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# TURKISH MILITARY INTERVENTION TO LIBYA!



Turkish parliament opened 2020 by a military intervention decision: On January 2nd Turkey's parliament has approved by a large majority a bill that allows troops to be deployed to Libya in support of the Tripoli-based government in the country's worsening civil war.

The vote, taken during a special sitting, comes amid fears that the Turkish intervention could intensify violence in Libya. MPs voted 325-184 in favour of the deployment. Workers Party of Turkey (TIP) MPs along with the other opposition MPs voted against the military interference plan and stated that this act could not help settling the problems in Libya and rather escalates the war in favor of more reactionary forces in Libya.

After President Erdogan declared that Ankara started to deploy military advisers and some (undeclared in number and type) other military forces in Libya, Russian President Putin and Erdogan called for ceasefire. Two rival parties (Sarraj Government and General Haftar) attended Moscow talks on 13th of January but didn't agreed fully. Signing the ceasefire agreement delayed in Moscow and

probably they will meet in a second round of talks in Berlin.

Libya has struggled to emerge from chaos since NATO forces ousted the Muammar el-Qaddafi nine years ago. The power vacuum made Libya a tempting target for ambitious foreign powers eyeing its vast oil reserves and long Mediterranean coastline. None of the foreign powers engaged in Libya — motivated by commercial interests, geopolitical games or regional and ideological rivalries — have so far shown any willingness to back off.

While the mediation efforts continue Ankara deployed some 2000 men Syrian (Turkish backed “national army”) militia to Tripoli making Erdogan an important player in the conflict. Erdogan defends his act as a defense strategy for Turkey's Eastern Mediterranean interest especially with regard to Egypt-Israel-Cyprus natural gas agreement. Erdogan repeatedly argued that Egypt-Israel-Cyprus trying to exclude Turkey from the Eastern Mediterranean gas riches. However one should notice that these countries are exploiting drilling activities in their EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zones) and no gas or oil drilling activities happened in Turkish EEZ. Turkey's claims are merely aiming at mobilizing the Turkish people for the governments neo-Ottomanist objectives through a fake “national interest” banner.

Progressive parties and organizations in Turkey oppose Erdogan's plan to deteriorate the situation in Libya and call for an immediate pull out of the military from Libya. Workers Party of Turkey (TIP) actively oppose any foreign intervention to Libya no matter Turkish, French or Egyptian and calls for peaceful resolution of the disputes among the Libyan parties.



# NO TO A NEW WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST!



The violent tension between the US and Iran in Iraq has brought the region and the world to the brink of a new war. This tension is the result of the ambitions of the imperialist powers, especially the USA, to transform the Middle East into its own playground.

The intervention of the US and its allies in Iraq and then in Syria has brought nothing to the Middle East except the great destruction that caused the lives of thousands of people and the migration of millions of people. Now, the conflict with Iran as well promises nothing but destruction to the people.

The people of the Middle East need peace, not war. They need to live in peace in their homeland, not as a refugee in other countries. For this:

- The soldiers of all foreign forces, including that of Turkey, should be withdrawn from countries in the region.
- All US military bases that threaten the region with its presence should be closed down.
- Control of existing nuclear weapons in the region and in the world should be ensured and nuclear armament must be stopped immediately.

We call all the progressive forces in the region to raise these demands and to act together against imperialism in order to ensure that the Middle East does not return to the bloodbath once again and to ensure lasting peace.



## NEWS FROM THE PARTY



Chairperson Erkan Baş came together with executives from the EYT (Those whose retirement is blocked by age) Association and citizens in the Parliament. We've shared views and suggestions for the triumph of their rightful struggle and for the labourers to get what is their right.

Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) is on the street in every corner of the country!  
We've said #ThereIsCrisisThereIsASolution.  
Our solution to unemployment:  
Publicise private factories. End overtime. Provide exclusive quotas for the youth and the women.



Workers' Party of Turkey participated in the "Social Peace and Humane Living" rally organised in Diyarbakır against government custodians.



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Workers' Party of Turkey in the "Demand for a budget for the people and a democratic country" rally organised by labour unions in Mersin.

All power to the working class!

#ThereIsCrisisThereIsASolution

Workers' Party of Turkey İstanbul provincial organisation participated in the rally against economic crisis in Bakırköy Public Market. All power to the working class! Factories, farms, political power, all will belong to labour!



2020 will be the year of women, the youth and the workers. 2020 will be our year! 2020 will be the year Workers' Party of Turkey triumphs! #HappyNewYear



## NEWS FROM THE PARTY



Our Adana public meeting took place with the participation of our Hatay MP Barış Atay Mengüllüoğlu.

Metal workers are not alone!  
Metal in Gebze and Bursa have risen up against company union MESS' insistence on low raises and the enforced usurpations of workers' rights. We've participated in the Gebze workers' rally along with Chairperson Erkan Baş.



We stand with the metal workers stating "#OnStrikeInFebruary5 if our demands are not met."




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