district. One person dead, and 4 people are missing.

In Sanliurfa, due to the rain that has been falling since yesterday evening, all the streets of the city, hospitals, houses, and buildings of citizens have been left underwater.

In the district of Akcakale in Sanliurfa, a person was seriously injured because of the lighting.

Selahattin Ayyubiye Research and Education Hospital was also flooded. The patients have been discharged.

Due to the heavy rain, all schools were made to pause for one day throughout the province.

Authorities of Sanliurfa announced that the rain will continue until Wednesday, March 15 (today) in the province.

A nurse from Adiyaman: “I have been in the hospital for a month”

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Passed more than a month after the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, which affected 10 cities.

Adiyaman is one of the cities that was destroyed in the earthquake.

Sultan who is a nurse and originally from Adiyaman, says about her city, “We can neither return nor stay here.”

She has been working in the emergency department of Kahta Hospital in Adiyaman for many years.

She bought a house for her family after working for years, but the house collapsed on them during the night of the earthquake.

Sultan Nurse says that she and her family got out of the disaster by chance.

“I left my family to help the wounded”

Our life was upside down in a night. In that disaster, I left my family to help the injured people. But there was no hospital or rescue workers.

Sultan Nurse

“I can neither go elsewhere nor stay here”

During our conversation, she could not mention what she saw even though it has been a month since the earthquake.

She waited for a minute and started again. Her eyes were to fill with tears but she didn't let to run down on her cheeks.

She thought for a while and said: What we say is lacking, what we say is unfinished

We found a house in Samsun. I sent my whole family there. They didn't want to go there, but there isn't a tent or house for staying here. I'm only here now. I have been in the hospital for a month. Day and night are the same for me. I can't go, I can't stay. I don't want to leave my city, but I don't know what I will do...

Sultan Nurse

Sultan Nurse is trying to get a container to stay in her city for helping people.

She has submitted many authorities, but until now there isn't any response.

It is important to remember that the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, said a few days ago in Adiyaman that there were some shortages and asked to receive their blessings.



“When they talk in Kurdish, they feel safer”

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After the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, thousands of civilians rushed to help the affected cities.

They had important roles like rescuing people trapped under the rubble, distributing food, and clothing, and making tents.

The role of university students in the earthquake process

University students are also organizationally involved in this process from the first day.

Students go to the earthquake areas through parties, humanitarian organizations, and student organizations.

How did they participate in the aiding process, and what did they provide to the victims of the earthquake, Fatê Polat who is a student in University student, gave answers to our questions.





Polat stated that she and her friends went to the city of Adiyaman through the coordination of the People's Democratic Party (HDP). They worked there for 9 days.

Works in the tent city

In the beginning, we went to the Adiyaman Alevi Culture Association. Because the HDP coordination center was there. On the first day, we did the work of insulating tents. On the other days, we worked again to fix the tents; We built a road to get electricity into the tents, and a friend and I prepared a map of the electricity cables so that the next ones would not have problems when they came.

Fate Polat

In the evenings, we kept watching in front of the tents. In the mornings, we prepared breakfast with the families of the earthquake victims, some of our friends were interested in cleaning the tents, and others contacted the families and helped them with their deficiencies. In addition, some of our friends were teachers, played games with the children, painted tents, and read books.

A mother from Kobani and her sons Muhammad and Omar in tents

When we visited the tents, we met a mother from Kobani to get to know the families closely and solve them if needed. She did not know Turkish and she communicated with us in Kurmanji. Since I am a Kurd from Kirmanc, I didn't understand much about it, but my friend who was from Van made a good connection with her. At first, she kept away from us a little, she was also shy; but after the mother saw that we were Kurds, she easily communicated with us, and told us about her needs and those of her family.

She had two small children; Muhammad and Omar. We spoke to them in Kurmanci, they also knew Turkish, but they expressed themselves better in Kurdish. When they spoke Kurdish in that tent city, they felt safer. While we were there, they ate, talked, and played with us.

I would also like to say that after four days of meeting me and that family from Kobani, that mother asked to give me her friend's necklace that was given to her four years ago. Of course, this wish made me very happy...