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AKP regime and violence against women



November 25, International Day against Violence against Women has once again gained meaning through various activities, actions and protests in almost every country. “Male violence” shaped by Neoliberalism’s right-wing, authoritarian, anti-women policies continues to rise. In Turkey, the AKP regime is following this global pattern.

Looking beyond 18 years of AKP rule, it can easily be seen that hatred against women and male violence advance hand in hand as a product of a state policy. Sometimes through direct sexist discourse, sometimes through new laws, this state policy have gone further. Propelled by the most competent spokespersons of power:

“Women should not be rebellious, should not raise their voice, should not run to the police station at every opportunity”,

“You are the owner of women and children, you can do whatever you want to them”,

"I do not believe in equality between men and women",

"Woman is the honor of the neighborhood",

"Violence against women is exaggerated",

The religiousization of social life fueled violence, impunity in male violent crimes against women became a norm in the male-dominated mentality of the judiciary system.

In addition, AKP regime which has deepened unemployment and poverty through its policies of attacking the class, do also provide the material ground for "male violence". While the masses are impoverished, banal sexism and patriarchal militancy contributed to political Islamist ideology.

The discourse which does not implement the requirements of Istanbul Convention, targeting the Law no. 6284 on Protection of the Family and Prevention of Violence against Women rests on this ground. Obstructing divorces and discourse on "holy family" fosters male violence. Consequently, during AKP regime women murders increased by 400 percent.

All of this picture has clamped the women's struggle around a matter of survival. Relying on the previous experience, women movement have become the main vector of popular opposition and protests especially by 2013 Gezi Resistance under the Emergency Rule; in some cases it has succeeded in overcoming the regime's red lines . In accordance with this activism, women struggle has undertaken a decisive struggle in the jurisdiction preventing impunity in violence against women.



THE US BLOCKADE OF CUBA WAS OUTLAWED AGAIN AT THE UN



For almost 60 years, US imperialism has organized and controlled all kinds of destructive activities on Cuba, as well as an economic and commercial blockade to drive the country into a destruction.

The blockade certainly has negative effects on Cuba. Yet, the Cuban people are determined to resist and struggle, just as they did in the “special period”.

Every year, a proposal is submitted by Cuba to the UN General Assembly on the allegation of genocidal crime according to the Geneva treaty, which is supported by the overwhelming majority where genocidal crime of US is confirmed.

On November 7, the UN General Assembly once again unequivocally decided to reject the US financial and economic blockade of unilateral sanctions against Cuba.

The UN vote was made to propose a resolution based on the report titled; “The Necessity to End the Economic, Commercial and Financial Blockade Imposed by the United States against Cuba”. 187 countries voted in favor of ending the US blockade, while three countries (USA, Zionist entity, and Brazil) voted for rejection and two countries (Colombia and Ukraine) stayed neutral.

Such a vote is not held for the first time, and that is why it does not surprise us. The bill to remove the US blockade, which was brought to the agenda of the UN General Assembly, has been raised and voted every year since 1992.



For the last 28 years, similar votes have been held and Cuba has won the majority. In 2018, only two countries voted against it; USA and the Zionist entity.

The reason why Cuba decisively exposes the US-guided blockade on an international level is that it is illegal, unfair and it harms all Cubans. From April 2018 to March 2019, the cost of the blockade to Cuba was US \$ 4.3 billion.

After many years of struggle, the Obama government alleviated foreign exchange and travel restrictions for Cuba, leading to the reopening of embassies in Washington and Havana in 2014 and Obama's visit to Havana in 2016. Excluding the fact that the embassies are still open, the Trump government has reversed these policies and introduced new restrictions.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez has strongly condemned the sudden rise of US hostile attacks at the UN, and has said that the Cuban people have suffered more than \$ 130 billion in economic losses so far, and emphasized that many people were unable to benefit from the solidarity that Cuba wanted to develop with all the peoples of the world.

TYPE has always brought solidarity with Cuba to the agenda. Imperialism, headed by the US, has turned the whole world into a battlefield and threw seeds of hostility among peoples living together for centuries.

USA's inhuman to be a people-friendly working-class resistance to Turkey and success despite the blockade and the need for solidarity with the working people of small island house. We people, imperialism is the only way to optimism in this dark age.



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The forum titled “Where is Turkey Headed” was held in İzmir Fuar Youth Theater Hall with participations of Chairperson Erkan Baş and HDP MPs

Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) İstanbul Organisation has made a public statement afront Sureyya Opera Hall in Kadıköy in protest against the AKP regime's reign of injustice, exploitation, deceit and plunder.



A delegation of TIP Hatay Organisation representatives, independent city councillors from Defne and Samandağ counties, representatives from We Have Words to Say Council of Samandağ, farmers and representatives from various NGOs visited Dersim Mayor Fatih Maçoğlu and Ovacık Natural Co-op.



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Sakarya Organisation Office was opened with the participation of Chairperson Erkan Baş. A badge-pinning ceremony was held for our new members after the opening event.

TIP Chairperson Erkan Baş came together with the EYT (*Those whose retirement is blocked by age*) Association executives and members in the Parliament. We've exchanged opinions and suggestions for their rightful struggle to succeed and for the labourers to claim what is rightfully theirs.



“Benefits, Unemployment and the EYT (*Those whose retirement is blocked by age*) Struggle” Interview was held in Sancaktepe County Organisation Office with the participation of Chairperson Erkan Baş.





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We took part in the We Want to Live Humanely rally organised by labour organisations in İstanbul with the statement “Power to the Working Class” on our banners.

Women from TIP took to the streets across the country against violence, inequality, poverty and precarity on November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.



“Labour Exploitation System in Seasonal Agricultural Labour” interview was held by TIP Ankara Organisation with the participation of International Relations Committee member Özgür Dirim Özkan




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