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**Communiqué:**

**The death of Michael Israel, member IWW of Sacramento,  
killed in a Turkish airstrike while fighting in Rojava.**

The America Work-Group of the French National Labour Confederation's International Secretariat (CNT-F) wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Israel and to the IWW of North America.

Michael Israel, a founding member of the Sacramento branch of the IWW, joined the Kurdish People's Defence Units in order to combat ISIS and build another world. He belonged to an international battalion composed of communists, anarchists and anti-fascists come from the world over to fight in Rojava, and whose inspiration lies in the International Brigades which went to Spain in 1936.

Although the immediate struggle pits Kurdish forces against both the Islamic fascists of ISIL and a Turkish Army trying to prevent the emergence of an autonomous project in Syrian Kurdistan, these comrades, the men and women fighting in this battalion, joined out of solidarity with Rojava's broader project inspired by democratic communalism and which is resolutely anti-capitalist.

He died during Turkish Army airstrikes on November 29, airstrikes that claimed other victims including a German volunteer, Anton Neshek. He is the 5th American volunteer to have been killed in the fighting in Rojava.



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