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WORKERS' PARTY OF TURKEY IS THE ONLY ADDRESS FOR A SOCIALIST COMMUNIST PARTY IN TURKEY THAT WILL ACHIEVE A MASS-SCALE EFFECTIVENESS

Just as March 31-June 23 elections have struck a serious blow to the AKP regime, so did they increase capitalist fractions' and mainstream political actors' interests towards alternative scenarios. There has been a leaning after June 23 elections towards rearrangements in the system, possibly the formation of a new leadership with a new actor, on the condition that the opportunities given to the capital by the AKP regime are preserved. The arguments mounted since June 23 elections essentially point towards this trend. The arguments of both the main opposition party CHP and the other opposition actors and former AKP members are both oriented towards a retouch of the presidential system and the empowerment of the Assembly with new authorisations. In other words, they point to a rehabilitation and moderation of the presidential system. It is evident that these arguments target Erdoğan's position and powers. Hence, the main expectation of some system actors and capitalists fractions is a transition period during which Erdoğan's regime is weakened,



system rehabilitated and a moderate presidential system is established.

Whatever the expectations and plans of some system actors and capitalist fractions may be, the dissolution or liquidation of the AKP regime is neither easy nor certain. The AKP regime, concretised with AKP and Erdoğan government, still has significant support. It is also observed that it retains its hegemony on the state apparatus, while also retaining a considerable amount of power within the capitalist class.

The AKP regime has been attempting a transition to fascism through both institutional and actional moves to maintain its power. While it cannot be said that a transition to fascism is generally approved by system actors, the utilities of AKP and its leader Erdoğan must not be underestimated. In this sense a threat of fascism is still feasible in Turkey. And this threat will remain not only while AKP is in power, but even if it is driven away from it. Thus it is inevitable for an anti-fascist struggle to appear in the agenda of socialist and progressive struggle in Turkey.

The only way to truly overthrow the AKP regime and fundamentally mend the devastation it has caused is the success of a radical popular movement led by the workers and labourers of our country.

Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) deems it imperative for a socialist Communist party, assuming the political and organisational representation of the workers and labourers and able to do politics on a mass popular scale, to take its part in the political scene. This is not only the only way of truly overthrowing the AKP regime, but also a necessity for socialism to be a major political actor of post-AKP Turkey. This need which we refer to as socialism stepping over a threshold must be fulfilled during AKP period.

TİP proposes the precedence of constructive processes in two fields for the struggle before us.

The first is the creation of a massified popular and libertarian political course spread and organised throughout Turkey. The second is the construction of a popular socialist party which relies on workers' and people's councils, network organisations and local resistance centers along with its own accumulations; a party that can mobilise the masses.

As the party that aims towards the liberation of Turkey through the fight for equality and freedom, and the party that prioritises a struggle that can politicise the masses for this goal; Workers' Party of Turkey is the only address for a socialist Communist party in Turkey that will achieve a mass-scale effectiveness.





WAR IS NOT DESTINY OF OUR PEOPLE, DISHONOR IS NOT DESTINY OF OUR COUNTRY NOT WAR, BUT TURKEY NEEDS WORK AND BREAD!

Turkey is heading towards a new cliff, which may bring very painful consequences by the hands of Erdoğan Regime. Erdoğan Regime, which has played provocative roles in the Syrian war until now, supported jihadist gangs and subcontracted the operations of imperialism in the region, is now putting our country into a hot war. The possible military operation initiative called "Peace Spring" will bring great pain and losses to our region and our country.

The aim of the initiative aimed at the Kurdish region in the north of Syria is clear: to neutralize

the Kurdish people, the force that stopped ISIS in the region; creating a pocket for jihadist gangs to continue their war in Syria; to be one of the terror supporters of the region by taking responsibility for ISIS villains; exacerbating the war in Syria and maintaining its position on the table; to consolidate its damaged power in the atmosphere of war and blood...

It is also clear that this initiative can be realized thanks to the space opened by the US imperialism. Despite the "anti-US cries" of the Erdoğan Regime and its so-called "left" supporters, the US's withdrawal from certain regions and declaring that it will not intervene in the process is the primary condition of this initiative. Although there are different voices from within the US administration, the nature of the decision made by the US President is clear. The Erdoğan Regime, once again as a subcontractor of US imperialism and with expansionist claims, has been eager to occupy, disregarding the sovereign rights and territorial integrity of Syria.

The Erdoğan regime, which subcontracts US imperialism, is also responsible for US President Trump's threats to our country. If our country



has become the toy of an extreme right-wing / fascist politician today and our economy has been made dependent to the extent that it can be easily destroyed, the Erdoğan Regime has the highest share in this. As well as those who exposed our country to this dishonour, we will also take account of the imperialist arrogance that tries to submit to threats.

The Erdoğan Reign, by converting Turkey into one of the bases of the jihadists, by making our borders a crossroads of terror logistics, by training tens of thousands of jihadist militants and sending them to the war in Syria, and giving way for organization of the jihadist among our citizens, left our country alone with serious security problems. The military initiative that is now on the agenda will deepen the security problem and increase the effectiveness and prevalence of jihadist terrorism in the country. It is also clear that the Kurdish problem, which is one of the most important problems of our country and our region, cannot be solved by security policies and that the pain experienced will deepen unless the blood policy ends.

Turkey, is going through a severe economic crisis and the burden of the crisis our country is completely loaded into the backs of the workers. Borrowing, hikes, unemployment, job killings, insecurity have become the overwhelming truth of the environment created by the Erdoğan Regime. Labourers need work and bread, not war. Our resources should not be devoted to arms and war, but to prosperity and development. As it has so far, this war initiative will return to our country as more poverty, the poor will be deprived of their lives and pushed into deeper poverty for the sake of the survival of the Erdoğan Regime.

The Erdoğan Regime also declared that it would continue its policy of enmity towards the Kurdish people, which it had consolidated in alliance with the far-right-wing nationalist party MHP. This policy, which is carried out with domestic arrests, trustees, threats and pressures, will be continued in the form of bombing, occupation and assimilation of the regions where Kurdish people

live abroad. Moreover, the cooperation of the Kurdish forces in the region with the United States has continued despite all warnings of the progressive forces and socialists, and US imperialism has left the Kurdish people alone with its fate. There is no way for this painful course not to be repeated, except for the strengthening of socialists and become the leading actor of the unity of peoples.

Socialists, communists and progressive forces have always been in favour of brotherhood and peace among peoples, everywhere, in all matters and under all circumstances. Our history is full of resistance to wars, mass killings, civilian massacres, attempts to invade, imperialist patronage, and external interference. Today, the task of the socialist/communist forces is to defend brotherhood and peace, peace and prosperity without giving premiums to the rivalries between the imperialist powers and the ideological manipulations of the ruling class. Socialists, communists and progressive forces defend the territorial integrity of countries against the attempts of foreign forces to invade. We advocate that the Syrian people should determine their own countries destiny and future.

Our people are not destined to this war and the blood to be poured into which they are dragged for the purposes and interests of the Erdoğan Regime.

Turkey's workers, labourers, peoples should resist all together against the Erdoğan Regime's war effort, and should come forward to win our independence against imperialist threats.

Turkey needs peace and brotherhood. Workers' Party of Turkey together with the other progressive forces of the country will continue to demand the need for peace and brotherhood.

Long live the brotherhood of peoples!

Long live peace!

Down with the war!

Down with imperialism!

**TIP: WE STAND BY THE CLIMATE STRIKE
WE WILL OVERTHROW THIS REIGN OF PLUNDER OR
WE WILL PERISH!**



20-27 September witnessed a massive environmentalist action. Following the call of Greta Thurnberg, 16 years old activist from Sweden, approximately 7.6 million people from all over the world attended in The Global Climate Strike; from New York to Amman, from Kampala to Guadalajara, from Istanbul to Quebec. The Global Climate Strike was crowned by Greta's words in UN Global Climate Action Summit in New York in September 23:

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. People are suffering, people are dying, entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are at the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of endless economic growth. How dare you!"

Greta started her personal strike in Sweden in summer 2018 alone and today she is followed by millions.

Greta on the target

Malevolent criticisms followed Greta's speech in UN. Some were abjectly uttered by assaulting a 16 years old girl, targeting her personality. Some were more wisely exhibited, in the form of discrediting what a 16 years old youngster have achieved. Some claiming to be the vanguards of the class struggle asserted that Greta was nothing more than a piece of master plan of the global capitalism dressing the costume of environmentalism.

Sarcastic caricatures were shared in social media intending to disgrace what Greta have expressed in UN: “You have stolen my dreams” referring to what could be stolen from a youngster living in a European welfare country when compared with the children dying in hunger in Yemen, or child soldiers in Liberia, children shot down atrociously in Palestine or

children subject to prostitution in Indo-china. What is unseen is that, Greta's struggle for the climate utmost aims for survival of those children who are living in poverty, since it will be the poorer countries which will be effected by the climate change the most.

Can Green Capitalism survive environmental crisis?

Despite the fact that Green Capitalism is thought to be designed as a solution, we all know that environmental crisis cannot be solved by capitalism.

The reason of the problem itself cannot be the solution, cannot even be part of the solution. Environmental crisis is uttered by scientists for decades, almost for half century since 1970's, however, politicians were deaf to listen scientists and blind to see the environmental decay. The only thing they could see was the increasing trends of profits and the only thing they could hear was the sound of the money. It is the ambition of profit making of capitalism which caused this environment decay and we all know it.

They all knew it. The ones who were listening Greta in UN all knew it and yet shamelessly they offer us **Green New Deal**, which is not more than a revision of capitalism -so-called Industry 4.0- which is yet another plan to exploit poor countries, to exploit working classes by decreasing the value of the labour, by decreasing the value of the products produced in poor countries.

We all know that the essence of capitalism is profit and over-production and essence of capitalism is squandering, thus capitalism, does not matter in which colour it is; green, blue, orange, or pink, cannot help environment to survive. Green New Deal, by being a pro-free market strategy cannot help world to survive.

Working class in support for climate strike

As Workers' Party of Turkey, since the first day of the Global Climate Strike, we declared that we stand by the children opposing those who cause this climate crisis. We also believe that struggle for



a better world shall not be left to those who are manipulated by new fake-environmental scenarios of capitalism. The victory of environmental struggle can only be achieved by involvement of working class in the struggle, since enemy of both the environment is the same and both are exploited by handful of capitalists who are the first degree responsible for today's environment crisis.

Workers' Party of Turkey calls for struggle to overthrow the reign of plunder of environment and it is a struggle of survival and century old motto is more valid today than ever before:

Socialism or barbarism!

IT IS NOT EARTHQUAKE WHICH KILLS PEOPLE, BUT IT IS CAPITALISM

WORKERS' PARTY OF TURKEY CALLS FOR SOLIDARITY AND ORGANIZATION



Earthquake frightened people in September 26

In an ordinary country, an earthquake of 5.8 magnitude in Richter scale would not be considered as an important event. But the one happened in Istanbul at September 26, 2019 was enough to put people into panic, not because of the damage occurred, but because of the things that made people to remember what happened exactly 20 years ago when Turkey was shaken by two earthquakes: 7,4 magnitude in August 17, 1999 in Gölcük, just about 100 kilometres from Istanbul and in Düzce, about 200 kilometres from Istanbul by November 12, 1999 with a magnitude of 7,2 both leaving tens of thousands of casualties, destroying tens of thousands of dwellings, and urban infrastructure, halting industrial production where the region is country's most important industrial quarter.

Creating a new bourgeoisie raising on the ruins

Following the earthquakes, Erdoğan's 18 years long reign started and the first couple of years he was

considered as a talent politician bursting economy of Turkey. However, economy of Turkey was not growing on basis of production, but on rant economics. Urban regeneration served as a very beneficial tool for Erdoğan's rant economy which allowed him to create his own bourgeoisie rising not only on the ruins of destroyed buildings during the earthquake, but also earning enormous profits through urban regeneration, which was simply an urban gentrification project dismissing urban poor from the city centres and opening public areas to the exploitation of the capital.

Pillaging the foreign aid and private consumption taxes

All were done with the foreign aid following the earthquake and the private consumption taxes paid by the peoples of Turkey. All those financial resources were not used for the good of the people, but to create a new bourgeoisie serving

for the political deeds of the Erdoğan regime. However, the regime's dirty games are unveiling. After the local elections in Turkey last spring, when Erdoğan's party lost many municipalities, the scale of the corruption became much evident. It is seen how public resources were pillaged by the regime.

After the earthquake in September 26, the regime's pillage of the financial resources which have to be spent for urban regeneration once again became under question. Not only pillaging the resources, but also it is a fact that regime have exploited any source of resource which can be sold to capitalists, like the earthquake assembly areas, which are sold to giant construction companies to build residences for riches or to build shopping malls.

Earthquake does not kill, but the building does

We all know that, it is not the earthquake that kills people, it is the building that kills people. Earthquake is a predicted natural event, but it is the building which kills people. The sole target of the administrators shall be to take measures to construct strong buildings which will not be effected by the earthquake. However, the sole aim of capitalism; that is to maximize profit, simply contradicts with that.

25 million people under threat of coming earthquake

Following the earthquake in Istanbul by September 26, TİP emphasized the fact that since 1999, the governments did not sustain any realistic implications for the needs of the people

for the coming "great earthquake" and left all the good intentions to be done in a void situation. It is also a fact that although we cannot predict the exact time, a severe earthquake is expected to happen in Istanbul and region around Istanbul effecting the lives of 25 million people.

There is also a clear fact: Located in the earthquake zone in a country such as Turkey, if comprehensive measures are not adopted, earthquakes may have chaotic impacts. Those who are dumb to utter this reality are responsible for this crime.

Call to solidarity and to organize to survive

We know from our previous experiences that, in the "golden hours", immediate aftermath of the earthquake, public/state in Turkey does not have enough qualifications. The struggle to survive is in the hands of our people.

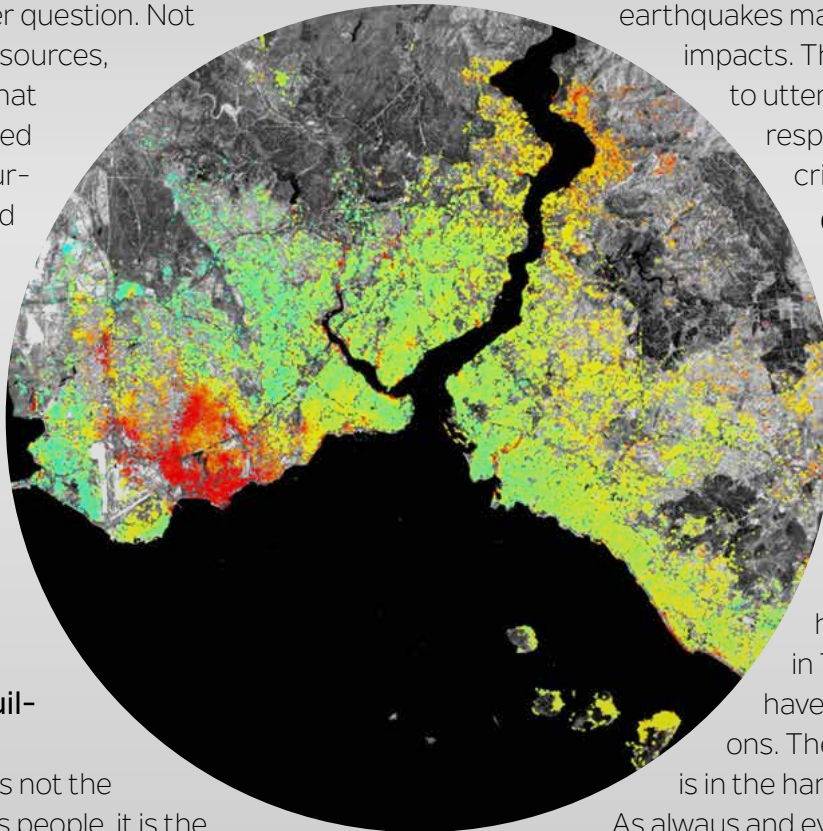
As always and everywhere, our only option is to organize. We have no choice than establishing solidarity with citizens with whom we share our life sphere in the same settlement, same street.

We have no choice but to survive. We have to build our solidarity networks in every street, in every settlement.

Workers Party of Turkey, will defend life in all circumstances and will accelerate its work on earthquake preparedness in Istanbul side by side with our people everywhere.

Either we die with our people or we will survive altogether.

Solidarity to survive!



NEWS FROM THE PARTY



TİP Youth Organisation visited the stand of "Those whose retirement is blocked by age" stand in Bakırköy to express solidarity.

Chairperson Erkan Baş and the party delegation visited the resistance field in front of the Ataşehir Cargill Headquarters in solidarity with the workers.



Chairperson and the party delegation will meet leftist organisations in Cyprus in October 11-12.



"Gender Inequality, Socialism and Women" interview was held in TİP Mersin Provincial Organisation Bureau with the participation of İleri Haber columnist Ebru Pektaş.





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