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Once More Snap Elections in Turkey

The fascist AKP-MHP alliance decided on a snap election on June, 24. They see this raid elections as a life buoy to hold on until they pass over the deep waves of economical and social crisis. They know that there is no chance that they could achieve a vote rate they require in the elections if it is held under normal circumstances and on its normal date in 2019. Clearly, Erdoğan's bragging about the stability of the country has long gone, it will be the sixth elections in Turkey in the last four years. The long-lasting unmanageability crisis of the regime forced Erdoğan to take this decision. He tried to overcome the legitimacy crisis with the fascist war against Afrin. He used the war card with Afrin and it worked to consolidate masses ideologically up to a limit, but the overwhelming atmosphere of OHAL (state of emergency) carried the social crisis to an unbearable point which caused that war card to be

not enough. People are hungry both for food and for political freedom. Economical crisis gets worsen day by day. High prices of Dollar and Euro, high inflation rate, high unemployment and foreign debt can cause a total breakdown any moment. Also, the guerrilla warfare, which will increase in Bakûr Kurdistan during the summer period developing as the revenge of Afrin, emerges as a challenging factor for the state. All together, they cannot wait any longer.

The fascist chief wanted to catch the opposition unguarded with such a close date. Let alone a democratic opposition encountered in this process, he couldn't even stand a bourgeois opposition and attempted interventions against possible candidates. He wants to design the whole opposition and leave no chance for survival for others. AKP and the Palace coalition follow a line to build a feeling that 'whatever you do, you can't



win' among the ranks of opposition and among peoples.

And recent developments showed once again that the regime crisis is not limited with the fascist Palace, it also reaches beyond the bourgeois opposition. One spotlighted example was the visit of the General Staff of the Turkish Army, Hulusi Akar and the Head Counselor of Erdoğan, Ibrahim Kalın to the former president Abdullah Gül, who once was a dear brother of Erdoğan. These two bureaucrat landed on the garden of Abdullah Gül's house with a helicopter and forced him to give up on candidacy. This was clearly a method of coup d'état. But the ones who were disappointed most were the bourgeois opposition and the liberals. They were really considering Gül as a strong candidate who is yet another fascist, islamist and corrupted politician, collaborator of Erdoğan for all of his crimes along the way. Now, the four reactionary bourgeois party, CHP, the Good Party (which was founded recently by Meral Akşener after the separation of a group from the Nationalist Movement Party, MHP), the Welfare Party (Erdoğan's traditional line, political islamist party) and the Democrat Party (a small center-right wing party) agreed on an alliance in the elections. They will enter the presidential elections with their own candidates against Erdoğan, but in the second round which will happen in case none of the candidates gets fifty percent of the vote, they will support each other. And they also enter the parliamentary elections in the same lists as part of this alliance agreement to overcome the 10 percent threshold for the parties to enter the parliament. This so-called bourgeois opposition, especially when it comes to the rights of Kurdish people, is more royalist than the king.

They intentionally exclude the HDP from such an alliance which actually proves the only democratic choice left for this election is HDP. And practically, this 10 percent threshold only applies to HDP. HDP spoke-person Filiz Kerestecioglu stated that 'now, two right-wing alliance and HDP will compete, and that's why HDP has no threshold

problem'. The constant attacks against HDP after the 2015 elections first started with bombings and continued with arresting the co-chair persons and deputies. Intensifying violence against HDP activists on the street now aims to reach a point almost to stop the whole party work. During the May Day work of socialists and recently-started election campaigns, hundreds of HDP or its constituent party members were taken into custody and some were arrested. Yet the brutal police terror of the fascist state couldn't stop the masses attending the large HDP meetings and May Day demonstrations. After the May Day campaigns, on 4th of May, HDP announced Selahattin Demirtaş, who has been in prison for 1,5 years, as its presidential candidate. And now, the political mass work gets a new triggering pulse on the streets.

The democratic, progressive and revolutionary forces are absolutely aware of Erdoğan's possible threat of not recognizing the results in case of losing and provoking a civil war. Just like the Suruç massacre after the June 2015 election, the state will direct its attacks to the revolutionaries first in such a case. The lackey media has already declared openly such plans for the June 24th. No matter what, the elections are still important under current conditions and an important means of struggle. Many people are still under the illusion of getting rid of Erdoğan through elections and that is why the duty of HDP, as a democratic alternative, now as a third road like Rojava, must position as a focal point and develop a discourse to wipe these illusions away. Only then, the election campaign can be turned into a real preparation for the struggle on the 25th of June. Above all, the revolutionary forces must



Socialist detained while delivering brochures for the May Day campaign in Istanbul



tell people the illegitimacy of the elections under the state of emergency and the state terror with all the cheats, repression and violence. Trying to replace this with another bourgeois and fascist option will also not solve anything. The only unerring way is to grow the democratic alternative through street resistances and organizing the people.

We can say that Turkey and Northern Kurdistan is in the course of a revolution and overthrowing fascism is a current duty of democratic struggle. Thirst for freedom is a well-known fact and the conditions are as tight as possible for imminent outbursts. The reactionary regimes of the region squeezed the people, cornered them, left no space to breathe and in the end, Arabic uprisings, Gezi uprising and Rojava revolution burst out. Struggle for freedom and honor has freshened with those and now ready for another upswing. Revolutionaries must strengthen the subjective

conditions for this and never even consider to be a reserve behind a social chauvinist, monist bourgeois option. Perspectives foreseeing open or covered alliances with this kind of options to get rid of Erdoğan no matter what will be afterwards are dysfunctional and lack of self-confidence. The working class, peoples and oppressed of Turkey and Northern Kurdistan have no choice but to trust their self-power and to organize together with the democratic, progressive, revolutionary, communist organizations and Kurdish liberation movement under a unified resistance. The importance of the election process lies just right there: to take advantage from it for organizing the democratic freedom struggle, especially for the period after the election. Turning the elections into a leverage will be the key for mass struggle. As a result, the real struggle will be organizing this unified antifascist resistance based on practical modes during these period.

Mass Crowds Dare to Fascism on May Day



This year, the May Day meant, more than anything, a challenge for the working class and the oppressed in Turkey and Northern Kurdistan to show the fascist colonialist dictatorship that they did not surrender to the extermination policies. It was also a challenge for the Palace regime to suppress what is left behind from the organized laboring left movement, trade unions and associations. After seeing millions of people filling the squares all over the country, daring fascism by not stepping back, we can clearly put forward that the masses did not hesitate one

moment when they have a chance to breathe a bit of freedom. Starting from the 8th of March, then the Newroz celebrations and now the mass May Day meetings prove that demand of political freedom is the most urgent topic of the political struggle. Everyone has carried their own struggle to the squares. Workers, women, Kurdish people, youth, Alevi, other oppressed religious groups and national

communities have long been in search for fields to express them-selves and they just walked onto the fear tried to be pumped by Erdoğan.

However, we must of course state that the general political effect of this day and the political campaigns towards the May Day was not enough to send a strong message to the fascist bourgeois state. Especially, 4 big workers' organizations which traditionally undertake the organization process and the negotiations with the state to determine where the meetings are held and the



conditions of them, DISK, KESK, TTB and TMMOB (first two are the largest confederations of trade unions, third one is union of workers from health sector and the last one is the union of engineers and architectures), easily accepted the square proposals of the state, Maltepe square in Istanbul and Tandoğan square in Ankara. Tak-



sim or Kadıköy squares in Istanbul and Kızılay or Sıhhiye squares in Ankara, which are both historically important and politically meaningful squares, were all banned by the state and did not even become a matter of discussions. The conditions of state of emergency pushed these workers' organizations back despite there are objections from their bases. Yet these objections didn't loud enough to force these squares on the May Day militantly.

And the vanguard revolutionary forces also didn't manage to put such practices. But the socialists demonstrated an ardent effort and unyielding determination up to the May Day. Tens of socialists in cities like Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Adana, Amed, Van, Samsun and so on were detained, bu still continued to go out to the streets to call people for the May Day. Just delivering legal brochures was even a reason for detention and of course, this also affected the quality of the whole campaign and the plans for the meetings. HDP joined the May Day with the banner 'For labor, honor nd freedom, we stand side by side, long live the 1st of May' and the Socialist Party of the Oppressed carried the banner 'Socialism will prevail'. Even though this May Day itself did not open a big door in the antifascist struggle or uplift it to a higher level, it surely gave a feeling of confidence to the masses. The people saw the determination both among themselves and the vanguard socialist forces. This realization is more significant than it normally should be since this May Day was just before the newly announced elections on June 24th. This May Day was also a political message to the bourgeois opposition and some sections of laboring left movement who expect to remove Erdoğan from power via

elections. The large number of HDP flags in the crowds was the sign of waves waiting to uprise. It will definitely be a building stone during this period of jumping board for mass struggle.

Marxist Leninist communists were among the masses on the streets and the squares both on the upcoming days with their political mass work and on the May Day from Rojava cantons to Bakur Kurdistan cities, from Turkey to European cities. In Rojava, in cities of Girkê Legê, Tirbespiye, Qamişlo, Dirbesiye, Serêkaniye, Haseke, Kobanê, Manbij in the regions of Cizire and Fırat, massive celebrations were held with the joining of Kurdish, Arabic and other peoples. The special contribution of Marxist Leninist communists in Rojava must be underlined for bringing the May Day into agenda, for press releases, preparation picnics, political works among workers and laborers. The Initiative for the Unity and Solidarity of Peoples (SYPG) and Free Socialist Women (JAS), which have taken an active role in organizing the May Day celebrations in Rojava, attended the rallies with banners "Protect Rojava Revolution, Liberate Afrin", "Long live May Day, Long Live Socialism". First time this year, the fighters that belong to the Serêkaniye province celebrated the May Day with a special event. Speeches made by MLKP/Rojava, MLKP/KKÖ, YPG and YPJ forces are all gave once again the promise to fight for honor and freedom. Women participation in the demonstrations in Rojava were especially high and once more out the women's will as an assurance of the revolution. In Europe, what was coming forth different than usual demonstrations of the Turkish and Kurdish organizations was the call for boycott of tourism to Turkey and the solidarity slogans for the heroic



Afrin resistance and the condemnation of fascist Turkish state. HBDH (Peoples' United Revolutionary Movement) members also joined the demos with their banners and flags.

With all these laborious but worthy effort of the

communists in all the regions they organize, the May Day was faced standing tall and turned into an encouraging stepping point for the working class. Let the internationalism revive shoulder to shoulder with the working class of the world!

MLKP Members Defend the Self-Governance Resistances on Court

After the fascist Turkish state started to move for a total war process against the Kurdish liberation movement in 2015, the Kurdish people manifested their self-governance in many Northern Kurdistan cities and towns. Along with the mass curfews declared on those cities such as Şırnak, Diyarbakır, Silopi, Cizre, Nusaybin, the Turkish state mobilized all its military power, tens of thousands of soldiers and special forces including tanks and air forces in order to break the self-governance will of the peoples. While some of the civilian population stayed in their neighborhoods even under the most severe conditions and exposed to massacres, hundreds of Kurdish youth on the other hand joined to the defense resistance led by the civilian self-defense units (YPS). Nusaybin was one of the symbol towns of that heroic resistance, in which the MLKP warriors also took part and fought for months against the fascist Turkish state colonialism.

Here we present the statements of 2 MLKP fighters, Ismail Yılmaz and Süleyman Göksel Yerdut, on the Nusaybin self-governance case which was opened against 51 people after the town has been destroyed by the Turkish city.

Ismail Yılmaz:

"I am a member and a cadre of the Marxist Leninist Communist Party (MLKP) and this is an honor for me, I am proud of it. As it is included in our party's programme, we recognize the right of self-determination of nations. Just as of the Kurdish people, we recognize this right for all peoples living in our country. And we follow our party MLKP's perspective of conducting this struggle with the Kurdish people together.

The Kurdish people has been exposed to massive attacks and now, these attacks continue with the Afrin occupation. I condemn this

occupation. We firmly believe that sooner or later, the oppressed peoples of Syria and of many other countries around the world will achieve to govern themselves. That is just a historical necessity.

Not so long ago, ISIS was Turkey's collaborator, let loose to attack Kurds and oppressed peoples, but after a while, it became a trouble for the peoples of Turkey. The same will happen with those gangs so-called the Free Syrian Army (FSA). The ones [the Turkish state] cooperating with the FSA today will very soon see how they'll become a trouble for the peoples of Turkey. But it will be the peoples who will suffer from the burden of this dirty cooperation.

Self-governance, yes, it may seem that nothing has been gained for today, but we know that the Paris Commune that lasted for only 70 days had become a great light for the Soviets in 1917. The Soviet Revolution took place with the light of the Paris Commune. Every people's demand for the self-governance is legitimate. It might seem to be inconclusive for today, but it will definitely shed light on the upcoming great revolutions.

Throughout this process of the State of Emergency (OHAL), they are trying to build a fascist, racist and sexist order. Today, the peoples of Turkey, workers, laborers and the poor are all subjected to a massive oppression. (...) The judiciary in Turkey has never been independent





and actually it is impossible to be. It is class-bounded. We have seen how it is class-bounded in the verdict of the Torunlar Construction Company case [where 10 construction workers was killed by a workplace murder]. The court acted class-oriented and preferred to ignore that massacre. We also see this truth in the case of the murderers of the 301 miners in Soma. There is no justice for the workers and for the poor peoples to come out from these courts. Nobody should have such an expectation.

Kurds and Alevis are under a huge suppression. Women keep on being murdered each day. In this atmosphere, no one can make us believe that this country is governed with a democratic fashion, or the courts are just and independent. Everything is so clear; the peoples of Turkey, the poor, the workers, nobody believes it. Each day, the president of this country insults people; he keeps on insulting women, Alevis or Kurds. (...) There is no difference between the Hitler's Germany and today's Turkey. If there is something to be tried here, it is nothing other than this system itself. But is there any court to do this? No, this is not possible. But it will be done by the workers of this country; the laborers and the oppressed will try this system.

Our party MLKP is present in the Rojava revolution as well. Rojava will prevail. No one will manage Rojava to be surrendered. The occupants will go away and the peoples of those lands will stay. As Mrs. Naciye, the representative of the TKP (the Communist Party of Turkey) said in the Soviet Women's Congress in 1920's: "It is true that we are walking on a dark path, or standing on a sharp cliff. But we are not afraid. Everyone has to go through the darkness in order to see the sunrise." Yes, we are going through that darkness now. But definitely, we will definitely see that sun."

Süleyman Göksel Yerdut :

Under the state of emergency, through the statutory decrees, a despotic rule has started to be built by abolishing all democratic rights and freedoms, as well as seizing the constitutional rights. We are experiencing every sort of violations of human rights. But even under these conditions, we will keep on our struggle for a gender-free, equal, just and free world.

This country is not unfamiliar to the reality of military coups. Those murderer generals, who had been highly praised by the state for their

special roles in Turkey's dirty war against Kurdistan, made a coup attempt on the 15th of July, 2016. And this coup attempt was used as an excuse to dismiss the constitution and abolish the legislative, executive and judiciary power in order to build a one-man dictatorship with nationalist, fascist ideological arguments. This dictatorship is the continuation of a tradition that we are historically familiar to. Beginning from the Bab-ı Ali case in 1913, the same coup mechanic, which has been perpetuated through endless conspiracies and murders till now, is triggered again with a brandnew form for today with the dark face of AKP. All of those coups (either the one at 1925, which eliminated various communities and peoples from different beliefs and shaped the republic with the narrow-minded national chauvinism, or others started with the 60', 71' and 80' coups and became systematized after being re-designed in 2008) reveal that this same mechanic works for nothing other than an internal liquidation within the state; they are all involved in a struggle to capture the state power. And for those dirty sakes, ancient peoples of this country, peoples from various beliefs, identities and cultures were exposed to massacres and vanished. Majority of them were exiled, those who stayed have been imposed the assimilation policies. Today, we are witnessing the same situation.

The palace junta has been raving about the slogan of "democracy" right after it prevented the 15th of July coup attempt. And by persecuting peoples with the State of Emergency, it has showed its understanding of democracy. This civil coup of the AKP was not intended to prevent possible military coup attempts, but in fact it was for suppressing every opposite voices against it. Now the bill of these dirty politics appears as suppression, cruelty and exploitation on our oppressed peoples. There is no toleration for any sort of opposition. Any kind of criticism is enough to be marked as a "traitor" or "terrorist". But we will not hush. We will grow our struggle and keep on standing loyal to the memories of the martyrs of revolution, those symbols of the great humanity.

The ideological, political and organizational rejection of the oppressed has created also a social crisis for the state which is already in a governing crisis. And the fear barriers that it chose to put forth for the sake of overcoming this crisis are all vain. The growing rejection against all those suppression, cruelty, exploitation and



torture put after the 15th of July is spreading day by day as a dynamic element of our oppressed peoples' struggle for equality, justice and freedom. And this shakes the basis of the state of emergency regime. There will definitely be a response for what has happened in the hearts and the consciousness of the oppressed millions. The equality, justice and freedom desire of the oppressed has become a burning demand. Just as how Karl Marx said, "every problem emerges along with solution possibilities in its bosom". Our peoples will overthrow these dictatorship regimes destroying the lands of Anatolia and Mesopotamia, and achieve to bring freedom. We have a full trust on this. This is a truth that cruelty fails to darken: the most intense moment of darkness is the closest one for the dawn. While ending this part of my speech with our slogan "we are the future, we are the hope!", I would like to continue my words by detailing our party's ideological, political and social paradigm.

The history of our party can be summarized as the history of resistance, freedom and humanity; from the comrades Şeyh Bedrettin to Mustafa Suphi, Deniz Gezmiş to Kemal Pir, Hasan Ocak to Sabahat, Kutsiye Bozoklar to Beritan, and from Eylem to Medine. With its programme foretelling the upcoming news of a humane life for all oppressed laborer classes, oppressed peoples and for the women in particular, our party MLKP claims a paradigm built upon a moral and political future. Embracing a variety of diverse cultures, identities, beliefs and languages in a socialist society free from any kind of nationalist, reactionary, sexist arguments, it defends our peoples' right to live together under equal rights and freedom; so as it defends their right of self-determination. Rather than monist, homogeneous, assimilationist, fascist and racist system closed to any kind of diversity, our party recognizes and claims a governing system in which equality, justice and freedom are all shared by everyone. We deny the understanding that drives people from one election to another without recognizing their free will. This is why we defend and struggle for a social reality in which peoples directly govern themselves with their own institutional will(...)

We do believe in the legitimacy of the local self-governances that present peoples' own political and institutional will with the self-governance declarations. Our land has a multi-cultural, multi-literal structure including diverse beliefs and

identities. I clearly state that the concept of nation state which develops hostile politics against all these diversities, has no legitimacy at all. (...)

Together with the the last words of the 68' movement leaders Hüseyin İnan, Yusuf Aslan on the execution stand, I strongly believe that the last slogan of Deniz Gezmiş, "Long live the fraternity of Turkish and Kurdish peoples!", is the right guide for the solution of the existing chronic social problems that we have been facing with. That's why I count it as an internationalist duty to express our ideas on the legitimacy of our peoples' just and libertarian struggle with the multi-cultural democratic nation perspective against this racist mentality.

It is an inevitable internationalist duty and responsibility to have a revolutionary stance against the monist politics of the fascist chauvinist mentality, which has already turned our lands into a graveyard of cultures and will result in only new tragedies of genocide, just as how it has been since 1915 with our Armenian people or the Assyrian, Alevi, Hebrew and other peoples following after. You can talk about democracy only if you recognize the existence of others than yourself, of minority within the majority, and if you defend the right of their self-expression and self-existence. Here we are being tried because we defend these rights as the socialists. Without a doubt, it is the history which will decide who is the guilty one.

With the abolishment of peace negotiations, the isolation of the PKK leader Abdullah Öcalan has been intensified. If you try to enter Cizre, Sur and Nusaybin with bombardments of tanks, then the people just defend themselves. AKP's politics on Kurds is dragging the country to a total destruction. AKP is now in fear and worry. AKP became mad because of its hostility against Kurds. The politics of "peoples shall die, as long as AKP lives" is on the course.

State is a killing machine itself. They say "We will bring peace to Afrin". Those who fail to bring peace to Turkey cannot bring any peace to Afrin.

This trial has nothing to do with being lawful at all. We will never forget our bodies massacred in the basements of Cizre. This trial which I am tried in the name of the oppressed is an honor for me.

If the prosecutor is looking for a terrorist organization, he should just look to AKP itself.