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# LET'S TURN THE PEOPLE'S CRISIS INTO THE SYSTEM'S CRISIS



The Erdogan government (the AKP) has shown the capitalist class that the deep rooted progressive achievements and values in Turkey must be eradicated. It has also shown them that the republic has become a hindrance for the neoliberal transition; that the capitalists don't need the republic to maintain their power anymore, and they should instead get rid of it.

Thus, the AKP-capitalist alliance has dragged Turkey into the brink of counter-revolution.

Liquidation of the parliamentary system; eradication of judicial independence, human rights, the freedoms of press, organisation and propaganda; the invalidation of popular will and representation; the subordination of social life and public policies to religious principles; the penalisation of any form of opposition and objection with disproportional state

violence; these are all parts of the capitalist class' counter-revolutionary programme.

The list can be extended.

The AKP has consistently taken actions to preserve its position and put opposing dynamics out of function since it came to power.

In recent months the Bar Association Law, the Hagia Sophia decision, attempts to regulate social media, the agitation of tensions in Eastern Mediterranean and the attacks on Turkish Medical Association have been prominent examples of such actions. It appears that topics such as the arming of cults, plans of changes in electoral law, the withdrawal from Istanbul Convention and the intensification of the economic and exchange crises are also waiting for their turn.

While constantly intensifying violence and suppression on the public opposition in internal





politics, the AKP has also been attempting to benefit from the infinite possibilities for economic rent in our region.

In conclusion, the fact is that an authoritarian Palace Regime is being built by the government in Turkey. Socialists, Kurds, Alevites, labourers and masses of people are affected by the regime's political and economic violence. The people are aware of the situation, and in a state of pessimism and fear.

Consequently, we can say that the trust and public support towards the AKP government is in rapid decline, and that a state of unrest and anger is rising among the grassroots.

Workers' Party of Turkey points out that the economic crisis, which intensified with the pandemic, has become utterly destructive to the labouring class. This, in turn, caused the regime to lose legitimacy in the eyes of the public. Considering this fact, the labouring masses and various opposition elements have a duty to create alternatives for organisation and political action.

The Party calls upon all who stand with labour to take a stand against the AKP and its injustice.

Let's turn the people's crisis into the system's crisis!



# Azeri and Armenian people cannot be pawns to corrupt governments!

The border conflicts which began in July escalated when Azerbaijani Armed Forces took back some of the villages under Armenian occupation on the morning of September 27.

Armenia has been occupying seven Azerbaijani provinces for more than a quarter of a century, disregarding international law. It is known that during this period, imperialism has been imposing a deadlock, which the corrupt governments of both countries exploit to cover up their thievery, their corruption, and the poverty in their own countries.

It is evident that the conflict which began on September 27 will not result in either side's total victory, as that would spoil the "balance" which both imperialism and its local compradors benefit from.

The damage will be done on the impoverished Armenian and Azeri people who lose their children to war and be forced to bear the economic burdens of war.

The AKP government, on the other hand, has been inciting tensions along the eastern border to reap its political benefits on both interior and foreign spheres, just as it did a short while ago with its actions provoking tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The only possibility for peace in the region in general, and among Azerbaijan and Armenia in particular, is the downfall of the corrupt rulership in both countries, the withdrawal of foreign countries

which attempt to interfere in the conflict, and an independent peace-making process representing the will of the people.

Using this war to promote hatred towards Armenians who live in Turkey is unacceptable. Armenian side must withdraw from the 7 provinces they occupied. However, The Azeri side, too, should declare that they recognize Karabakh's the right of autonomy and the future of this autonomous province should be open to negotiation in a fair manner.

Peace could only be possible when the people of both regions struggle for an equal and non-exploitative order, rather than following a racist, thief, wealthy minority that would do anything to remain in power.

Imperialist arbiters must be removed from the scene and an environment for the people to negotiate on their own must be created immediately.

We appeal for the people of Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and their respective progressive forces to join the call for ceasefire.

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As in internal affairs, AKP attempts to empower itself through tension in foreign affairs as well: Syria, Iraq, Azerbaijan and Cyprus. As in domestic politics, the AKP is trying to navigate tensions in foreign policy: Syria, Iraq, Azerbaijan and now Cyprus. The AKP, which has raised tension everywhere as its official foreign policy, decided to directly intervene in the Northern Cyprus Presidential Elections to be held on Sunday, October 11, and did so in a way that disregarded international law. Speaking at the ceremony for the completion of the repair and the opening of the Northern Cyprus Water Supply Project, which was built and collapsed immediately, Erdoğan clearly demonstrated his direct support to Ersin Tatar, the Northern Cyprus Prime Minister and presidential candidate in the elections.

Moreover, Erdoğan embodied his mentor Erbakan's "If we were not in a coalition, we would have taken all of Cyprus" thoughts. Erdoğan, in order to intervene in the elections, uses the expression "It is a fact that Marash is the territory of Northern Cyprus" about Closed Marash, which will be left to the Greek community in international law, United Nations resolutions and inter-communal meetings but the timetable and the form of this is the

subject of negotiation, again hopes for the tension.

Erdoğan both by opening a few kilometers of coastline on the Maraş beach, which is already used as a beach, and directly supports a presidential candidate rises the tension. The AKP / Palace regime thinks Cyprus is Turkey's backyard.

The Cyprus issue is not Turkey's internal matter. The AKP / Palace Regime does not respect the decisions of Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots and the will of the Cypriot people, which consists of two communities, and makes the problem even more unsolvable with provocative steps.

AKP's intervention in the political will of the Turkish Cypriot people is unacceptable! The intervention of any other state or party in the presidential election process of Turkish Cypriot' cannot be regarded as normal. The road to lasting peace in Cyprus is through a bi-communal, bi-zonal, federal solution and the key to this is in the hands of Cypriots. Cyprus belongs to Cypriots ...

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# RESCUING GULF MONARCHIES FROM PALESTINIAN PROBLEM

## And Erdoğan's ongoing strategy to exploit the Palestinian cause

The so-called “normalization” process between Zionist entity and UAE and Bahrain signifies a decree announcing the already existing will of the Gulf monarchies to be rescued from the “Palestinian problem” which have been the basic obstacle for a full collaboration with imperialism.



Following the declaration on August 13, 2020 of “Treaty on Peace, Diplomatic Relations and Full Normalization” between Zionist entity and the UAE, the “Declaration of Peace” with Bahrain was signed, both in Washington. It is expected that other monarchies like Kuwait and Saudi Kingdom have also a will to do a similar act. Despite the fact that Gulf monarchies had considerable financial support for Palestine, political support was not more than a symbolic one, while this symbolic support has been considered as one of the main obstacles behind collaboration with imperialism, particularly with USA, which is essential for the survival of the Gulf monarchies.

Not only the military support that the Gulf monarchies would like to enjoy against their rivalries in the region, and to suppress the increasing opposition in their own countries, they also would like to enjoy the technological know-how of the Zionist entity. As a matter of fact, the deal between Zionism and the Gulf monarchies is a sign that the Gulf monarchies finally announce their divorcement from Palestinian problem.

The deal will not only have a direct negative impact on Palestine cause, but also has potential to change the regional diplomatic balance. It has to be noted that a considerable objection is raised among Middle East

countries against the new deal, and expectedly Recep Tayyip Erdoğan was the louder voice among those reactions.

For some time, Erdoğan's exploitation of the Palestinian problem has been clearly revealed. While using anti-Zionist, Palestinian friendly discourse, the actual financial and political acts of Turkey regarding the Zionist entity shows the opposite. Trade relations between Zionist entity and Turkey had never been such good and Zionist entity and Turkey had never have such common foreign policies in Middle East, which is strengthened in Syrian civil war.

On the other side, it is very well known that fake anti-Zionist discourse of Erdoğan have gained him considerable popularity not only in inner politics, but also for polishing his neo-Ottomanist dreams, which has already been collapsed.

Erdoğan's loud voice against the new Zionist-UAE/Bahrain deal shall not only be considered as the procedural condemnation of Erdoğan on Palestinian problem, but his discomfort about the agents of this agreement. Erdoğan is uneasy with a deal which will increase the prestige of UAE and Bahrain, and possibly



Saudi Kingdom for the USA in the region and surely he would not like to lose his base for that. The relationship between Turkey and Gulf Monarchies, except Qatar, another Ikhwan lover state, is undeniably getting worse in recent years referring to opposite policies in Syria, Libya and Eastern Mediterranean. Consequently the new deal will be another step that Erdoğan regime will loose in the Middle East.

On basis of their support and stance for Ikhwan (Muslim Brotherhood) Turkey together with Qatar (with HAMAS as well) corresponds to one camp and Saudi Kingdom, UAE and Bahrain in the other camp. While Ikhwan is considered as terrorist organization in Saudi Kingdom, UAE and Bahrain as well as Egypt and Syria, they have full support from Qatar and Erdoğan. In that sense, the new deal which will strengthen anti-Ikhwanist Gulf monarchies is surely not favorable for Erdoğan.

However, there is something more: Turkey had always been the regional actor which had been the friendliest with the Zionist state. Apparently, Erdoğan is not happy for latest deal with the fear of loosing that tool in his "imagined regional power" position of Turkey in line with Ikhwan.

**Consequently, the deal will show only one thing: Palestinian problem shall never be left to those who exploit the problem for the benefits of the conservative, backward regimes, but shall only rely on the solidarity with the progressive people, working class of the region.**



# State Terrorism in Colombia: “Being Colombian in Colombia is like being black in US”



During the COVID-19 pandemic, austerity policies has deepened all around the world. However, especially in Colombia together with militarization and repression by the regime represented by the Duque-Urbe government, whose party, the Democratic Center, centralizes legislative, executive and judicial power, in addition to making the living conditions of the working class more precarious and ensuring the impunity of the systematic massacres that have crossed the fibers of all the Colombian people.

Years of guerrilla struggle in Colombia have created important networks and intersections between police, soldiers, paramilitary groups, and drug cartels. These relationships with law enforcement agencies were also secured in a leaky legal system class. According to reports, 700 murders, physical violence and sexual assaults were committed by members of the police force in Colombia on the years of 2017-2019 alone. However, the police's dependence on military courts and alternative law prevents them

from being held accountable for these attacks and murders.

*It should be underlined that the police in Colombia is under the Ministry of Defense, not the Ministry of Interior, that is, it is a military institution. The police department, which is affiliated to the Ministry of Defense, is under an incredible arbitrariness and protection with its organs such as CAI or ESMAD, so it is almost guaranteed to be under the protection of the state no matter what they do.* In this context, the demand for reform and demilitarization of the police force, which has been voiced for a long time, becomes meaningful once again.

The images of the murder of Javier Ordoñez by two police officers electrocuted him to death, as torture, ran through the social networks and media, generating a broad repudiation in mass movements in Colombia. Moreover, during the protests, hundreds of people injured and at least ten people killed. We are familiar with such circumstances more and more





these days. We know the police violence from US to Turkey. All around the World, the far right or right populist parties in power abuses the power they have through the oppression apparatus- police services.

We are with the Colombian people. Our internationalist duty is to demand trial and punishment of those directly and politically responsible for the crimes and massacres that have occurred above all within the repressive forces and the political apparatus of repression, murder, massacre, genocide and gender violence.

*Colombia is a country with a tradition of resistance. However, the socialist solution needs to be rebuilt. This is a difficult task. Socialist revolution, internationalism, proletarian revolution, continental revolution should be organized as a new tradition in Colombia.*

*Long Live International Solidarity! Stop State Terrorism*



## NEWS FROM THE PARTY



Our Vice Chairman Barış Atay Mengüllüoğlu and the accompanying party delegation visited the Ermenek mine workers who had not been able to receive their salaries for months and resisted for their rights. Long live class solidarity!

Our President, Erkan Baş, visited the Soma miners who were marching to Ankara in Salihli and listened to the endless ordeal of the mine worker. We are with the mining workers who resist for their rights, while the rulers with the mine owners.



Seasonal agricultural workers have had basic problems for many years. These problems are sometimes on the agenda in our country, but a permanent solution can never be found. #PermanentSolutionObligatory

We commemorated Behice Boran, who devoted her life to the struggle for socialism, on the anniversary of her death as TIP Istanbul Provincial Organization. We will march for peace, for equality and freedom, for socialism on the path she leads, and we will keep her memory alive in our struggle.





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As TİP Istanbul Provincial Organization, we participated in the 10 October commemoration held in Kadıköy. (103 people lost their lives in the massacre in Ankara )We did not forget! We do not forgive!

We visited HDP Ankara, Istanbul Beyoğlu and Ataşehir, Izmir, Urfa, Hatay, Mersin, Antalya, Tekirdağ Corlu Organizations for solidarity against the arrest of HDP politicians and the trustee coup against municipalities.



We held our speech about Mersin's identity problem and struggle dynamics.



We held public meeting with the participation of our President Erkan Baş in Istanbul.

We will continue to meet with the laborers in the streets, squares and parks, saying "We bring the parliament to the people and the people to the parliament".








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