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Arbetarmakts nyhetsbrev: Extranummer - solidaritet med fängelseprotesterna i Turkiet - 001220

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Solidaritet med de politiska fångarna i Turkiet! - Bekämpa den turkiska statens repression mot fängslade vänsteraktivister!

Arbetarmakt vidarebefordrar i detta extranummer av nyhetsbrevet lite information om attacken mot vänstern i turkiska fängelser. Vi uppmanar också till deltagande i protestaktiviteter i Stockholm. Texterna i detta nummer är inte författade av oss utan endast vidarebefordrade. Den första (Urgent call for action) har skickats ut av "Folkets revolutionära befrielseparti - DHKC", den andra av en människorättsgrupp vid namn "World organisation against torture". Vi inom Arbetarmakt/FRKI har naturligtvis en mängd politiska skillnader gentemot dessa grupper, men det är självklart inget som hindrar oss från mesta möjliga solidaritet i ett kritiskt läge. Vi fördömer den turkiska statens repression mot vänstern och arbetarrörelsen. Vi uppmanar SAP, LO och Vänsterpartiet till omedelbara aktioner mot Turkiet.

Vi uppmanar också alla att delta i protester onsdagen den 20/12 i Stockholm. En första demonstration äger rum kl 13.00 på Sergels Torg. Ytterligare en arrangeras kl 16.30 på samma plats. Arrangerar gör turkiska vänsteraktivister i Stockholm.

URGENT CALL FOR ACTION

At all of Turkey's prisons the state stated to massacre by using weapons and bombs. In the all prisons where the Death Fast resistance takes place, this morning an assault by the police and the military has initiated at 4.00 a.m.

This inhumane attack in the prisons where the Death Fast has been taking place for 61 days, will cost hundreds of lives. Against the attack all the political prisoners started to resist. Until now the state has only succeeded in Ankara Ulucanlar prison where two political women prisoners were on Death Fast. They were taken to hospital by using excessive force. All the other prisoners in Ulucanlar are transferred to the other prisons. The attack of the state could not succeed so far in the other prisons.

After the attack was launched, mainly in the Umraniye prison, the Death. Fast resisters started to burn themselves to death. On December 16, they had already announced that if an attack has launched by the state they would burn themselves to death. The bloody face of the fascism in our country is once again revealed clearly with this attack for massacre. Fascism could never have the courage before for such an attack.

TO ALL OUR PEOPLE

THE STATE IS OPENLY MASSACRING OUR PEOPLE. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECEVIT

DECLARED A NEW WAR TARGETING OUR PEOPLE. ALL THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES MUST DO SOMETHING AGAINST THE ATTACK OF THE STATE.

All the countries and institutions, which supported and pumped courage to the Turkish state to launch this attack, are responsible of the massacre. Mainly the European Union and European Parliament, which has initiated to welcome Turkey as a candidate member, supported this massacre directly or indirectly.

TO ALL EUROPEANS

THIS IS THE STATE YOU COLLABORATE WITH. YOU TOO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSACRE. AT LEAST NOW SEE THE BLOODY FACE OF THE STATE IN TURKEY AND DONOT CARRY THE BURDEN OF BEING SILENT AGAINST THIS MASSACRE. YOU HAD EXPERIENCED FASCISM IN YOUR HISTORY, DO NOT BE LATE ONCE AGAIN.

We call upon all our people and everyone who considers herself/himself a human beingto condemn the state in Turkey and do whatever they can do. We are on Hunger Strike in many cities of Europe. We had said that these Hunger Strike tents would be converted into funeral houses with the news of each new martyr.

NOW WE CALL UPON EVERYONE TO GATHER IN THESE TENTS.

In Holland: Eendrachtsplein, Rotterdam.

In Belgium: DHKC Brussels Information Bureau

In Britain: Manor House, London

Case TUR 191200

The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your URGENT intervention in the following situation in Turkey.

Brief description of the situation

The International Secretariat of OMCT is gravely concerned by the current situation in Turkish prisons. According to the information received, in the early hours of Tuesday morning, 19th December 2000, the army and police attempted to enter prisons across the country, in particular the prisons of Bayrampasa and Umraniye in Istanbul, under operations of "rescue" with the aim of halting the hunger strikes, of approximately 1000 political prisoners protesting against Type-F cellular prisons. It is further reported that 203 of the hunger strikers are on a "death fast" for the last 61 days. OMCT has been informed that in the case of Bayrampasa prison, smoke, possibly indicating a fire, can be seen from outside of the prison. Sporadic gunshots have also reportedly been heard. Furthermore, helicopters are being used to transport police directly inside the prison. In Umraniye, it is reported that bulldozers are being used to destroy walls and enter the prison. Within both prisons, reports have indicated violence between prisoners and government forces, involving the use of Kalashnikovs. Similar operations have been undertaken in Ulucanlar prison in Ankara, Ceyhan (south), Bursa (north-east), Aydin (west), Buca (west), Usak (west), Canakkale (north-west), Kirsehir (central Turkey), Nigde (south) and Cankiri in the north-east of Ankara. Of those prisoners carrying out the "death fast", 50 were forcibly transported to hospital where many have refused treatment and another 200 prisoners, who had participated in the hunger strike but not in the death fast, have also been forcibly transported to hospital. In some case, these prisoners have been reportedly segregated from all other patients in the hospital. According to the sources, three people had died as a result of setting themselves on fire. Reports also indicate that others may have died in the prisons in this manner.

Action requested

Please write to the authorities in Turkey urging them to:

- i. guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of all prisoners in Turkey;
- ii. order an immediate investigation into these incidents;
- iii. guarantee the respect of human rights and the fundamental freedoms throughout the country in accordance with national laws and international human rights standards.

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Representatives of Turkey in your country.

Geneva, 19th December 2000.

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.

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