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TURKEY'S AGENDA AND THE AIMS OF TIP



Turkey is quickly approaching one of the most important political breaking points in her history. The Palace Regime, politically represented by AKP and MHP, is losing its societal legitimacy.

The Regime's economic order which it attempts to secure using the flow from the Gulf capital relies on the support of the exports bourgeoisie who occasionally benefit from the currency devaluation policy and bosses, chiefly from the construction sector, who are fed using the resources of the Treasury, the higher echelons of the military and the civil bureaucracy and those who belong to religious orders or "almsgiving" networks.

It could be seen that these groups translate into a 30% of electoral votes for AKP and MHP. The Regime is simultaneously calculating both how to consolidate these masses which it has nurtured and made ideologically and economically dependent on itself; while also attempting to figure out how they can trigger the fault lines between the members of the wide opposition bloc.

It has become apparent that the general elections will take place under these fragile and provocative circumstances. It has so far become publicised that AKP discussed to move the elections a couple months forward. It is also now loudly pronounced that early elections might be held at the end of autumn. In this case, disregarding the potentialities of war or a coup d'etat, elections will be held within 5 to 12 months. The elections, which have a defining importance for all social groups, are also at the top of TIP's agenda. The electoral preparations are important for TIP, not only because it allows political prowess to be displayed, but also because it increases the possibilities of societal organisation and channelling the reaction to a potential vote fraud into a revolutionary direction. A success which might be attained by the political line represented by TIP will have historical importance in shaping Turkey's future.

TIP has publicly declared that it will have a two-pronged electoral campaign:



· We have announced that we will support a Presidential candidate who guarantees to end the Presidential System which serves as the legal basis for the Palace Regime, and one who does not base their current politics on hostility towards the values of labour such as “equality, freedom and fraternity.”

· We have commenced our efforts to have a popular alliance which exceeds the delineation of the controlled opposition to be strongly represented in the parliamentary elections and to have TİP in this alliance with its independent identity.

TİP answers to the the working class, and TİP aims for the power.

TİP aims to be the strongest political representative for labour, freedoms and a habitable nature for all creatures. We find our Party's ability to address both the East and West of Turkey simultaneously to be a success. We are fully confident that it will transform socialism into a widespread power with this line it follows.

The Workers' Party of Turkey, under the circumstances of the “Palace Regime”, has chosen not to be a party which “opposes the opposition.” Our priority is the overthrow of the Palace Regime. On the other hand, TİP completely separates itself from the controlled opposition on the axis of labour, freedom and political principles.

The points which illuminate the policies of the Workers' Party of Turkey are; organising the most ferocious societal opposition; pointing the simple/plain/revolutionary solutions which can be found under the projection of our axis to the public; opening the channels for the peoples' participation into politics; and explaining that a strong left is the insurance for the peoples' interests in the short-medium term and the existence and recommendations of TİP mean drawing the “red lines” of future's Turkey.

We are confident that we will overthrow the Palace Regime and build the socialist Turkey.

Central Committee of TİP



MILITARISM AND CHAUVINISM ON THE AEGEAN SEA

Hakan Güneş



There has been a lot of tension lately between the Mitsotakis and Erdogan governments. Main motive of Erdogan in rising the tension with Greece is to divert the people's attention to the foreign affairs instead of worst economic crisis of the all republican period. He says the economic crisis is not because of his government's policies but rather because of the "some big foreign powers who likes the prevent Turkey to became a big global power". He does not openly name those big powers, but he implies mainly Western countries like USA and France. This is what Erdogan keeps telling on the TVs day and night.

Secondly, equally important as the first motive, he likes to get popular support from voters through chauvinism. Turkey is already in an electoral atmosphere and Erdogan Regime is losing voters' support mainly because of the economic crisis. Militarism and chauvinism is always an option for the authoritarian regimes. Therefore, simultaneously he deepens the invasion of northern Syria, wage a war against Kurds in Northern Iraq and rise the tension with Greece.

And finally the third motive behind Erdogan's aggressive statements in relation with Mitsotakis is that the Turkish military bureaucracy believes that the military balance between Turkey and Greece changing in favor of the Greece, especially in the air: The newly contracted French Rafale airplanes will give the advantage to Greek Airforce against rather older Turkish F-16 jets

unless Turkey could get more modern jets from US. But this third motive is not as critical and actual as the first two: The context of deep economic crisis and coming elections.

Another important tension source of tension between Greece and Turkey is the controversy over the delimitation lines of the Exclusive Economic Zones in the Eastern Mediterranean. Both the Turkish and Greek maximalist thesis, arguments and claims about maritime delimitations are nothing to the with the interests of the two nations. By maximalism I mean Turkish claimed maritime control areas drawn in Turkish-Libyan delimitation agreement and Greek claims to have full 200 miles EEC 200 around the Kastelloriso Island. Turkish and Greek people could find a way to share the fishes of the Aegean Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean but Turkish and Greek bourgeoisie wants something more than fishes: Energy and control of the maritime energy corridors.

Both governments already cooperated with the imperialist dirty energy companies which will create ecological disasters in the Eastern Mediterranean. Working classes, not only Turkish and Greek, but also Syrian, Lebanese, Palestinian, Israeli, Egyptian and more importantly Cypriot people should come together and stand against all non-ecological energy projects and imperialist energy monopolies in the Eastern Mediterranean.

NEWS FROM THE PARTY



We took to the streets in Taksim on the 9th anniversary of the Gezi Uprising!

35 of our comrades, including our members and secretary of our Youth Organisation were met with police brutality and taken into custody.

Detainment can't frighten us!

A delegation of TIP Chairperson Erkan Baş, Istanbul MP Ahmet Şık, Party Assembly members and members of our Istanbul provincial organisation visited the Justice Watch initiated by the TMMOB Chamber of Architects in solidarity with the Gezi prisoners.



“Tenants' Meeting” was held in Antalya with the participation of Deputy Chairperson and Hatay MP Barış Atay against the economic crisis dooming millions of citizens to extortionate amounts of rent.





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The annual Anaireseis festival organised by NAR (New Left Current), a prominent socialist party in Greece, in collaboration with the youth organisation nKA, took place in Athens and Patras on June 3 to June 5.

The festival included panel discussions on anti-capitalist left action in crisis times, anti-war movements, issues of ecology and energy, as well as workshops on the political economics of the pandemic, future of neoliberalism, freedom of press, violence against women and inequality.

TİP International Committee delegation of İlke Bereketli and Hakan Güneş discussed Greco-Turkish relations, effects of the Russo-Ukrainian war, and the ecological-economic issues impacting both Greece and Turkey with the Central Committee members of NAR. TİP and NAR delegations also discussed the methods for joint efforts on issues such as ecological problems in Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean regions, wildfires, widespread hostility against immigrants and the rise of militarism.



Deputy Chairperson and Hatay MP Barış Atay attended the opening of TİP İzmir Kınık county organisation office and held a public meeting with party members and guests.

Chairperson Erkan Baş, Party Spokesperson Atty. Sera Kadıgil and PA member Atty. Özgür Urfa participated in the "Elections, New Electoral Law and Electoral Security" meeting attended by every legal expert of TİP.

We are grateful to our lawyer comrades for contributing their opinions and assessments.





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Chairperson Erkan Baş attended the county office opening ceremonies and public meetings across İzmir.

TİP Women's organisation held a panel discussion in İzmir on the multi-layered issues of women's labour.



Scientists Meeting of Ankara, organised by our Scientific Committee, was held in METU facilities in Visnelik.








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