



The case against our comrades who broke the May Day ban for Taksim Square in 2015 continues

Last year, Taksim Square in Istanbul was banned again for May Day demonstrations as the previous years. Yet our comrades did succeed in breaking the ban and reaching the square, in order to show that we reserve our rights to demonstrate. Giving excitement to the working class of Turkey, this action quickly gained a symbolic aspect.

The case filed against our 30 comrades who broke the ban, still continues. The next trial will be held in 4th October, 2016.



KP under judiciary assault by the government

Many members of the Communist Party, Turkey (KP) are pressed charges for defaming the president. The party challenges these repressions with the participation of thousands.

President Erdoğan personifies what is no other than a repressive regime par excellence in Turkey. His

dominance still continues despite all the corruption, the support to the terrorist gangs in Syria, and the reactionary actions that keep pushing the limits of the secular Turkey.

No doubt that imperialist powers have played their part in the persistence of Erdoğan's power. The recent disgraceful agreement signed between EU and Turkey to return and keep the refugees in Turkey, and the policies of NATO to increase the tension in the region are just two examples.

Under such circumstances, anyone who writes, distributes and publishes political texts inevitably mentions about Erdoğan. The immediate result of such an action nowadays is a defamation case, which became one of the main tools of the government for repression.

This gave the government an excuse to attack the KP, which has been struggling against Erdoğan and the AKP rule since 2002. Currently, a remarkable number of our comrades have been put on trial for 47 cases. Among these there are certain CC members and the First Secretary of the CC, Kemal Okuyan. One of our CC members has been sentenced to prison, but the lawsuit process is going on.

In solidarity with our party, the KKE also published a notice of protest signed by the party representatives both in the national and the EU parliaments and the KNE administrators.



To stand against the farcical process, 50 party members including CC members published a notice, admitting that they indeed committed the crime and justifying their reasons to do so, and opened it for public signature.



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**THE FACTS
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Turkey is being governed by a leader who keeps displaying the same attitudes and behaviors as the president, as he did as the prime minister and

the president of the ruling party; who repudiates the constitution and law; who assaults the people so that the reign of money and religion over politics proceeds; who feeds on political crisis and violence; and who has accumulated a great wealth.

He filed or had some to file, almost two thousand libel suits for being called "a thief and a murderer", a "dictator" and a "reactionist"; for being depicted with a Hitler mustache; for being asked for "the source of his wealth".

He keeps filing lawsuits for being defamed although he recklessly assaults the people, wisdom and science, and any opposition.

Exploitation, plunder and pillage, and abuses of rights and freedom are rampant in Turkey which is under his rule.

Turkey is a land of inequality, injustice and prohibitions which is under his rule.

Bigots assail wisdom and science, children and women in Turkey, which is under his rule.

Workers, women and the youth are massacred; the people are oppressed and subjected to violence in Turkey which is under his rule.

Bombs claim lives in Turkey which is under his rule.

War crimes and crimes against humanity proceed in Turkey which is under his rule.

We, the signatories of this declaration, couldn't keep quiet just because he is filing libel suits against those stating the facts.

We will exercise our rights of political criticism, freedom of thought and speech and we will express the facts.

We will keep calling them their own names: "thief", "murderer", "dictator", "bigot" and "gangster".