



TO THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT OF TURKEY AND THE WORLD

I send my respects and regards on behalf of the leaders and members of my Union SES (Health and Social Service Workers Union) and the other Unions of Our Confederation KESK (Confederation of Public Workers' Unions) in the High Security Ankara Sincan F1 Prison

The attacks are increasing against Labor, workers, labor organizations and their leaders as a whole all over the world. We try to struggle against the policies of Global-scale attack, in line with the perspective of international solidarity,.

We sent regular information reports to the Turkey Trade Union Movement and Umbrella organization PSI / EPSU about violations of rights like pressure, exile, arrest etc that applied to prevent and criminalize the struggle for the labor and democracy of Our Union and Confederation trying to run.

As you know, only in the year of 2012; nine women leader of Confederation in February, and thirteen union member medical students working in committees in May were arrested. Finally, on June 25, 2012 , 53 directors (including me) and a member of the trade unions due to KESK were detained. 28 of them were arrested and put in jail In courts on June 28 to 29. As of today, Total of 81 members ,student members, leaders of unions due to KESK are held in jails because of trade union activities.. No need to mention thousands of Judicial and administrative investigations opened against our members.

In recent years more and more public services, especially education and health were marketized in our country. Precarious, deregulated and flexible employment are turned into to the main employment model. Even as natural assets up to forests and brooks are given to capital without any cost. . All; Ethnic, cultural, nature conservation,or religious based organizations,and activities, are accepted as illegal activities and are clamped by the executive (especially security) and the judiciary

As Unions we also get more the policies of pressure applied in all opposed sectors of society.

Main task of labor organizaions is to execute labor and democracy struggle together in the countries like us that democracy not been built in all its rules institutions,and there are no freedom for thought , expression and assembly.

Our Union's policy, followed for 22 years, of labor, democracy, fundamental rights and freedoms struggle are in this base.. Moreover, We give attention to execute this struggle with the oppressed, opponents and otherizeds of society,. People of all ethnic backgrounds and faiths are free to express himself freely and carries out arm

in arm to fight in our Unions. The one and only organization is our Confederation that has got extensive organization in all of Turkey and libertarian atmosphere.

With these operations towards us They want to be silenced Our Unions, to weaken our struggle, to criminalize us by creating confusion on members and working people With these operations They want to prevent a unified struggle and suppress social opposition. Because the practice of KESK's struggle up to now has shown that Our Confederation is the most important dynamics of the social opposition that to bring in action the objections and discomfort in the society as a result of neoliberal and oppressive policies in the axis of a labor's united struggle.

So that labor and democratic forces should be silence, the country's rivers, forests, historic and cultural heritages, economic resources could be given to capital without any cost. So that they silence us, subcontracting, seasonal workmanship, rental workmanship, severance compensation payments are put into easily hand. So flexible, unregulated employment consolidate the position and will be the basic model. In short, even if the human mind and the body was brought into market goods, and accordingly enslaved new human type that to be the oath of allegiance, and a new system.can be build.

Our demand for people-centered socialist system against all this makes us the target. As done to us ,the operations carried out all the opponent dynamics of the society like the labor and democracy forces, journalists, academics, students, women in society, , enviromental disidents. At dawn our houses and Union buildins are busted by Police; and they confisticated the books,, posters, newsletters, and other written materials, computers, phones, even in our own special photo CDs at our homes and offices. All of them were given on media spot ,press and as public announcing like "flash ... flash ... members of terrorist organizations, separatist trade unionists were detained ". We and our attorneys can learn why we are being detained at police station or thethe prosecutor office because of the secrecy order on file,. On the other hand a section of the media headlines announcing the allegations against us at the time of bust.

All of the political operations of this kind are based on the Anti-Terror Law (TMK) a by the special authorized courts (ÖYM). Those Courts were removed by law after four months of our arresting because of negative public opinion created by the long detention periods, starting to give discomfort of those courts to the goverment , growing social struggle.. Although there is a no difference between the new established Courts and ÖYM, there are several positive changes in the new law called 3.rd jurisdiction package

These are:

- a- No last decision of arrest without conclusive evidence
- b- In case of refusal Evacuation requests, the reasons clearly and concretely written for
- c- Removal of time-limit charges to avoid long periods of detention
- d- primarily the use of judicial methods of control,

At a time when 3. package is discussed in Parliament, the custody and arrestment of us hustily is significant. The aim is to punish us before the new law. Our lawyers made objections required under the new law. Our application was denied without justification as in the past., Although The indictment prepared and a trial date set as October 4, 2012, for the women trade unionist that been in detention since February

2012 applications for the discharge of our friends under the new law has been rejected because of "evidence can not be collected". It is clear from that the legislative changes does not work if the mentality stay unchanged.

Of course,,our legal struggle will continue against those. Our lavyers would applied to the ECHR until this letter be reached you. But we know that the other prisoners of our members, the preparation of indictments and first court exceeds the one year. Thus, our families, we, our children, we are ripped away from our families, children ,,offices and trade union struggles for a long time.

When the following questions that asked us at police interrogation and prosecution examined, the acquisitions will be seen against our activities in scope of expression of thought, association and freedom of assembly. Similar questions were asked all of us. As Secretary-General of SES would like to offer the questions asked me and accusations against me to the attention of the trade union movement in the world and Turkey.

At the beginning, Formations of historical process in Turkey depending on the deadlock of the Kurdish problem is described by the method of copy - paste at length. After that the approach of mentioned formations to to the labor and the their opinion about labor unions were described, then they asked the question "are you a member of this formation" mentioning all created democratic mechanisms (councils, committees, etc.) in our Unions as if this formation give the instruction,to create. The formation Mentioned is been discussed by the people of Turkey for 2-3 years. Our organizational model continues by development. in the last 22 years.

Then come questions:

- We were invited to pres release press conference by İHD (Human Rights Association) to protest the death penalty of teachers in Iran in 2012 and was performed in front of the Iranian Embassy in Ankara. Upon invitation of the İHD I attended to represent the union in the press conference.It was asked "who give the instruction" to attend press conference.
- . The Association of Family of Prisoners, organized to protest prison isolation and also invited me to a press release to represent our union, I attended this and the same; It was asked "who give the instruction" to attend press release.
- Our Unions Confederation KESK The Confederation of Revolutionary Workers, The Turkish Chamber of Architects and Engineers, the Turkish Medical Association have called and organized a joint action together for an end to pressures for the investigation and pressures on all the labor and democratic forces, especially our union. We have asked where we have received instruction ,from somewhere else, to attend such activities.
- Also it was asked , whose gave the instructions to attend following events; a meeting organized by our confederation KESK at Dec 3 rd of 2011 in similar scope, a strike that realized by the participation of health care organizations at the date of Dec 21 st 2011, payroll burning activity to protest salary cost increase realized in front of the Prime Ministry, the strike to protest the law does not recognize the right to strike and collective bargaining, and the blocked collective bargaining negotiations at May 23, 2012, the events aimed at protesting the change in the education system,

As they are not enough, our telephone calls have been monitored last one year, bugging devices and hidden cameras had been installed in our Union's buildings,

and our meeting and negotiations have been recorded in an illegal manner. with the aim to present as an element of the crime in the courts.

If we look at questions asked to Union leaders ,based on the pseude evidence obtained from those records, it can be seen how much tragicomic the situaation is.

These are;

- Talks and the negotiations to Union Leaders (including branches in cities like Siirt, Şanlıurfa, İstanbul, Diyarbakır, Batman, Ağrı) and Confederation (KESK) Leaders about Union problems and events are to be shown as crime. The File questions are getting full by putting together such frivolous questions : "Who is this person? What did you mean? Did you give the instruction? the person that responsible for the internal operation of of the union in the first order is the Secretary General. So do not even need to explain the purpose of these questions asked to me. It is easy to find out and understand the accusation here because our talks and the negotiations are in the trade union context.

Expression of thought, the freedom of association and assembly are a universal right To accuse the evenst in this scope in the scope of terror is the attack to these concepts. The goal is to get meaningless these concepts and to prevent the use of these concepts of rights. We that so far have not taken a weapon, carrying out all activities in public for social peace and labor rights, are prosecuted by the accusation of to be member of an armed terrorist organization.

We have paid large fees for our struggle that we began early 90's, for trade union rights and freedoms especially the first few years. Despite to exiles, investigations, pressures, dismissals and the unsolved murder did not happen a decline in our fight. Pressures in recent years are more than the years to the establishment of KESK. However, our struggle continues as more disciplined and resolute.

At various times of pressure on us ,we have seen support of yours and many of the world labor organization in the meaning united struggle of labor and international solidarity. In this context, would like to thank people the personality of you who supported us, all the labor organizations that transmit feelings of solidarity on behalf of my friends struggle .

Finally, in the our current unfair and unlawful situation, I want to express that all kind of solidarity from you will make us more powerful and bring victory to labor struggle

Send my greetings and best regards on behalf of all my friends in prison.

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