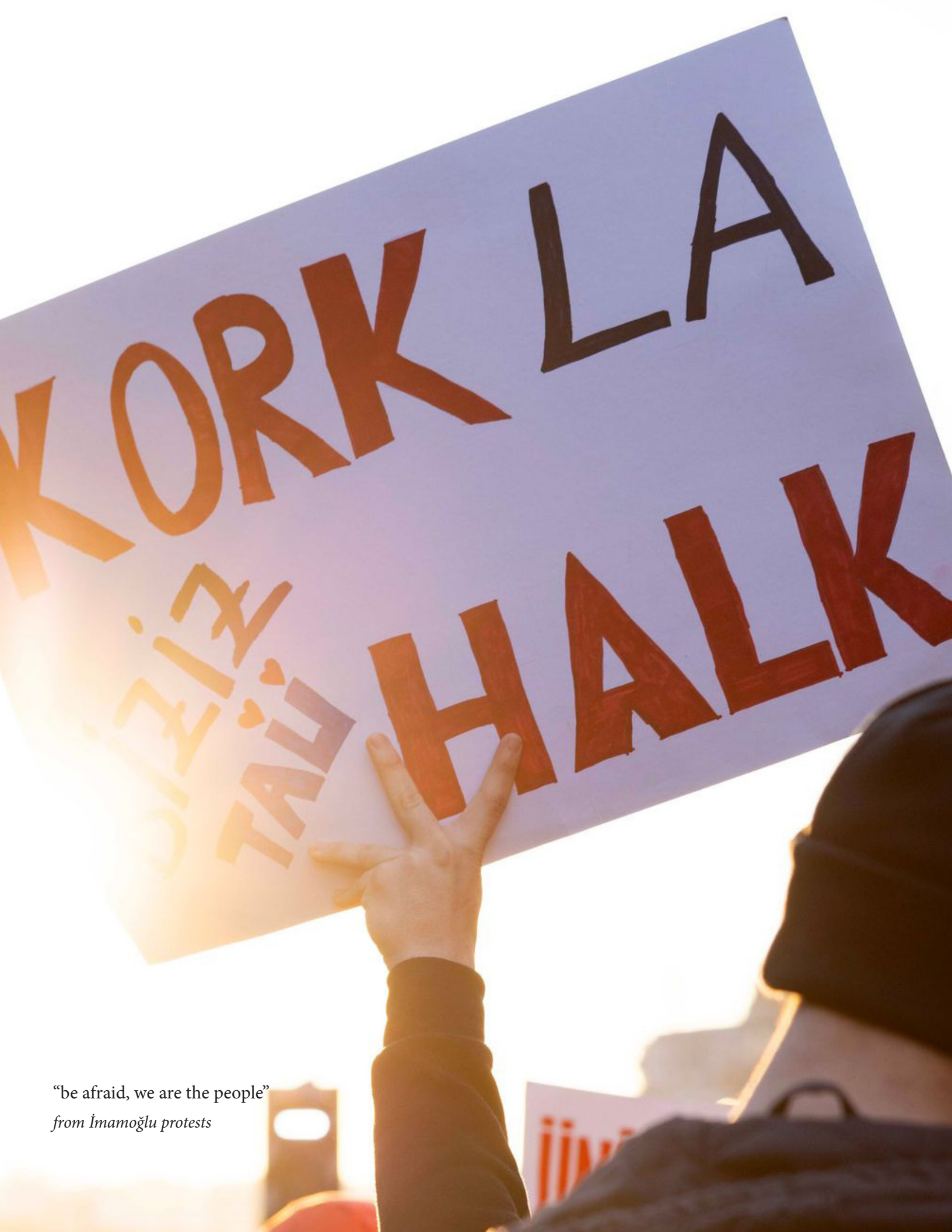




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“be afraid, we are the people”
from İmamoğlu protests



TURKISH PEOPLE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR THEIR DEMOCRACY!

WORKER'S PARTY OF TURKEY



The Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) makes this international solidarity call, as our country stands on the brink of dictatorship.

A year has passed since the March 31st local elections, in which AKP lost many important municipalities and its position as the leading party after 22 years. During this time, the dual pressures of the major economic crisis and the ongoing governability crisis became even more devastating for large segments of Turkish society. The Palace Regime has completely lost its social legitimacy and it currently survives on large scale repression. In this atmosphere, Istanbul's second-time elected mayor, Ekrem Imamoglu, has become a popular political figure and Erdogan's main rival in the next presidential elections.

On March 18th, the Palace Regime initiated a coordinated political attack against Ekrem Imamoglu. First, his university diploma was annulled overnight, with the aim of blocking his candidacy in the next presidential race. The next morning, he was taken from his house to give testimony in a politically motivated sham investigation. He was being held in custody since March 19th on charges of corruption and terrorism. On March 23rd, Ekrem Imamoglu was formally arrested by court order. Mayors of some other Istanbul districts and their colleagues were also arrested on judicially baseless charges. Hundreds of thousands all over Turkey have taken to the streets to support Imamoglu, protesting against his unlawful detention. The government responded by unleashing the police on peaceful protestors, censoring social media channels, and detaining people for participating in meetings. Hundreds of students and citizens, including our party members, are currently held in custody.

This de facto civilian coup marks a very dark turn for Turkey's future. However, popular resistance from citizens of all ages and all walks of life continues to grow in the face of government repression and authoritarianism. Turkish people will not accept the death sentence of their democracy. We realize that this is an existential struggle and we will defend our dignity to the very end. We will continue to fight for our freedoms, for our democracy, and for justice. We demand the immediate release of our elected mayors and of all the protesters held in custody.

We invite the international community and our friends to stand in solidarity with the democratic forces in Turkey and with millions of Turkish citizens who are relentlessly defending their right to vote.

RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR TURKEY!

GEZI

ONURUMUZDUR!



The Central Executive Committee of TİP convened urgently early this morning

Turkey is once again facing a coup attempt by the AKP-MHP government and a de facto martial law. Together with the people, we will defeat this attempt to trample on the people's will. We will not surrender to those who, with the power they have seized, use the judiciary for their own ambitions and commit crime after crime against the people.

We call on the people to raise their voices wherever they are against this thorough attack targeting democracy in the municipalities, the people's legitimate and peaceful right to resist in the Gezi Resistance, the people's right to

information through the press and social media, and our most basic freedoms as a whole.

In our streets, workplaces, campuses, buses and ferries, we will show that we do not submit to this attack.

As TİP, we declare once again that we stand with all those who are directly affected by the regime's attack and that we will take a common stance against the coup.

There is no salvation alone.

Either all together or none of us!

TURKEY, RAISE YOUR VOICE!

WORKERS' PARTY OF TURKEY



THE NEW REGIME IN SYRIA and TURKEY

Statement By Workers' Party of Turkey

The operation carried out by the US and its friends in Syria together with jihadist terrorist organizations and so-called moderate Islamist forces has entered a new phase. In Syria, where the territory has effectively become divided into many parts, state control has now passed to the coalition led by the terrorist organization HTS, an extension of Al Qaeda.

The new situation in Syria also represents a gain for long-term US policy for the Middle East, which is centered on protecting Israel and its own trade areas and routes. The next steps of this policy, which has the support of regional actors such as the Gulf kingdoms, Tel Aviv and Ankara, can be expected to include moves towards Lebanon, Iran and Iraq.

The AKP government has always supported this comprehensive policy of the US. It supported the invasion of Iraq, was one of the main implementers of the Syrian operation, and maintained relations with Israel.

This attitude of the AKP government, which is the patron of moderate Islamism and supporter of jihadist organizations, is not surprising. For decades, imperialist policies in our region have always been implemented by or with the help of political Islamists.

AKP and its supporters have gradually turned our country into a place where jihadist and religious groups are extremely moving away from secularism.

We warn all of our citizens.

Do not pay attention to the statements of the government supporters and so-called opposition.

Our region and our country are facing greater risks than they faced yesterday.

Collaborating with the US and Israel will harm all nations. Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Persians and all nations are being pushed into the conflagration.

Peace and tranquility will not come from the plans of the imperialists.

We are here. We are aware that we have a greater responsibility than ever to defend labour, freedoms, secularism and peace.

We will continue our struggle with greater determination to save our country and region from reactionary and imperialist actors, especially the AKP government.

THREAT OF MASSACRE AGAINST ALAWITES AND CHRISTIANS IN SYRIA!



TİP has never found the Assad regime in Syria democratic and has never supported it. However, TİP has also not evaluated the armed campaign in Syria carried out by groups that are more anti-democratic and even more barbaric than the Assad regime as a revolutionary or democratic opportunity. The party has particularly exposed Erdoğan's cross-border actions against the Kurds and the direct and indirect support given to jihadist groups in Syria through the statements it has published and its stance in parliament.

While the Party calls on the Turkish Government to end its cooperation with the jihadists, collaborators of Zionists, imperialists in the Middle East, and the Al Jolani administration, it also draws attention to the massacres in the regions under HTS control and calls for a struggle against them.

TİP published a statement on massacres in Syria:

"The aggression carried out by jihadist groups in Aleppo in the territory of our neighbor Syria is a new phase in the imperialist project that threatens the people of the region.

This operation, carried out with the cooperation of organiza-

tions some of which are recognized as "terrorists" by global public opinion (including in Turkey), means an open attack on the sovereignty of Syria. It is also backed by the Palace Regime, which survives in our country through all kinds of tyranny, lawlessness, and constitutional violations. This operation will cause jihadist terrorists such as ISIS and Al Qaeda to create new troubles for the peoples of the region. The picture that leads to the displacement of innocent civilians will deepen new waves of migration, instability, sectarianism and security problems for all countries in the region including Turkey. Moreover, the regional moves of imperialism, which threaten Palestine, Lebanon, and Iran with Israel's genocidal massacres, are gaining strength with the AKP government and the jihadist groups under its control."

The Palace Regime is once again standing side by side with Israel and jointly carrying out the imperialist agenda. Events in the last 13 years are clear evidence that destabilizing Syria means treason for the Palestinian people and blood, tears and displacement for the peoples of the region.

The AKP government, seeking to serve as the regional executive of US-led imperialist plans and seize new opportunities for expansion, poses a significant threat to our country. On behalf of our country, we reject the dishonour of Turkey being associated with jihadist terrorists and the government's cooperation with Israel and the US in the region. We have not forgotten the Reyhanlı, October 10th, and Suruç massacres, and we know the perpetrators, accomplices, and those responsible.

The AKP must immediately stop sponsoring the invasive aggression in our neighboring Syrian lands."

The Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) Chairperson published a message on 28th of December of 2024 about the threats of massacre against Alawites and Christians in Syria:

"We cannot remain silent while Arab Alawites, Christians, and other ethnic/religious groups face the threat of massacre as power changes hands in Syria."

He also added that "If Turkey is to play a role in the process, it must do so not for the gains of the AKP government but for the peace and security of the peoples of Syria and the entire Middle East. We will not allow Salafist jihadists to massacre people in front of the whole world."

TİP closely follows developments in the region through its organizations in southern provinces and its International Relations Committee. It calls on the international democratic community to stand in solidarity with minorities, women and workers in Syria and to fight against the Salafi jihadists.

We will undoubtedly discuss for a long time the effects of Donald Trump's electoral victory on the global sphere as well as on Turkey. Given the recent rise of populism, a lot remains to be written about populist discourse and its leaders. In the mainstream social science literature, populism has long been used as a shorthand to describe 'the actions of any leader whose political line we do not like'. Clearly, a concept so vaguely and broadly defined has no analytical use. Then how should we interpret the rise of populism around the world and in the U.S. presidential elections? What lessons can socialists learn from recent events?

Faces of populism: The elites , the people and the masqueraders

Contemporary right-wing populism can be described as the self-positioning of elites as anti-establishment figures. In the absence of real political alternatives, this image of the leader who is 'one of us' strikes a chord with people because politics really abhors a vacuum. For the last decade, in the absence of an organized class movement, we have seen far-right movements gain ground in many countries. Almost everywhere, populism offers a simple but effective narrative: In the face of the ruthless and corrupt "elites" stand a sacred "nation" surrounded by a self-proclaimed set of national values, carrying absolute moral superiority in its very existence, and a leader who fights the windmills on their behalf.

This discourse is also familiar to those who follow Turkish politics. An ever-righteous and victorious "national will", positioned against "institutional tutelage", continues to win one battle after another against an army of "political elites" whose power is seemingly inexhaustible. In the intoxication of victory, it can be temporarily ignored that the outcome is further impoverishment and precariousness for large sections of the population. While the winners become the "real nation", the losers resent "common people" that are detached from and alien to them, retreating into their shells until the next elections. Winners and losers tend to forget that they are together in the engine room of a ship that has been long taking on water and that at the slightest tremor the captain will abandon the sinking ship, even before the rats. Thus, social polarization is shaped along cultural rather than economic lines. While polarization creates very sharp group affiliations, it also reduces the permeability between opposing groups by turning them against each other.

One Nation, One Leader, One Enemy

We witnessed the same divisive language and anti-establishment sentiment in Donald Trump's third election campaign. The ability of Trump - as the heir of a real estate tycoon, multimillionaire businessman, and former president - to position



THE U.S. ELECTIONS, POPULISM and CLASS REPRESENTATION

Ekim Arbatlı

(The below article by International Committee Member Ekim Arbatlı on US Elections and Trumpism was first published on the Ayrim website.)



himself against the establishment and on the side of the American people, and the large number of voters who are convinced by this narrative, cannot be explained only by the “charisma” of the candidate or the media support behind him. More fundamentally, there lies the effort to reproduce, with a different discourse, the legitimacy of the system, which no longer offers the masses a goal or ideal to fight for.

The election campaigns of both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris have shown that the two parties of the system are hostile twins on many issues. In foreign policy, both candidates announced that they would fully support Israel's genocide in Palestine. Internally, they promised a more protectionist economic model, higher customs duties and comprehensive measures against illegal immigration. All these policies, in addition to fueling the global fire created by neoliberalism in the world, fall short of offering a permanent solution to the current problems of the American working class. The system parties have nothing new to say on issues such as fair taxation against the consent of the ruling classes, the solution of gangrenous problems in the healthcare and education systems, and the comprehensive fight against rising racism and misogyny. In the absence of common interests, the legitimacy of the regime is established on common hatreds.

In the last election, the primary target of common hatred was immigrants. Trump and the Republicans constantly repeated their familiar racist rhetoric on this issue: The main obstacle against resurrecting the American dream was uncontrolled immigration. Economic problems would be solved by getting rid of these lazy and crime-prone masses, who demand a share of taxes even though they do not work, who exploit the “real people” that are the real owners of the country, and who do not even bother to learn the language of the

place they live in. On the other hand, Harris's campaign tried to handle anti-immigrant attitude in a softer manner, with promises such as “border security” or controlling illegal immigration. But if the enemy is so close and dangerous, then what is the need for mercy and moderation? In this case, voters seem to have chosen the most logical of the alternatives presented to them.

Finding the Working Class Again as the Establishment Shakes

When we look at this picture, we see how urgent the need for real “representation” of the masses has become. Obviously, what is meant by representation is not just the functioning of institutional mechanisms, the election of deputies and senators, or the protection of the interests of any particular group. The desire to be heard and act to change the current situation is one of our most fundamental existential instincts. The search for “human dignity” is a political demand as universal as bread. As the crisis of the system deepens, it is expected that the center will collapse and alternatives outside the system will become more attractive. As this wave is rising on the right wing, should not the same reactions be honed and strengthened by the opposite reaction on the American left?

The reflexes of groups that feel close to the left or can be considered natural allies have long been softened and diluted by identity politics in the USA. Although coming together through identities seems like a simple and practical solution (with the idea that everyone knows “what they are”), this state of “self-knowledge” also draws red lines about who is an outsider from the very beginning. If the essence of political organization is the coming together of people united around a common goal, identity-based organization seems to only result in “groups with different in-

terests temporarily sharing a common platform.” This turns the organizational activity into a “patchwork workshop” where disconnected pieces are constantly held together with a cotton thread. Writing separate demands under the same party's platform without placing them in any socio-economic context cannot change the fact that they do not form an organic whole or a coherent discourse.

What could be the meaning of such a platform for a voter who has little prior experience and knowledge of politics, and who perhaps decides to vote as a political action for the first time in their lives? It is necessary to view conservatism, especially among young voters, from this perspective. Daily narratives based on the often temporary gains of small groups obviously cannot replace a holistic ideology that excites and inspires about the future, and promises the change that will arise through struggle and the imagination of a better life. Those who are dissatisfied with their current situation but cannot see on the horizon the torch that will illuminate the future, instead go on a quest for the glorious past in the dim light of nostalgia. On this point, the MAGA fans who want to “make America great again” and the “grandchildren of the Ottomans” who seek a lost and magnificent empire are blood relatives.

The responsibility of the left forces today must be to redraw a sharp line through which they will channel the energy of the masses in search of alternatives. Of course, the intention here is not to ignore the liberation agendas shaped by various social identities. However, while defending these justified demands, we also have to emphasize that they are all systemic problems created by capitalism. The way to solve the polarization created by populism is to establish the unifying line through the imagery of a common future and based on concrete reality.

Samandağ Municipality: A NEW BEGINNING WITH SOCIALISTS!

In the March 2024 local elections, the Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) won the mayorship of Samandağ. With over 120,000 residents, Hatay's Samandağ district, which was devastated by the earthquake of 2022, is the most populous local government ever won by the socialists. The TİP candidate Emrah Karaçay, who won the election with a broad coalition, shows that the Socialists can be effective actors in the new period with what they have done in the first six months. TİP also won the highest number of votes in the election in the central Anatolian town of Hacıbektaş, the symbolic center of Turkey's Alevi community. Samandağ advances the hope that socialists in Turkey can become the ruling party with effective, transparent, solidarist, socialist principles step by step.

The new administration of Samandağ Municipality, under the leadership of Emrah Karaçay from the Workers' Party of Turkey, offers some distinct improvements and a different governance approach compared to previous periods. Mayor Karaçay has established a system that relies on the municipality's own resources, with a particular emphasis on infrastructure and social aid projects. The municipality's financial management continues to renew municipal vehicles and infrastructure without the use of foreign loans.

After the earthquake, the municipality quickly recovered and focused on solving road/transportation problems in the region through road repair works. That was the most urgent demand of the people, not a technical decision on where to start. In July 2024, the municipality launched the "Paving Stone Factory and Crusher Project", one of its election promises. Within the scope of this project, the municipality aims to eliminate an annual expenditure of approximately 15 million TL by producing paving stones, briquettes and infrastructure materials with its own resources.

In addition, in December 2024, Samandağ Municipality launched a free English language course, a project to recycle waste batteries, and carried out projects to keep Arabic, the mother tongue of the majority of the people in the region, alive.

Among his new projects are the establishment of a Women's and Children's Health Center, a Youth Center, and several kindergartens. Samandağ Municipality also stands out for paying municipal workers the highest salaries in Turkey.

It also contributes to agriculture by providing seed and sprout support and product purchase guarantees to farmers through the Agricultural Development Cooperative. In other words, compared to previous periods, the TİP municipality adopted a more inclusive and pioneering approach to the demands of the people. These efforts have led to the appreciation of Samandağ Municipality among the people of the district.

After solving the urgent infrastructure and earthquake-related problems, the TİP municipal administration will focus on establishing neighborhood community centers where people will participate more directly in decision-making processes. Local development projects will be implemented for the people, by the people, and with the people.



Workers' Congress Convened In Istanbul: UNITING THE TWO COLLARS OF THE CLASS!

The Workers' Party of Turkey's First Workers' Congress (I. İşçi Kurultayı) was held on November 3, 2024 in Istanbul with overwhelming participation from workers' representatives from almost all sectors of the working class. The Congress was organized by an Organizing Committee of 70 people representing workers from 35 different sectors. The members of the Organizing Committee submitted a written report on the problems and demands in their respective sectors in advance of the assembly. During the assembly, fellow workers from these sectors explained their problems in their speeches and published a resolution with their up-to-date demands.

Uniting the Two Collars of the Class

Throughout the speeches, it was pointed out that the problems of both blue-collar workers (working directly in production) and the white-collar workers (working in offices) are common, and for this reason, the need to strengthen and maintain the perspective of uniting the two collars of the class was underlined in the resolution of the 2nd Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey.

The Congress not only addressed the problems of the working class at the workplace and sectoral level, but also emphasized the common problems of all workers in the upcoming period, such as justice in taxation, shortening working hours, the right to kindergarten education, the expansion of trade union freedoms, and the common struggle for our right to a decent wage.

Considering the misery of the existing minimum wage and pensions in Turkey, the need to fight for the improvement of pensions and the minimum wage to bring it to a level sufficient for a decent life was emphasized. The congress also highlighted that we workers will fight for a new Trade Unions and Collective Bargaining Law that removes the obstacles against the right to unionize.

With the increasing prevalence of precarious forms of work, the need to discuss new forms of organization for workers in freelancing, platform work, and other forms of precarious work was mentioned in the discussions during the Assembly.





Resolution:

The congress was not only a ground for discussion but also decided on a series of labour issues for the upcoming period to be implemented by the Labour Bureau of our party:

Resolution 1-TİP Workers' Schools: Workers' training will be conducted in all district organizations on the first Sunday of each month with the same topics in order to train pioneering workers from among the working class, to strengthen workers' work in the local organizations of the Party, to unite the agendas of the working class throughout the country and so help to generate a new militant generation of workers.

Resolution 2-Enhancing sectoral coordination until May 1: It was determined to increase intra-sector coordination and develop inter-sectoral coordination with regular internal functioning in each sector until May 1.

Resolution 3-Establishing a novel trade union movement for the advancement of the class: Turkey has one of the most anti-democratic trade union legislations globally. This structure restricts workers' ability to act collectively. The Workers' Party of Turkey will implement a series of principles in the trade union sector to transform the union into an organization where each member is an active participant, rather than merely a offering services to members.

TİP Chairperson Baş: We shall overcome!

TİP Chairperson Erkan Baş called on workers to unite and fight for their rights, emphasizing their power and potential. He associated their struggle with the legendary love story of Ferhat and Şirin, where Ferhat had to carve through a mountain to reach his beloved one, symbolizing the workers' fight for their families and livelihoods.

Baş stressed that the leading actor in the working class is whoever is actively fighting, regardless of nationality, union affiliation, or background. He affirmed that the Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) stands with all who struggle and is committed to expanding the fight for workers' rights.

He warned against division, arguing that the primary obstacle workers will face is attempts to split them along ethnicity, religion, gender, or other lines. He urged unity, stating that the only untried method for change is a fully united working class taking action. TİP's mission, he asserted, is to build this unity and strengthen workers' organization, believing that united workers are unstoppable.

TİP'S "ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR THE PEOPLE" (HEP)

The Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) introduced the "Economic Package for the People" (HEP) to the public at a press conference held on October 14, 2024. In the meeting held with the participation of TİP Chairperson Erkan Baş and members of the Scientific Board, criticisms and solution proposals regarding the current state of the Turkish economy were presented. Since November, TİP's "Economic Package for the People" has been explained to citizens in more than 20 provinces in Turkey at conferences and public meetings. Party organizations have been trying to convey TİP's economic program to the people and workers of Turkey by distributing leaflets on the streets for weeks and months.

Erkan Baş stated in his speech that Turkey is experiencing a great economic collapse and that the government is trying to hide this situation. He indicated that they will break this routine with HEP and show how Turkey's resources can be used for the people. He also emphasized that basic services such as education and municipal cleaning services can be financed by collecting taxes from capital.

Major Objectives of "Economic Package for the People" (HEP)

Expropriation of Public Resources:

- Re-nationalization of all enterprises transferred to capital through privatization and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects.
- Income to be obtained by selling luxurious vehicles and other assets belonging to Erdoğan's Palace will be used for the benefit of the public.

Justice in Taxation:

- Reduction of taxes collected from workers' wages.
- Termination of tax exemptions, exceptions, and reductions granted to capital.

Real Fight Against Inflation:

- Ensuring price controls in areas such as food, transportation, and energy and increasing the public share in these spheres.

Free Public Services through Public Investments:

- Providing service production in the fields of education, health, energy and communication entirely by the public.

Humane Wages and Working Conditions:

- Detaching the minimum wage from the general wage and determining it through collective labor agreements.
- Gradually reducing working hours to 35 hours per week.
- Ending the transfer of unemployment funds to capital.

Right to Housing:

- Collecting progressive taxes from those who own more than two houses and the construction of social housing.

Energy, Water and Communication Consumption:

- Increases in electricity, water, natural gas and communication tariffs should not exceed the rise ratio of the minimum wages.
- Covering the bills of citizens who do not have income guarantees and are below the poverty line from the public budget within certain quotas.

Support for Women, Youth and Pensioners:

- Establishing support centers to increase women's employment and implementing affirmative discrimination practices.
- Putting an end to the employment of young people as "cheap labor" and providing rent and bill support to university students.
- Determining a base wage for the lowest limit of retirement salaries and ensuring that they receive a share of the welfare increase.

Agricultural Production and Mining:

- Planning agricultural production according to need and restricting the export of basic foods.
- Cancelling all mining licenses granted to the private sector and ensuring that mining is carried out only by the public, without harming nature.

TİP will continue to propagate the Economy Program for the People throughout 2025.



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SOLIDARITY NIGHT WITH PALESTINE HELD IN ISTANBUL

Amid ongoing massacres in Gaza, The Workers' Party of Turkey organized a Night of Solidarity with the Palestinian People in Istanbul on November 10, 2024, in order to increase solidarity with Palestinians. Besides raising the awareness of people on the genocidal policies of the Netanyahu Regime the solidarity event specifically aimed at collecting financial support for the repair of the Al Awda Hospital bombed by Israeli forces in Gaza.

Actor Özgün Çoban and actress Pinar Yıldırım hosted the night held in Beşiktaş. TİP Chair Erkan Baş and TİP Spokesperson Sera Kadıgil, TİP International Relations secretary Hakan Güneş also took part in the solidarity night along with representatives from Palestinian Socialist organizations and hundreds of Istanbulites. Messages from international solidarity committees from the USA and Europe and political actors such as Jeremy Corbyn presented to the public online.

The opening speech of the solidarity night was delivered by Erkan Baş, who began his speech with the words that Be-hice Boran said at the Solidarity Night with the People of Chile organized 48 years ago, "Right now, in countries we don't know, people we don't know are fighting against imperialism and fascism with these kinds of meetings, demonstrations, resistance, and struggles. Even if there is no actual connection or contact between them, there is an unbreak-

able solidarity and unity between them, that is, between all of us. Because we are all in a common struggle against a common enemy. Long live this struggle of ours."

Following Erkan Baş's speech, Deputy Secretary General of the People's Unity Party in Jordan, Vice President of the Cuban Friendship Association Dr. İsam Hecava, and Palestinian journalist Hasan Tahravi also gave speeches. Both honoured guests emphasized the importance of solidarity in the long march of the Palestinian people against Zionism.

Former UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn participated in the solidarity night with a video message, while journalist Metin Cihan delivered a written message. Corbyn said, "The fundamental path to peace is the end of occupation and settlement policy. Our duty as socialists around the world is to do everything we can to draw attention and demand that our governments play no role in supplying arms to Israel."

The night also featured video messages from international Palestinian action committees fighting for peace from the US, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Britain and Spain.

Artists also took part in the Palestine Solidarity Night. Dengin Ceyhan gave a piano recital, while Sevinç Erbulak, Ali Seçkiner Alıcı, Füsün Erbulak, Seda Türkmen, Aslı Menaz, Cem Yiğit Üzümoğlu, Barış Atay, Orçun Ucal, Tuğba Sorgun and Yasemin Ertorun recited resistance poems.

The solidarity donations collected during the night was transferred to the hospital in Gaza through international solidarity networks.





LET'S STRENGTHEN MIGRANT SOLIDARITY

(The statement is from TIP overseas organization regarding December 18, International Migrants Day.)

Today's wars, which have gained dangerous dimensions, create hatred between peoples and drag our planet towards an international threshold with nationalist and sectarian delusions. The damage to nature and humanity, caused by imperialist powers who seek to create new resources for themselves, poisons the air and water we depend on and destroys the lives of millions of people, forcing them to migrate. In the Middle East, the seeds of hatred sown by the murderous Zionist Israeli regime set Palestine on fire and are reaped by the collaborationist political Islam, while the losers of this fight are the working people.

On the International Migrants Day this year, it is stated that the number of forcibly displaced people worldwide, which has been increasing for 12 years, has reached 120 million. While the imperialist scramble for domination continues, the peoples left to ground within the cogs of war are condemned to be the surplus populations of the capitalist-imperialist order. As we have seen in the decision of the European Union to freeze the asylum applications of Syrian refugees, the imperialist states, which have drowned the world in blood, take steps that deepen the destruction they have created, rather than taking responsibility for it.

In the countries of the Global North, the bankruptcy of neo-liberal capitalism is dragging citizens who cannot participate in capital accumulation processes into economic bottle-

necks, while rising anti-immigrant and racist sentiments seek the roots of the problems in other oppressed groups.

On the other hand, in weaker links of the imperialist chain such as Turkey, the ongoing capitalist pillage policies are condemning young generations to a state of futurelessness, shrinking their living spaces and paving the way for brain drain, by giving public resources to a handful of parasites and opening natural riches to the plunder of multinational corporations.

As the Workers' Party of Turkey, we know that those who resolutely resist this vortex of displacement and exploitation have not yet said the last word. We see that the way out of this bind is in internationalist solidarity against all ruling classes, and we are at the forefront of the great fight for the dignity of humanity that will abolish borders and classes.

We will be the voice of the longing for a humane life wherever we are, and we will build a world where labour, solidarity, equality and freedom prevail by overthrowing the order that has begun to unravel from all sides.

With this awareness, on this International Migrants' Day, we call out to all the peoples of the world with the lines of Nazım Hikmet, the poet of the revolution;

To live, free and single like a tree

But in brotherhood like a forest

This longing is ours.

TIP OVERSEAS INTERNATIONAL CAMP GATHERED IN FRANKFURT!

Overseas branches of the Workers' Party of Turkey have completed its 1st International Camp on December 16, 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany, with the participation Central Executive Committee members Doğan Ergün and Özgür Urfa, Party Central Party Assembly members Hazal Destina Alarcin and Hakan Güneş. Members of TİP residing in the USA, Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, and as far as Nigeria and Far East Asia gathered to strengthen comradely ties and to discuss and plan the upcoming struggles in their regions.

Party's camp was organized around three discussion topics. In the last session of our camp, where political tendencies in Turkey and the world were discussed and evaluations on our party's ideological codes and political strategy were shared, we exchanged views on our organizational perspective and goals regarding our overseas activities.

Our party, which held its 1st Overseas Congress on February 10-11, 2024, reinforced the will emerging from its first congress with the discussions held at the 1st Overseas Camp. Our party's overseas organization will stand by the workers in every country it is present in and will strengthen the internationalist struggle.

Our party, which has taken on the task of organizing peace and labor in the face of the rising threat of fascism in the world and the increasing attacks on immigrants and workers as a result of neoliberal authoritarianism, will continue its uncompromising struggle against capitalism, which creates 'others' to divert attention while condemning the workers of the world to poverty and war.

The workers of our country, women, LGBTI+ individuals, and students spread all over the world are not alone. The Workers' Party of Turkey is the part of the voice and struggle of the working class wherever it is present.

We will not surrender to darkness, neither in Turkey nor in the world!



11 EU MPs PUBLISHED A LETTER FOR FREEDOM OF IMPRISONED TİP MP CAN ATALAY

11 European Members of Parliament sent an open letter to the Speaker of the Turkish Parliament questioning the unlawful imprisonment of elected TİP MP Can Atalay asking for the immediate release of Atalay in line with the decisions of the Constitutional Court of Turkey.

The letter and signatories are as follows:

“To Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye,

As the new parliamentary session commences, it is deeply concerning to observe the glaring absence of Mr. Can Atalay, the duly elected representative of Hatay, from his rightful seat in the Turkish Parliament.

Mr. Atalay is a human rights lawyer who has defended many political prisoners, journalists, and victims of work accidents, among several other major court cases in the recent history of Türkiye. He has been unjustly detained in prison since 2022 on the grounds of politically charged “Gezi Park Trials”.

Despite being elected as a deputy in the 2023 General Elections, registered in the records of the Parliament, and having received his mandate, he has not been released from prison. Thus, he has not been able to take the parliamentary oath and claim parliamentary immunity.

Following Atalay’s applications, the Constitutional Court has twice ruled that his rights had been violated and that he should be released immediately and retried. However, the relevant authorities have not implemented these decisions. His deputyship was revoked in the Parliament in January 2024. The Constitutional Court has ruled that the revocation of his deputyship is “non-existent” and that Can Atalay should get his parliamentary seat.

His still-ongoing detention violates not only the rights of an MP but also of the fundamental democratic rights of the people of Hatay, a region still grappling with the aftermath of catastrophic earthquakes, and of the universal understanding of the rule of law by not abiding by the Constitutional Court’s rulings.



We strongly condemn that despite all the decisions in Atalay’s favour, the Turkish authorities, including you as the Speaker of the Parliament, have not implemented the Constitutional Court’s unequivocal rulings.

Concerning your crucial role in the Parliament, we, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, call on you to follow the decisions of the Constitutional Court to which you have declared loyalty in your parliamentary oath, to respect the electoral will of the people of Hatay, to let Can Atalay receive his justly earned parliamentary seat, and to take the necessary steps needed to address the severe constraints on the rule of law, fundamental rights, and freedoms in the country.

Signatories

Özlem Alev Demirel, THE LEFT - Germany
Marco Tarquinio, S&D - Italy
Martin Schirdewan, THE LEFT - Germany
Anthony Smith, THE LEFT - France
Sebastian Everding, THE LEFT - Germany
Leila Chaibi, THE LEFT - France
Jonas Sjöstedt, THE LEFT - Sweden
Damian Careme, THE LEFT - France
Catarina Martins, THE LEFT - Portugal
Irene Montero, THE LEFT - Spain
Isa Serra, THE LEFT – Spain

**For further information about the unlawful imprisonment of elected TİP MP Can Atalay Case visit: <https://tip.org.tr/free-can-atalay/>*



NEWS FROM THE PARTY!

DEATHS IN HOTEL FIRE: WHY DOES NO OFFICIAL RESIGN?

The fire that broke out at the Grand Kartal Hotel in the Kartalkaya Ski Resort in Bolu province on January 21, 2025, in which 78 people lost their lives, plunged all of Turkey into mourning. No one from the Erdoğan government, especially the Ministry of Tourism, which is responsible for inspecting touristic facilities and providing the necessary security measures, has resigned. Citizens tried to escape by hanging sheets from the hotel, which did not have a fire escape, but many died. TİP protested the government all over the country with sheets hanging from its district organizations.



BOĞAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY RESISTANCE ON ITS 1000TH DAY

TİP spokesperson Sera Kadigil, CC members and academics İlke Bereketli and Hakan Güneş, and an accompanying party delegation participated in the action of university academics and members resisting the government-appointed trustee rector on the 1000th day of the Boğaziçi University resistance. Participants demanded the withdrawal of the appointed rector and free election of the rector.

We will continue our struggle tirelessly and tirelessly in defiance of those who want to darken the light of science and take over the academy back.



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS BULLETIN PUBLISHED

Workers' Party of Turkey Children's Rights Commission published its 6th bulletin. The Bulletin focuses on conditions of children's rights in Turkey and propose socialist perspectives on the issue. For further information in Turkish visit: <https://tip.org.tr/raporlar-belgeler/tip-cocuk-haklari-komisyonu-cocuk-haklari-bulteni-6/>



TİP's LAW PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONALIZATION OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS

Following the scandal of private hospitals that caused the death of dozens of newborn babies, TİP prepared a new law and submitted it to the parliament.

Speaking at the press conference where he announced the law proposal, party spokesperson Kadıgil said, "As the Workers' Party of Turkey, we propose that all private hospitals be nationalized as of today and that their money be allocated to the Ministry of Health budget" The proposal was rejected by the government. The demand continues to be a matter of life or death.



THE ARRESTS OF JOURNALISTS ARE AN OPERATION TO INTIMIDATE THE OPPOSITION!

TİP joined the protests with the public against the detentions and arrests of Halk TV broadcasters, the most watched opposition TV channel in Turkey. TİP evaluates this attack on the press as an all-out suppression operation against the opposition.



FIGHT TOGETHER AGAINST APPOINTED TRUSTEES

Turkish Government's policy of removing pro-Kurdish mayors and appointing trustees in their place without holding new elections was enlarged with similar appointments and interventions in the other opposition parties' municipalities. TİP is fighting against these unlawful practices together with all opposition forces. TİP Chairman and MPs, members and spokespeople are carrying out solidarity visits to Kurdish cities where trustees have been appointed and are calling on other provinces and districts to jointly expand anti-trustee protests.





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