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Turkish Economy in Crisis

The words of Erdoğan that he used during his visit to England in May, that he would interfere more with the monetary policies were evaluated against the independence of the Central Bank. After Erdoğan's return, a team from the State's economy administration made another visit to the UK to compensate Erdoğan's words and pledged commitment to imperialist economic policies, meeting the global capital oligarchy. But this was not enough, finding its expression in the rapid depreciation of the Turkish Lira since May, the financial crisis pervades the economy of Turkey (as of this writing 1 USD had exceeded 7 Turkish Lira, the losses suffered since 16 May is just over 60%). In fact, because the debts are in the form

of foreign currencies and because of the rapid depreciation of the TL, this crisis is a debt crisis at the same time. Turkey has a foreign debt of 455 billion dollars to be paid in the next year and 70% of it belongs to the private sector. In other words, this crisis, with the breakdown of the

credit and payment chain, is likely to turn into a real economic crisis, that is, a recession in the near future. Let us remark from the beginning; this crisis is not only an outcome of capital exodus due to lack of democracy which especially grow apace with the new presidential system, nor is the result of the incompetence of the management of the economy alone, nor the result of friction experienced with American imperialism. This crisis is a crisis of the combination of the global capitalist depression and the crisis of the political regime in Turkey together.

What the New Presidential System Changed

The new presidential system, adopted last year on the April 16 referendum, was actually put into practice with this election on 24 June. The system has been continuing to protect the essence of the period in which the assembly lost its functions in the OHAL (state of emergency) for two years, the executive and the legislative integrated, the judiciary system acted under the control of the Palace regime. At the moment the parliament have no authority on approving the new statutory decrees or not, on contrary to how it was before. What this means that Erdoğan's orders become law. Dictator Erdoğan restructured almost all the state institutions, decide the number of ministries, chose them and held all the executive power of the state in his hands. There is a huge legal armor in front of Erdoğan to be tried in the new system too. Government budget expenditures, radio-TV broadcasts, higher education, military, economic management etc. all within the limits of Erdoğan's direct authority.

No need to elaborate more, the crisis of the regime since the 90's in Turkey's was tried to be overcome

through subjecting the regime to a political islamist restoration intertwined with the economy programme for the financial-economical colonies. However, the point reached now is the loss of hegemony that the fascist dictatorship can not tolerate even the minimum requirements of bourgeois democracy. Fascist chef Erdoğan is faced with the passive or active resistance of more than half of the people, despite the fact that all the power in his hand, all the assaults, all the massacres, aimed at the physical extermination of all those who did not submit. Although it has reduced the influence of the social opposition, it





has not digested. While Erdoğan is able to hold on to the hegemony crisis with political power, will he be able to do it when it comes to economic crisis? The place of economic crisis in social struggle will be meaningful at this point.

Why Now And Why It Will Grow

Let's take a look at some international political developments that the Turkish state has experienced in recent years: the gaining of the dictatorship an institutional-legal nature with the April 16 referendum and the June 24 elections, the cleric Brunson hostage bargaining issue (bargaining over Riza Zarrab-Hakan Atilla, detained in the United States while US citizen Brunson arrested for alleged involvement with Gülenist movement), the Halkbank case in the US, the acquisition of S-400 rockets from Russia, and the impending dead-end in Syria in the face of Idlib operation. No matter how much they play an aggravating role in the crisis, this crisis is a financial-economic crisis and its bases have been laid with AKP's 16-year neoliberal policies.

When the AKP came to power in 2002, the country was struggling with the effects of the 2001 economic crisis. In this period, the AKP came to power as a practitioner of the economic and political integration to imperialism. Public assets and services were opened to plunder by the capital through privatizations. In most cases, privatized enterprises have not continued production, the institutes has been shut down for the sake of the land rentier. Trade unions have disempowered through introducing sub-contracting in every sector, Turkey has become cheap labor reservoir for the international monopolies. During the AKP period, industrial and agricultural productivity declined, and construction-derived investments were over-inflated. When the US depreciated the US dollar in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis, and these cheap dollars were shipped to the whole world, countries like China and India used this to build a production economy while the AKP has developed an economy that is heavily dependent on imports. The share of the industry has decreased within the GDP. In agriculture, external dependence has peaked. After 2013, with the shifting of US monetary policy to tightening, this external dependence has begun to push Turkey. This situation developed as a tendency, of course, and during certain periods, the finance capital entered the country for rapid hits from the stock market, providing the economy with temporary relief moments. However, the financial capital funds throughout the process, retreated from countries such as Turkey and moved back to USA and European countries. And this has also accelerated the depreciation of the Turkish lira. Turkey, as the financial-economic colony of the US and Western Europe imperialism, has befitted this economic program. On top of all this, the expansion of war policies and military expenditures in Syria and the Middle East weakened the Turkish lira. The last five years have been a process in which the Turkish state has been defeated in its colonial policies of Kurdistan, especially Rojava.

As the Turkish Lira depreciated, it became impossible for the AKP to maintain its first period policy of low interest rate, low exchange rate and low current account deficit. A wing of the capital (TÜSİAD) basically wants to keep the foreign currency low, while the other wing (MUSİAD) wants to keep the interest rate low. But these two wings acted together in the regulations against the working class (mediation, hire of workers, transfer of severance pay to funds, etc.). Erdoğan, like Trump, seemed to live in the world of his imagination, proclaimed interest as the chief enemy of the economy in pursuit of advocating the interests of the class which he collects his political power. It is sometimes combined with a discourse that reaches up to the limit of threatening the capital movements, but later these have not turned into reality with compensatory explanations. He is aware that a possible restriction on capital movements is to dynamite the economy with his own hand.

Why is this crisis simply not easily overcome by an IMF program with or without the IMF? Why is this crisis actually a crisis of accumulation model and precisely because of this, there is no means to intervene in the hands of the AKP? In short, why will this crisis grow even bigger? With the awareness of the limits of the accumulation model they applied, the AKP/Palace regime has saved the system whenever it congested by transferring loans, incentives, grants to the capitalists through tax robbery and raising prices from the laborers. It has tried to breathe the economy with non-re-productive construction investments and during this period, it has tried to provide mass support through social care funds with political content and promoting individual consumption with the cost of debts. However, at the point where we come, the ability of the AKP to overcome the accumulation regime through expropriation of the laborers is severely limited. It is a regime of accumulation based on low rates applied so far. The 'coalition for economical growth', which has established with different sectors, not the hard ideological core has brought the AKP to power since the beginning. Therefore, the 100-day economical program announced after the election on 24 June, announces new construction projects and gives the message of 'pressing throttle'. But for the first time in 16 years, this formula has not been working. The next step in the debt crisis, which is now the currency crisis, is the banking crisis, and the interest rate policy which is now applied makes it inevitable. Such structural crises, of course, bring not only economic but also political and institutional changes.

Exit from the crisis

The powers provided by the presidential system will allow the Erdoğan government to destroy the burden of this crisis on the backs of the working classes and the poor. The established government is already almost entirely composed of bosses and company directors. A new stand-by agreement with the IMF is one of the possible avenues for laborers to put austerity packages into effect. Under the name of spreading the taxes to the base, the



burden on the back of the working people, who already bear 70% of the tax burden, will be further aggravated.

Those responsible for the economic crisis are not the people. Erdoğan's recent "we are on the same ship" propaganda, which he insistently emphasizes, is to provide a political-ideological background in an effort to pay the cost of the crisis to the people. By mentioning about an economic war opened against Turkey, he is planning to produce enemy required for ideological consolidation. However, hundreds of companies in the wake of the bankruptcy filing for debt restructuring and tomorrow's possible unemployed people in these companies are creating a wave that is already devastating this ideological dispute. The Erdoğan/Palace regime wants to convince with the lies that with the three or five pennies in their pocket, the 65 million people living under the starvation level must overcome the hard days with unity against the economic war to the state. On the other hand, in the last few years, the biggest monopolies of the country have been eradicated from tax debts, the bourgeois sections which Erdoğan has raised with his own hands and based his social base, have been revamped with guaranteed loans from public funds, while the right to organize all kinds of strikes and the right to associate has been banned with the OHAL, vast working masses have lost their class gainings and also their jobs.

Progressive, revolutionary, democratic organizations, communists have to mobilize to tell the class content of the crisis to the public. It has to spread the political struggle against the economic crisis all over the country and turn it into an opportunity to throw the inertia on the social opposition. It has to put an economy program in front of the public which will increase the productivity for society and the productivity in industry and agriculture with employment and social prosperity. A democratic discourse free from its class content will open the gate of an IMF program-style neoliberal solutions for the payment of the crisis to the laborers. The struggle for an exit from the economic crisis and for a democratic popular power can not be torn apart. The class struggle and democracy struggle will be carried out jointly with the assemblies and initiatives to be organized starting from the neighborhoods, from the workplaces. In this period when workers, laborers, young people and women will feel more anxious about their future, there will be decisive agendas for political struggles, which are struggles against hikes, overwork, corruption, cost of living. It is the primary duty of the revolutionaries to organize the anger of the people to overcome the fascist state blockade.

ICOR Call for International Solidarity Campaign:

Your Contribution for An Ecological Reconstruction of the City of Resistance!

With the support of the Turkish state under Erdoğan, IS-terrorists attacked Kobanê on 15 September 2014. For many months militants of the people's defense units defended the establishment of a new life in Rojava with all their power and under unequal conditions. The IS was defeated through this heroism, and the city became the symbol of the most advanced struggle for democracy and freedom at present.

But the threat to the revolution in Rojava is continuing. Not least because of the occupation of Afrin by the Turkish state, which had been prepared for a long time, it becomes clear that international solidarity has to be organized more urgently than ever before, because the establishment of an equal, free life in Rojava is being continued despite all obstacles!

The ICOR positioned itself for the revolution and supported it from the very beginning. The construction of a health care center in Kobanê is the symbol of this prac-



tical solidarity. 177 volunteer brigadists from 10 countries, together with local construction workers, realized this project in 2015. Meanwhile the health care center has been equipped as a maternity clinic. Since then more than 4,000 children have already been born there.

Now it is important to fit out the health care center ecologically. The development of a self-sufficient and ecological

power supply is a basic goal in the region. The realization of a self-sufficient and ecological energy supply is also an important step to enable the operation of the clinic independently of the extortion policy of the Erdoğan government. It regularly drains water from the hydro-power plant in Rojava/Northern Syria on the Euphrates. Therefore, the planned photovoltaic system will be realized directly in cooperation with the ICOR and the democratic self-government in Rojava. This is also a sign of solidarity against the threatened invasion of Turkey or the escalation of war by various great powers and for international understanding.

The health care center also wants to fulfill these re-

quirements for which preparations are now underway. With a highly developed photovoltaic plant, the health care center will become a role model for the ecological and progressive power supply in the region. We want to contribute to this and collect further donations. 60,000 € for the photovoltaic and thermal insulation have already been collected by the “*Ecological Initiative Rojava*” in “*Solidarity International*”. A total of 45,000 € are still

needed.

As ICOR we will continue with this example for making international solidarity real.

Therefore we call for creative actions, activities and events in order to learn from this solidarity and to make it known, as well as to collect donations.

Every contribution counts!

MLKP International Bureau:

Suruç Martyrs in Their 3rd Year of Martyrdom Continue Guiding the Path of Our Unified Revolution



21st century has witnessed and is still witnessing a few big examples of internationalism worth mentioning. Echoing of the outcry of Rojava all around the world may be one of the most prominent ones of these. Again, the reconstruction phase of the revolution process since 2012 also needed an internationalist action as much as defending the revolution. Revolutionary youth from Turkey and Kurdistan embraced this action as their own identity. Suruç, thus, corresponds to a symbolic moment of this internationalist action. What had happened until Suruç? Kurdish, Turkish, Circassian, Laz, all the peoples of the region had not hesitated to send their most courageous sons and daughters for help at the toughest moment they suffer all together. The fascist hordes falling on Kobanê like a nightmare had been defeated in the most severe way and peoples had demonstrated a determination overcoming their bleeding wounds as well as their wrecked cities.

Suruç, just like the Rojava revolution itself, represents a historical jumping moment in which the unified revolution of Turkey and Kurdistan has hatched up from theory and embodied. Each one of the 33 martyred dream followers came there with this in their consciousness, carrying the honor and responsibility with the decency of the oppressed at their hands. It was a bloody day, that

July 20th 2015, but spread countless new seeds of us into the ground for eternal to stay. New notches were scratched at our resistance memory. It reminded us the prices of struggle, that freedom is something to rend, a mode of life. Once more, most precious ones walked ahead. But still, they couldn't prevent Gezi's children from meeting with Kobanê's children.

We can see the greatness of the meaning of the massacre in regard to political course of Turkey at embarking on an unprecedented assault of fascism since then. 3 years have passed, the blood-thirstiness of fascism has not raged, the state tradition filled with massacres has proved all its forces with new massacres in Istanbul and Ankara, in Afrin and North Kurdistan. Yet, in vain! It cannot discourage, Marxist-Leninists sharpened, those who are fighting accepted the reality of war as a part of their historical mission. This decaying state apparatus rampaging with rage is being surrounded by this historical unity of the oppressed like an untearable web. They keep on their movement without stopping not even a minute in order to open the path of ardency for overthrowing the dictator into the dustbin of history.

In its 3rd year, the fascist state, with its killer police, attacked once more to the mass commemorations espe-



cially in Ankara and Istanbul. Tens of people detained. These hundreds, thousands who flowed to the streets even under this intense oppression atmosphere where the tiniest humane virtue lost its meaning, manifested that the resistance and spirit of struggle are being carried like day one. Our martyrs shine on our path, their embrace by the masses couldn't be prevented and will not be. All the socialist youth starting from Turkish and

Kurdish peoples, every heart of the party, every revolutionary cell, carry the hopes and dreams of the 33 to the future, a free future.

Suruç martyrs are immortal!

Long live the fraternity of Turkish and Kurdish peoples!

Long live the proletarian internationalism!

MLKP/FESK Takes Part in the Defense of Southern Kurdistan Against Turkish State's Attacks

MLKP/FESK (Armed Forces of the Poor and Oppressed) guerrillas announced that they participated in the resistance to defend the lands of Southern Kurdistan against the attacks of AKP/Palace regime.

Just before taking off to war fronts where the occupation attacks continue, in the names of **MLKP/FESK** guerrillas, **Erdal Tîrêj** and **Dicle Awaz** spoke at the ceremony convened in the lands of Southern Kurdistan: "We will not let the free mountains besmeared. Just like in Kobanê, Nusaybin, Afrin, we will defend every inch of Kurdistan land."

MLKP/KKÖ fighter **Dicle Awaz** continued her words: "We, as **MLKP** guerrillas, are taking our places at the war fronts along with our comrades-in-arm against occupation attacks of the colonialist Turkish army to Başurê Kurdistan. We gave martyrs in these Southern Kurdistan lands where we have been for years. Today, we will not let the fascist colonialist occupier Turkish army besmear our free areas where each one of our martyrs walked on, where Özgür Renas shed blood, where Roza Renas fell martyr during the preparation for war. We will not yield to neither the colonialist forces nor their collaborators to pass by these lands where thousands of martyrs freed with their blood."

Emphasizing that women **MLKP** fighters are part of the resistance in the Medya Defense Zones, just as they took part in the self-governance resistances and defended the Rojava women's revolution, **Awaz** stated that: "We will uphold the sacrifice spirit which Arin and Sarya raised in Kobanê, the flag of Berçem and Ekin comrades who created the sacrifice troop at the defense of their military base, even higher here at the

Medya Defense Zones today. We will defend every inch of its land until the last drop of our blood, the last bullet of our weapons. We will not let neither Rojava women's revolution nor our free zones besmeared and our revolution strangled by the fascist occupiers."

Calling all the peoples and the youth from the war fronts, **Awaz** added that: "This is our call from here to the peoples and especially to the youth. Take your part at the war fronts against the occupation attacks. Don't let the free mountains besmeared. Medya Defense Zones, for decades, fed the struggle of four parts of Kurdistan and created commanders. Here in Kandil, Xakurke and Bradost today, just as Arins and Sibels did in Kobanê; just as Avesta Xaburs did in Afrin, we will raise the struggle up high with the spirit of Berçem Renas and head off the occupation attacks of the fascist Turkish state."

Recording that they will not stand still against the attacks of Turkish state, **Erdal Tîrêj**, one of the **MLKP** guerrillas, said: "Our party **MLKP** will never stay as audience to the attacks against the Kurdish liberation movement, Kurdish people. We are fighters who believe that Kurdish people living under the colonialist yoke must be free no matter what in order for Turkish people to get freed."

Underscoring that AKP/Palace regime is preparing for occupation of Kandil, **Tîrêj** also stated that: "We, as **MLKP** fighters, starting from today, take on our weapons in Metina, Zap, Xinere, Xakurkê and in Bradost to defend the Southern Kurdistan lands inch by inch. Together with the comrades-in-arm from HPG and YJA-Star, we defend these lands at the cost of our blood and lives. We say to those fascist occupier Turkish army, you may dare to come here, but you will suffer too."



**MLKP/Rojava At the 6th Anniversary of Rojava Revolution:
Long Live Our Rojava Revolution !**

We celebrate the 6th anniversary of our Rojava Revolution with a great hope and determination. And with respect and loyalty, we do commemorate all woman and man fighters who have been immortalized for this revolution, which actually is the present of all our martyrs.



The revolution fire which was flamed in Kobane, on 19 July 2018, quickly spread over the whole parts of Rojava and made the so-called impossible real; the revolution started. The revolution broke the chain of colonialism and shattered the yoke of the Baas regime over the peoples, especially the Kurdish people. Kurdish, Assyrian, Syriac, Circassian, Turkmen, Armenian nations, as well as all religions and beliefs reached to freedom. The strangling of peoples among each other by the colonialists was abolished.

Together with the Rojava Revolution, which is also a women revolution itself, many important steps have been taken towards women's liberation. The most organized and free system was built for women movements and masses.

The most libertarian and the most egalitarian revolution arose in favor of workers, laborers, poor, women, the young and the children. Rojava has turned into a garden of peoples, beliefs and freedoms.

The Revolution brought hope to peoples, fear to the sovereigns

The colonialist fascist Turkish state, the enemy of the peoples and freedoms of the region, became the most frightened one of the Rojava Revolution. It saw Rojava's existence as a threat to its own cause and therefore showed its hostility at every turn. The colonial fascist Turkish state has done everything to strangle the Rojava Revolution, the hope for humanity. It supported those fascist and reactionary gangs like ISIS, El Nusra, the Free Syrian Army and make them attack to our revolution. Kobanê, the city that sparked the flame of the revolution, gave one of the most honorable resistances of the world history against those occupying barbarian flocks. At the expense of thousands of martyrs and war veterans, Kobanê defeated ISIS along with the fascist Turkish state through an epic of resistance.

While our revolution have been progressing with great determination and sacrifices, those attacks never stopped. But, by the heroic actions of thousands of woman and man fighters, there have been given one of the most honorable resistance of the history.

This continuous tradition of resistance starting from Kobanê to Efrîn, is the mark of our will that we will fight for our freedom, whatever the price. Today, the resistance in occupied Afrin continues under this will and faith. The fascist Erdoğan and his colonialist state on the other hand is still thinking that they could strangle our revolution, take our freedom by occupying our Afrin.

The hope is in force!

On the 6th anniversary of the victory of the Rojava Revolution, we declare that, whatever the price might be, the occupiers will be expelled and Afrin will be liberated. This is the command of the revolution and of the martyrs and this will definitely free Afrin as well.

The hope and the future are both reside in the Rojava Revolution. For the future of the peoples of the world, but particularly of the region, the fires like Rojava Revolution have to be grow and spread. This we will succeed. We will continue waving our revolution's honorable flag, spreading the flames of revolution to the four winds. All attacks of those occupiers, colonialists, fascist gangs will be defeated. Now it is the time to protect our revolution and expel the occupiers.



In the imperialist globalization world system, one of the main purpose is to make the oppressed humanity desperate and weak. Our Rojava Revolution is a challenge by itself to this mood of defeat. And it should not be forgotten that resistance leads to victory, whereas despair leads to defeat. With the Rojava revolution, the hope stands firm and it is in force.

Against occupationism, colonialism, fascism; only way is the revolution, only way is resistance!

Down with occupationism, colonialism and fascism!

Long live our Rojava Revolution!

MLKP/Rojava:

Hail to the United Resistance to Stop the 73. Genocide of Yazidi!

We respectfully commemorate our hundreds of people who have been murdered and all the warriors martyred while trying to prevent the massacres, in the 4 th year of the Kurdish people being exposed to the genocidal attacks of barbarian ISIS gangs.

In Shengal, our Yazidi people, on August 3, 2014, were subjected to massacre attacks by AKP-supported ISIS gangs, and hundreds of people were killed during these attacks. Thousands of Yazidi, most of which were women, taken prisoner. Treacherous KDP administration stayed in the audience to this massacre and its peshmergas in Sengal fled and voided the area, leaving it vulnerable. Tens of thousands of Yazidis had to leave their houses, their land.

The ISIS gangs, taking the support of the AKP and the reactionary regional states, aimed to totally abolish the Yazidi society and to commit genocide. They publicly declared this with religious references. If it had not

been the HPG guerrillas who handed up the help of poor Yazidi people in the last minute and the YPG-YPJ and MLKP forces, who pulled out the people to the safe areas by opening the corridor from Rojava, then repelled the gangs, it would be such an easy accomplish for the gangs. After the massacre of the Yazidi, the Shengal and its environs would be completely occupied, and the Rojava revolution would have been taken to the full siege. The United revolutionary resistance and struggle have wasted those plans.

While the capitalist-imperialist world states were just watching the massacre of Yazidi, the revolutionaries took their side with an enduring struggle. As a result of a challenging struggle, with hundreds of martyrs and wounded, and the resistance of the armed Yazidian laborers, the ISIS gangs were defeated. Our Yazidi people survived a new edict. While this salvation was met with

happiness in the world laborers, the whims of the fascist Tayyip Erdogan and the gangs were stuck in their gizzard. Dictator Erdogan, who is hostile to all beliefs outside of Sunni Islam, showed that he could not tolerate the defeat of the gangs he supported, and showed this by bombing Shengal with airplanes after it was liberated. He tried to do what he could not do with his gang. By collaborating with regional reactionaries and the KDP, he directed to liquidate Yazidi's free consciousness and institutionalizations that emerged with resistance.

Immediately after the occupation, our Yazidi people, who founded the resistance units, did not fight this struggle solely against the ISIS gangs. At the same time,

this resistance was against the line of betrayer and collaborator KDP. The main responsibility of the spread of Shengal's salvation over the years is on the KDP. While it was entirely possible to liberate Shengal with a unified move, the KDP had not been willing to evaluate this opportunity for months. It demanded that the forces of the HPG-YJA STAR, YPG-YPJ and



MLKP, the saviors of the Yazidi people, be got out from the area, and that YBŞ, Shengal's self-defense force, be dismantled. It resorted to all kinds of conspiracy and provocation for this.

The KDP administration, which has made the PKK's existence a crisis for years, escaped again from Shengal and its surroundings after Mosul was taken from the gangs. This time, it left the sacred lands for Yazidis to the reactionary Hasdi Shahbi forces. The KDP and Barzani administration once again revealed that their main problem was with the PKK, the forerunner of free Kurdish consciousness. They showed this embarrassing fact when they were leaving Kirkuk and its surroundings to the same forces. Once and over again, those who had been a bully against the patriots who had worked democratically in Hewler and Makhmur, had escaped without even looking back when seeing Hasdi Shahbi.

This fact should always be kept in mind. Our Yazidi people should not forget the betrayal of the KDP, who had left them to the ISIS massacres and then to the forces of Hasdi Shahbi. Forgetting is opening doors to new massacres. Our Yazidi people, through succeeding in protecting their freedom, which was won by hundreds of martyrs, and the self-defense forces, which is the assurance of this, can prevent both new massacres and self-governance, revealing that all these sufferings are not in vain.

The way for our Yazidi people to walk must be the resistance of the martyrs, the Berkşan's, the Shengal's and the Berivan's.

We salute the victory of the United Revolutionary struggle and our martyrs immortalized for this purpose. With the Shengal massacre, we share the sufferings of our Yazidi people. We urge our Yazidi people to organize and improve their self-governance, to close ranks tightly around the YBŞ, to increase resistance to massacres and betrayal. We believe that the poor but honorable people of Êzidxan will put forth a worthy practice.

Long live Our Shengal Struggle!

Long live the Struggle for Honor and Freedom of the Oppressed Peoples!

Şehid Namirin!

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