



EFF STATEMENT ON DEADLY EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is saddened by the deadly earthquakes which have struck Southern Turkey and Northern Syria this morning, which have thus far recorded a devastating death toll of 521 people.

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake which struck across the two nations, resulted in the collapse of residential buildings and additional to the huge number of casualties, there have been thousands of injuries while many human beings remain buried under collapsed buildings.

The EFF sends its deepest condolences to all of those who have lost their loved ones, and sends strength to the people of Turkey and Syria. This is an international tragedy that requires all of the world to unite behind the two nations by providing aid indiscriminately.

As such the EFF calls on the United Nations (UN) to mobilize all of its resources and aid agencies to assist with medical and food essentials that are needed by Turkey and Syria during this difficult time.

Furthermore, the EFF calls for a ceasefire on all sides of the ongoing Syrian civil war between the regime and activists calling for democracy.

This is a difficult period where all parties ought to practice compassion and consideration as the region grapples with this disaster, and continued conflict in this context would be cruel and inhumane. All sanctions imposed on Syria by the United States, the European Union and the Arab League must be suspended immediately to allow aid to the people of Syria.

The EFF mourns with Turkey and Syria, and hopes that a semblance of peace and healing arises soon after this tragedy.

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