

# Kurdish PKK co-founder shot dead

Sakine Cansiz, a founder member of the PKK, was one of three Kurdish women activists shot dead in Paris. The PKK has waged a 28-year insurgency against Turkey that has killed around 40,000 people

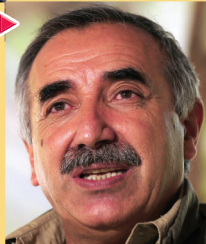


## Sakine Cansiz:

Led women's guerrilla movement in Kurdish areas of northern Iraq. Later responsible for PKK women's movement in Europe

## Murat Karayilan:

PKK executive leader denies Turkish claims that Syrian government may have renewed allegiance with PKK



**Conflict escalates following outbreak of uprising in Syria, with fiercest fighting in 13 years**

## TIMELINE OF KURDISH-TURKISH CONFLICT

■ **Nov 27, 1978:** Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) founded

■ **Aug 1984:** PKK takes up arms with aim of creating ethnic homeland in southeast

■ **Sep 1992:** Turkish army launches first major cross-border operation against PKK in northern Iraq

■ **Mar 1993:** PKK declares first unilateral ceasefire

■ **Feb 1999:** PKK leader **Abdullah Ocalan** captured in Kenya

■ **Aug:** PKK withdraws all armed units to northern Iraq

■ **Jun 2004:** PKK resumes armed campaign over what it calls "annihilation operations" by Turkey

■ **Feb 2008:** Turkey launches ground incursion into northern Iraq

■ **Jul-Aug 2011:** PKK steps up attacks, killing some 80 Turkish security personnel

■ **Jan 10, 2013:** France and Turkey condemn "executions" of women