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25 Years MLKP!

On its 25th year of Struggle, the Sacrifice Troop of the Revolution is Young and Unyielding as Ever!

Let's Rise the Struggle for the Power of the Workers-Laborers' Councils and Socialism!

MLKP Central Committee

Sisters and Brothers!

Our party, which celebrates its 25th year of fight, was founded in the period when the world counter-revolution had proclaimed its absolute victory. The world bourgeoisie was yelling that exploiters would always exploit, whereas the exploited would always be exploited. According to this parasitic, exploitive and cruel sovereigns, the rich and the poor, the oppressor and the oppressed would always remain as so; the world would be an eternal hell for the workers, women, the poor, urban laborers, peasants, the youth, oppressed peoples and oppressed beliefs. A new world order

would have been created under the control of the US as a world gendarme, in which workers and the oppressed would no longer have the courage to raise their voice, to fight for their honor and freedom for the sake of a new world and new life. There ideology was supposed to be dead, the history has already ended!

Declaring its foundation on September 10, 1994, the MLKP was a challenge to the bourgeoisie in the conditions of that period; a communist response to all those lies, demagogies and threats of destruction. It was the outcry of a just and humane hatred to the exploitive



and cruel world of capitalism. It was an enthusiastic hand of fraternity thrusting to those who are struggling in various corners of the world with their longing to freedom and socialism; a new red emplacement which was gained within the revolutionary action of the working class of the world.

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The MLKP, which has announced its foundation as the victory of “the unity revolution”, was an open and daring challenge against the fascist dictatorship, which focused on crushing the revolutionary struggle during the first half of the 90’s through unlimited fascist terror, torture and various methods of counter-guerrilla, forcing the communists and the revolutionaries towards bourgeois legalism. The MLKP was the blow given to the capitalist order of exploitation and to the denialist colonialism ruling over Turkey and North Kurdistan. It was the declaration of a much more equipped, strong and effective warfare to be launched. It was

the strong barricade against the liquidationism; the leap to a new level of devotion, sacrificial spirit and loyalty to the ideals of the immortals.

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The MLKP was a mindset revolution, a practical move calling the laborer left to break with the tribalism and unprincipled secessionism which had been dominating the revolutionary movement after 1974. It was a deepening of the given understanding and accumulation on points like “revolution”, “party”, “understanding and manner of political leadership and political struggle”, “strategy”, “united front”, “internationalism”, “women liberation struggle”, “theory and producing theory”, or in other words, it was the re-creation of them within the action of breaking with the old. The MLKP was a breakwater against chauvinism and social chauvinism; the flag of the united revolution, of the comradeship of internationalism and socialist patriotism. It was the claim of being a Marxist-Leninist vanguard to organize the revolution; an ardent invitation for the world communists to march on the path of the October Revolution, to build a new communist international, “to discuss all necessary fundamental

issues collectively”.

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Continuous attacks of the enemy, long periods of silence that working class and peoples shared under the fascist terror in different periods, epidemic of liquidationism, weaknesses in the party's action or failing moments and periods... These were not enough to break the will of the MLKP, neither prevented the party from reproducing itself more strongly than before.

Within the 25 years of fight, MLKP has faced moments and processes where it has been insufficient for the conditions of late 20th century and early 21st century; slow to break with the old methods; techniques and manners of the illegality; unsuccessful to protect its leadership; late to develop structural transforming steps in its Leninist party model in a way to respond new conditions, as well as some periods where it weakened its manner of political struggle or failed to implement its tactics in a competent way. However, this did not break the MLKP's will to achieve continuity in its political line and organizational continuity, neither gave blow to its perspective and determination for going beyond the limits or to its ability of comprehending its

own revolutionary tasks. As a party adopting the slogan “never surrender to defeat no matter what and how it is”, the MLKP has followed the way of revealing its inabilities and failures without hesitation and challenging the given situation. By applying the institution of criticism and self-criticism together with its revolutionary will, it has managed to overcome all of them.

From September 10, 1994 up to September 10, 2019, MLKP has conducted its fight by following the line of bringing up the problems, demands and aspirations of the working class and the oppressed. It has positioned itself at the forefront of the struggle and fought with a spirit of sacrifice. For the liberation of the working class and the oppressed, it has shed its own blood in every field of the struggle doing free agitation and propaganda, during the enforced disappearances attacks of the enemy, during its war preparations, on the May Day squares, in the streets of Europe, in the death fasts, in the torture cellars, in revolutionary assaults, in the street clashes, in its revolutionary bases besieged by the enemy, in the mountains, at the Ankara railway station, in Suruc, in Rojava, in the Medya Defense Zones... Thousands of its militants, supporters,

sympathizers experienced tortures and jails. And in this entire march under fire, MLKP has always called the enemy to account and exact a toll. It has turned dungeons into the emplacements of resistance and revolutionary schools. The courts became a field of struggle where its militants carried out the propaganda of freedom and socialism, of the vanguard party and its struggle, as well as revealed the cruelty of fascism, denialist colonialism and capitalism.



As a process of existence passing through many challenges, these 25 years have proved that MLKP is a Marxist-Leninist vanguard. It is revolutionary. It has the power to renew itself. It is firmly bond with the ideals that are symbolized with the immortals. It has the ability to produce the fighting will and determination over and over again. It has a very robust hope and belief to the future. It is the united and organized platoon of the working class from the Turkish and Kurdish people, as well as from various national

communities. It is the flag-bearer of the equality of peoples. It is the power of the women revolution that keeps growing and gaining competence day by day. It is the determination to put an end to the inhuman oppression and tyranny over the LGBTI+. It is a trench of struggle against the devastation and destruction of natural and historical environment against capitalism stealing the earth from the future generations. It is one of the communist armies of the world proletariat, as an internationalist party firmly bond with the perspective of world revolution

All of these are concrete facts that reside in the theoretical view and the political line of MLKP, as well as in its program and statute which have gained their most competent form in the 6. Congress of the party. Above all, they have been tested in its essential bench mark, that is, in its practical action.

Sisters and brothers!

The MLKP's political struggle has followed the line of combining legal and illegal, armed and unarmed, peaceful and mass violence forms and means of struggle in a way to complement each other. Rather than an inward direction to the party itself, its has turned its



face towards the masses, to their problems, demands and longings.

Gazi Uprising.. Gezi-June Uprising.. Kobanê uprising of the 6-8 October.. Rojava Revolution.. The campaign against enforced disappearances. The Sultanbeyli assault.. The campaign against the NATO summit in Istanbul.. The campaign for the reconstruction of Kobanê.. Campaigns against civil fascist gangs.. Actions for defending the self-governance resistance in North Kurdistan.. The actual practice within the self-governance resistance of Nusaybin.. Human shield actions.. Campaigns for education in the mother tongue.. Campaigns for an equal, just and democratic peace.. Campaigns for the success of workers' strikes, resistances and workplace occupations.. Campaigns against workplace homicides.. Campaigns against femicides and violence against women.. Actions for the release of female prisoners who applied their self-defense right. Campaigns against new laws

of slavery imposed on workers and women.. Solidarity campaigns with the laborers and the poor who are affected by floods and earthquakes.. Campaigns for the expansion of democratic rights, such as freedom of speech, press, association, assembly and action.. Campaigns against the robbery of taxes and markups.. Campaigns against physical, mental and ideological decaying imposed through the state backed gangs in the quarters.. Campaigns and actions for the different demands of youth in schools and universities.. Resistances and barricade battles against the demolition of shanties.. Actions for the equality of the Alevi belief, for individual demands of the Alevi people.. Actions against capitalist attacks on the natural and historical environment.. May Day actions.. Street clashes against the Council of Higher Education. Election campaigns.. Barricade fights within prisons.. Indefinite hunger strike and death fast resistances overflowing from prisons to the streets.. The funeral ceremonies of the immortals.. And hundreds of large and small but continuous political practices based on each political, economic, academic problems and demands of working class and the oppressed..

Just as its unique step of “the uni-

ty revolution”, which was achieved against the tribalism and unprincipled secessionism, the MLKP has also developed its views on building united fronts, by moving from concrete conditions and requirements. It has unified its determination for the union of forces, with the efforts towards the construction of the united democratic front and the united revolutionary front. When these efforts had practically come on the agenda, the MLKP positioned on the fore steps of the united democratic front and the united revolutionary front. It has worked selflessly and with much effort for the development and strengthening of both these fronts.

With a Marxist-Leninist perspective, the MLKP has taken responsibility to deal with the imperialist globalization era of capitalism in terms of implementing its outcomes on the party’s program and actual political struggle after analyzing its meaning for the bourgeoisie and capitalism, as well as its new political, economic, social conditions for workers and the oppressed.

Moving from the fundamental Marxist-Leninist perspectives and experiences of socialism, the MLKP has managed to progress on the issue of gender contradic-

tion under the leadership of the communist women and achieved a new level on points such as women’s organization, women revolution, co-representation. It has put this progress in an organizational and programmatic framework. The co-chairmanship institution has become the most vivid expression of this.

The MLKP has succeeded to develop its Leninist party model towards the requirements and tasks of the actual period and class struggle, leading to achieve a party structure as the sum of different organizations and fronts.



Despite all the disadvantages and tough obstacles of the fascist conditions, the MLKP has kept the socialist democracy and collectivism high above, never got tired of seeking to strengthen them. Within its 25 years, the communist vanguard has gathered 6 Congresses with the participation of elected delegates and 3 central Conferences. In the same period, MLKP Kurdistan Or-

ganization has organized one Conference whereas the MLKP Rojava Organization has actualized its first Conference within the conditions of revolution. Our communist youth organization, KGÖ, has organized 4 Congresses since its foundation. And the Communist Women's Organization (KKÖ) has already achieved to gather 2 Conferences so far. MLKP is proceeding on its way by leading itself according to the decisions of Congress and Conferences.



Sisters and Brothers!

While celebrating the 25th anniversary of our party's foundation and struggle, we call on working class, the vanguard women and men workers in particular, to gather under the flag of the communist vanguard, to shoulder the task of revolutionary leadership.

We call on all the oppressed, of which the working class is the most powerful component, to

rise the struggle against the political Islamist chief regime, denialist colonialism, capitalism and patriarchy, to unite in the ranks of the MLKP which is equipped with a greater desire, spirit and intention of fight in its 25th year, to create the Union of People's Republics of Turkey and Kurdistan, to prepare the socialist future of Rojava, to progress the revolution on the path of regional democratic and socialist federations; to strengthen the Armed Forces of the Poor and the Oppressed (FESK), its Kurdistan Organization, its Communist Youth Organization (KGÖ) and the vanguard of the women revolution, the Communist Women's Organization (KKÖ).

We Follow the Path of Those who Have Fallen for Freedom and Socialism!

Victory, Victory, Victory! Glory to the Sacrifice Troop of Revolution!

Freedom, Justice and Equality for Women!

Revolution is the Only Way, Long Live Socialism, Long Live the Women Revolution!

Long Live the World Revolution!

September 4, 2019

MLKP Central Committee



MLKP Rojava representative Ahmet Şoreş spoke in a program run by the Kurdish TV Channel Medya Haber TV on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the MLKP. Below we publish his speeches in excerpts:

The foundation of MLKP

The unity of the MLKP was a political requirement recognized by the forerunners of the MLKP, communists, who dedicated the MLKP to the laboring, oppressed peoples of Turkey and Kurdistan. At that time, great upheavals took place in the world. It was the time when it was propagated that socialism and communism are no solution, the only system is capitalism. At that time the MLKP said that what was dissolved and collapsed was not socialism, but the retrograde, false

and skew sides of socialism. Instead, we stressed the need to learn and advance lessons from our own defeats, our weaknesses and mistakes, and realized that the unity revolution was a need to carry the hope of socialism and communism to the working class and oppressed, to the oppressed peoples. After 5 years of discussion, the MLKP announced its foundation on September 10, 1994.

Unified movement

The history of Turkey's revolutionary movement is full of heroism

and defeat. It is a history in which groups, tribalism and conservatism merged. Competition is a phenomenon of capitalism. Revolutionaries, oppressed, communists have no need for competition, but for unity and united movement. The MLKP is an answer to this need. The MLKP has emphasized in the labouring left movement terms such as unity, unification, unified leadership, solidarity, comradeliness, trench comradeship. In a very conscious way, it has defined the concepts of Unity Revolution and Mindset Revolution as political, organizational and ideological concepts. Its own founding, its own existence, its own work, its relationship with the mass organizations and other revolutionary organizations, have been built on this.

From the Gazi uprising to the Gezi resistance

One year after the foundation of our party, the Gazi uprising took place. As it is known, this was a counter-guerrilla attack. Our party has transformed this attack into resistance and rebellion. After the Gazi uprising, the state has cracked down on our party. Our comrade Hasan Ocak has been disappeared by the state. We have started a fight against these attacks of enforced di-

sappearance and murder. The fight against enforced disappearances had begun much earlier, but for the first time after the Gazi uprising the struggle to find comrade Hasan Ocak has become a big wave. This was achieved with a campaign that included the masses. We found the body of Hasan Ocak, we also took Rıdvan Karakoç out of the clutches of the state. Our party has also been an active subject of the June Uprising (Gezi). With our barricades, as well as with our mass agitation and propaganda, as well as with other forms of social organization, with militia actions against the police attacks and terror, we became a very active subject of the uprising. We did not want to limit the uprising to Taksim but spread it into many parts of the city and parts of Istanbul, into many parts of Turkey and Kurdistan. We acted with this perspective. In this sense, various actions and solidarity phases have been organized. Wherever the popular resistance was, there was the MLKP.

The United Revolution Movement of Peoples

Our party foresaw a harmonious relationship between the social dynamics in the area defined as the United Democratic Front and the



struggle for the freedom of Kurdistan. This front was an advance in the organization of a revolution, a united democratic mass movement. But it has been seen that this is not enough. The Gezi process was a concrete example of this. Mass violence and mass movement can therefore only be met with a revolution in conjunction with the means of violence. This is only possible with a party, an idea and an organization or a platform. The United Revolution Movement of Peoples (HBDH) was the product of this search. It was an advantage that our Party came to the Medya Defense Zone in South Kurdistan, and was in the Rojava Revolution at the same time as the Kurdistan Revolution expanded and spread revolutionary opportunities. In the context of the possibilities of the Gezi uprising, the HBDH emerged in response to its revolutionary

tasks, inspired by the revolutionary dynamics. It was an important step forward. As we can see today, the HBDH has begun to play an active role in the struggle against the palace dictatorship. In this context, it is important that every revolutionary organization, every revolutionary youth, every revolutionary woman enlarges the HBDH, participates in it, and also contributes to the means and forms of struggle.

The Kurdistan revolution and the socialist-patriotic line

The MLKP is defined as a party of Turkey and Northern Kurdistan. Its first Kurdistan conference dealt with the questions of Kurdistanization. There it saw that the Kurdish revolution needed a socialist-patriotic line, that is, a labouring solution. At a time when the demand for national liberation alone is not enough and imperialism has moved into the stage of globalization, in which the individual revolutions in countries unite and become regional revolutions, the regional revolutions unite into a world revolution. In this situation of nesting, of strategical relating, the Kurdistan revolution needs, in addition to the national liberation struggle, a socialist perspective and a labor character.

In terms of its strategy and unified revolution, the unified revolution of Kurdistan and Turkey, the MLKP has turned its face to the Medya Defense Areas according to the need for a strategic alliance. It was also important to learn and exchange the experiences and opportunities of the Kurdish liberation movement, the PKK. We would like to salute and thank the contributions of the comrades. They did not withhold anything, they acted on the basis of sharing and helping.

The Rojava Revolution

The MLKP is a party dedicated to the collapse of this capitalist imperialist system, this barbaric system. So it is a party of revolution. The MLKP has achieved this by making a revolution in itself. Therefore, it is a party that sees, understands, identifies and transforms into a consciousness where the revolution arises and where there is an evolving dynamic for a revolution. We can conclude this from their dedication and participation in the Rojava revolution. This feature prompted our party to quickly recognize the revolution here. Of course, our participation was modest and especially based on military dimensions.

In the liberation of Rojava-Kurdistan, especially after Serêkaniyê, we

faced a force called ISIS. It was an armed force with a political-Islamic fascist mentality. On the other hand, it became a fundamental political task to defend the revolution and bring freedom to other peoples who wanted freedom. Our party did not remain in an ambivalent situation here. The fight against ISIS was an important political process for us to defend the Rojava revolution and extend it to the Arab territories. We took an active part in this process without any political hesitation. An important part of our martyrs fell during this period.

The developmental character of the Rojava revolution was successful in the war against the political-Islamic fascist IS and in the war against colonialism. However, no level of organization and consciousness of Rojava and the oppressed sections of the Arab peoples was reached against large landowners or capitalist enterprises and their organizational structures, sociological structures, their tribal and religious structures. While they fought against other elements of colonialism, they achieved a revolutionary culture and a revolutionary consciousness, but that's not enough. A major part of the problems that have arisen after the revolution, for example, are the problems from a

way of struggle remaining from the past. There was a need for a new class attitude, a new class perspective and policy.

Discussions about the ‚safe zone‘

The term „safe zone“ is not a term that we prefer. The territory of Rojava and northern Syria is one of the most secure areas in the world anyway. This project gave the impression that the Turkish state had stopped its colonization of Rojava. The apparent mediator, or rather the architect of it, is the USA and the coalition forces. The US is trying to legitimize its own existence. They say, „Look, Turkey will attack and occupy, we cannot stop them, but if you make some explanations, some symbolic steps back, your army does not form a professional army, your ideas do not shape as socialist communist ideas, but in a more acceptable form that we agree with, then we will see“. The US wants to push back the achievements of the revolution. They do that very consciously and with the help of Turkey. If they intervene directly, there will be a war and they do not want that, because this is one of the places in the world that will be redivided.

The claims of Turkish Interior Minister Soylu about meetings between the MLKP and the US

Our party and the US are in a position of mutual hostility. What kind of contact can exist between the US and our party? Only on war areas, in battlefields we can face each other. We are not in a position to sit down with them and make tactical arrangements. The Rojava revolution has taken some steps in this regard. This is understandable to a degree. Apart from that, our party had no direct meetings or contacts on this topic.

What does Suleyman Soylu want with this statement? Our party MLKP is a Kurdistan party. It is a party that represents its communist, socialist-patriotic line. For this reason, from the point of view of the US and Turkey, our party is a serious danger with its work on social construction and the socialist perspective of development issues for the revolution in Rojava and northern Syria. That’s one thing. And then there is the heritage of the leaders of the 70s, who have been the pillars of MLKP’s own foundation. As you know, the revolutionary leaders of the 1970s fought big struggles against the 6th NATO fleet. They have left their mark on history. The oppressed peoples know that we will not do anything to oppose the continuation of this heritage. Let’s just say it here again.

In 2004, a NATO meeting was held in Istanbul. The MLKP developed a practice both in the organization of political mass reaction and in military strikes against the NATO. In fact, there was a bomb attack during the landing of Bush's plane, it had no physical success for several reasons, but its political influence was successful. At that time, the MLKP was perceived by both NATO and Turkey as a major threat. Maybe the US is upset about our presence and wanted to put it through Turkey for discussion. That's not their business. We are not here by getting a license from them. Our presence is an expression of our struggle against them.

Fight against fascism

The oppressed, workers and toiling people, the Kurdish patriots and all their friends must now pursue a legitimate struggle line. It has become clear that actions must not limit itself in the bourgeois legality, not within the framework permitted by the bourgeoisie, but above all, at a level in which the people's longing for freedom is satisfied. It is clear that the palace fascism will escalate. Now our people are resisting and showing attitude against the trustees. That's very important, but not enough. This should

be done on a stronger mass basis that prevents the trustees from working. This also applies to the women's liberation struggle. The communist youth, too, has to organize strong resistance, movements, occupations on the street against the mentality that organizes this trustee, against the AKP-MHP palace fascism and against their entire administration. That is very legitimate.

It is important that the avant-garde takes a step forward in this regard. It is not just a matter of standing up and taking a stance of resistance, but of mobilizing and involving the masses. Of course also that's not enough. One aspect of mass violence is the armed struggle. It is necessary to organize a mobilization to increase the armed struggle itself. In Colombia, for example, there is a new attempt. There was a so-called peace process. But they themselves expressed the need for a renewed armed struggle. Our process of forced administration in the municipalities also illustrates this. So we cannot protect what we have won through elections. What will we protect then? We have to achieve this with mass resistance, mass struggle and many means and forms.



Hands off Rojava!

The neo-Ottoman colonialist Turkish state is escalating its war aggression on Rojava, which has been progressing as the first example of revolution in the 21st century. Along with increasing its troops along the border, the fascist chief Erdogan keeps on spreading statements pointing out an immense military operation on the “east of the Euphrates River”, that is, on the free lands of Rojava.

Although this may appear to be an old story for those who are familiar with Erdogan’s repeating hostile preparations and statements against Rojava for at least more

than 4 years, the current situation seems to differ itself from the previous ones, leading us to say that now the expected occupation attack is at the door.

Benefiting from the contradictions among the imperialist powers in the region, the Turkish state has so far managed to sneak into Syria and became a military power together with its numerous jihadist gangs. Even though its main motivation is to set and break down the political progress of the Kurdish liberation movement, the neo-Ottoman colonial dream of Erdogan has always been on the course, see-

king to spread its colonialist power not only in Syria but also the North Iraq as well. However, this dream has not actualized itself as the moves of an independent actor so far, but remained depended on the permission of the imperialist powers. Although the particular compelling manner of this fake Ottoman Sultan played an important role to fill the gap coming out by the contradictions of the imperialists, all of its invasions such as those on Jarablus-Azaz region or Afrin, as well as its “observation posts” that are deployed to protect numerous Jihadist gangs in Idlib, had been conditioned to the permission of those imperialist powers; either Russia or the U.S., or both of them together.

Thus, the Turkish state has intensified its compelling efforts to get a permission from the US for an occupation attack on Rojava, which exposed itself as a “peace corridor” to be created on the east of the Euphrates River. For the Turkish state, playing the Russian card as a NATO member has been the major pressure on the U.S., which does not seek to lose its historically major gendarme in the Middle East, and these efforts have finally resulted in a concrete progress

which was announced on August; the “safe zone” agreement.

According to the joint statement, Turkey and the U.S. agreed to set up a Turkey-based operations center to establish and manage a safe zone in North and East Syria. The agreement also addressed “the rapid implementation of initial measures to address Turkey’s security concerns“, and securing that „every effort shall be made so that displaced Syrians can return to their country“.

Under the name “peace corridor”, Turkish state is pushing for creating a 30km deep area under their military control along the border, which is supposed to be filled with the “Syrian refugees” in Turkey. Because, apart from the need to destroy the revolutionary progress of the peoples of Rojava, Erdogan is also trying to find a place to locate its jihadist gangs, which are squeezed in Idlib due to the ongoing operations of the Russian backed Assad regime. However, the agreement did not specify the height and time the zone would be created, nor the command structure of the forces that would operate there. Since from August, some concrete steps have been carried out towards the agreement, such as

the establishment of the operation center in Urfa province of Turkey or a couple of joint observation flights above the border. Moreover, the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), which had announced their positive intentions to leave a 5km deep area along the border to be guarded by the local security forces of those lands, has retrieved in some areas as so. However, the ambiguity about the size and the command of the area has so far remained same, although Erdogan kept on playing the Russian card in the meantime, pointing out the Russian SU jets this time as a counter-move not only for the US' sanctions on F-35 program but also for the limited 'visa' to enter Rojava. And this ambiguous situation has finally let him to shift from implications to direct words on 5 September, together with over-trumping the balance this time with the refugee card against Europe: "Turkey is determined to actively initiate formation of a safe zone in Syria along the eastern line of the Euphrates River in its own way by the last week of September (...) We may have to let them (the refugees) cross into Europe to get support."

Following the policy of creating a

de facto situation to launch an attack on Rojava, the Turkish state is pushing the US to make a choice in favor of its NATO ally against its "local partner". Even though these two NATO allies have been at odds over their conjunctural policies mostly on the field of Syria, what really matters for the imperialist US is to recover its decreasing hegemony in Middle East and in this regard, it will definitely be wrong to expect that U.S. will decisively preserve its guarding position for North and East Syria against Turkish state. In the context of the safe zone agreement, although the US seem to represent SDF's conditions in the negotiation table, at the end of the day, it bargains for its own interests. The SDF is not on the table directly; so its red lines about the so called "safe zone" (such as maximum 5km size or no Turkish military force in the area) can easily be crossed by the US, once it becomes a drag on its own imperialist interests. It is a historical truth that there is no such a thing like trusting the imperialists.

This reality has never been a surprise for the revolutionary forces of Rojava. The revolution did not sparked by the help of any imperialist or regional powers, nor it is

Human shields action at the border to
Turkey



shaped and progressed so far under their political influence. At the expense of thousands of martyrs and great sacrifices of the peoples of Rojava, the revolutionary progress followed its own way and created a democratic-popular power based on communal organization where peoples from various nations, religions and sects do directly govern themselves in an equal and just way of representation. In this regard, the Rojava revolution is aware of the fact that their future cannot be secured by trusting to the imperialists; the Afrin occupation has already proved this fact! The 'revolution' can be preserved only by its own revolutionary power.

A possible colonialist attack on Rojava does not only signify a war between the Turkish state and Kurdistan revolution. While having the Rojava revolution in one

hand, which became a revolutionary example for the peoples of Middle East by progressing and spreading its popular-democratic and women emancipatory system over the North and East Syria, and the colonialist fascist Turkish state that represents one of the most brutal reactionarism of the world on the other, the war among these actors will definitely be a battle between the revolution and counter-revolution!

Yes, unlike trusting the imperialist powers, the revolution can preserve itself by leaning on its own revolutionary forces, which cannot be considered without the international solidarity of the progressive and revolutionary forces of the world. Keeping in mind the fact that siding with the first revolution of the 21st century against Turkish colonialism has a much broader meaning than defending only the Kurdistan or the Middle East revolution, it is time to defend the world revolution itself by standing against this counter-revolutionary attack at the door. Let's turn the fascist reactionary dreams of Erdogan into a nightmare by rising our international revolutionary solidarity with the Rojava revolution everywhere!

United Resistance Against the Appointment of Trustees

In the night of 19 August, more than 400 HDP and BDP members were arrested in various cities of Northern Kurdistan. The following morning, it became clear why this happened: The democratically elected co-mayors of HDP in Amed, Mardin and Wan were dismissed and replaced by trustees, and the reactions against these should have been prevented by the wave of detentions.

The practice of trustees is nothing new and was first implemented on September 4, 2016 by AKP fascism against nearly a hundred municipalities, after a failed coup attempt as a result of inner state power struggles leading to the declaration of a state of emergency in 2016. As a reason for the trustees, for which there is no legal legitimacy, the Ministry of the Interior called the practice of co-mayors, which is de facto implemented as an achievement of the women's liberation struggle in Northern Kurdistan.

This attack by the political-Islamic fascist regime was not surprising, on the contrary, the fascist chef

had already announced in the context of this year's municipal elections on March 31, to appoint trustees.

The elections, which led to the defeat of the AKP in the main metropolitan administrations, illustrate the regime's loss of power. The municipal administrations served as an important source of finance to ensure corruption and nepotism for their own power base. Innumerable evidence of manipulated payments, the purchase of luxury items and gifts, etc. are currently uncovered in the municipalities recovered from the AKP.

After the electoral defeat, also forced reelections in Istanbul could not reverse this loss.





With the municipal elections, in which HDP was elected by 63% of the electors in Amed, by 53% in Mardin and by 59% in Wan, the people had expressed their will against the trustee administrations from 2016. This expression of will was a decisive blow against colonialism, which not only shatters the right to vote with its trustees, but also denies any civil rights for the kurds. After the electoral defeat, the fascist state wanted to gain psychological superiority and take revenge on the Kurdish people, at a time when the kurdish guerrillas are carrying out more and more effective attacks on the enemy and various mass movements and

struggles are emerging in Turkey.

At the same time, these attacks in Northern Kurdistan were a test for the fascist chief Erdogan, with which he wanted to measure the reactions to plan future attacks against the municipal administrations in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

But his plans won't be realized. The reactions to the appointment of trustees followed immediately. Dozens of patriotic socialists and cadres of the Kurdish freedom movement went to the streets and shouted in front of the fascist state authorities: „*We are not silent, we are not afraid, we are not obeying!*“



Their avant-garde action opened the path for the growing resistance of hundreds of people and spread courage and determination among them. Mothers with white headscarves who took to the streets during the hunger strike action months ago continued their actions. In social media, the calls of the socialists spread like a wildfire:

„The people of Amed resist for their will, they will not bow their will to fascism and the palace. This fire will spread everywhere. We call upon all the democratic forces of Turkey, the Turkish people to give hands to the Kurdish people, to fight together, to raise their voice today to build our future together.“

The actions against the appointed trustees, which continue every day in form of rallies and sit-ins underline the fact, that the resisting mass movement had retreated in recent years as a result of the mas-

sacring state terror, but the potential and the accumulated experience of recent years are growing more and more.

The current resistance to state violence has also become an important source of morality, with which future actions will gain strength.

We have to strengthen the „Third Front“ of the working class and the oppressed against these attacks of fascism. In our revolutionary tactics for the elections, we had drawn attention to the risks of the electoral campaign. Under fascist conditions the organization of the anti-fascist popular resistance plays a crucial role, especially during the electoral period. Only if the election campaign is combined with a street resistance it is possible to defend the collective will. No false hope can be placed on bourgeois, state-supporting forces such as the CHP. They are not a force that will defeat fascism, instead CHP supports the colonial state at all times.

With our line of active defense and united anti-fascist resistance, we will advance the practically legitimate struggle by the rich application of all means and forms of struggle.