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We commemorate with love, gratitude, and devotion the immortals who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of the working class, the poor, women, and oppressed peoples. We call on the working people, the poor, and the oppressed to organize commemorative actions and events to strengthen the struggle against fascism, colonialism, and patriarchy.

Brothers and sisters!

We are living in a time when the contradictions and the gap between oppressors and oppressed, exploiters and exploited, rich and poor are rapidly increasing, and the class struggle is becoming more relentless worldwide. The ruling bourgeoisie sees fascist legislation and fascist governments as saviors. It provokes chauvinism, patriarchy, anti-communism, and makes special efforts to organize psychological and intellectual support in the masses for reactionary, unjust wars in the name of nationalism. More and more regional colonialist wars are being ignited, in which the imperialist blocs and states participate are involved with their own plans. The desire to redivide the world is manifesting in various forms. The danger of a new imperialist world war is growing. The Earth is in danger of turning into a burning pine forest.

Brothers and sisters!

There is Palestine! Zionist Israel is trying to make the revolutionary and bourgeois-national resistance forces of Palestine sign a colonialist, slave peace and force the Palestinian people into slavery. To this end, it has turned Palestine into a cemetery. It is mobilizing all means to destroy the leaders of the

resistance. It wants to strike and break the revolutionary, anti-American and anti-Zionist parties and groups in the region that solidarize with the Palestinian resistance. In dirty, bloody collaboration with the US and NATO states, it seeks to break the will and gain regional hegemony and psychological superiority through military attacks against states such as Iran and Syria, which do not take its side.

There is Kurdistan! The Turkish bourgeois colonial state, under the rule of the fascist regime-in-chief, is striving to destroy the national-democratic gains and positions won in Northern Kurdistan through the glorious self-sacrifice of tens of thousands of martyrs and the Kurdish people who have endured great suffering. Furthermore, the fascist Turkish state wants to overthrow the revolutionary people's power in Rojava, destroy the resistance units and vanguards in the Medya Defense Zones, smash the Maxmur camp, and eliminate the democratic administration in Shengal in order to break the resistance and impose a colonial, slave-like peace.

For nine years, the fascist colonial state of Northern Kurdistan has ruled with a war regime and knows no bounds in massacres, persecuti-



on, arrests, and psychological warfare. Using airspace granted by the USA, it has been bombing the Medya Defense Zones continuously for nine years with various support from the USA, NATO and Israel, organizing assassination airstrikes. It rains bombs on Rojava and continuously carries out assassinations. It bombs Shengal, Maxmur and Sulaymaniyah and attacks the leading cadres of the national democratic struggle with drones and combat drones. In cooperation with the KDP and with the approval of the USA, it carries out invasions in South Kurdistan and, with the support of the USA and Russia, it launches occupation attempts in Rojava and Syria. It brings cities under colonial yoke. This fire has been going on for nine years now, spreading, expanding and intensifying.

While the colonialist fascist regi-

me-in-chief is waiting for the most favorable moment for a strategic attack on the Medya Defense Zones to force the Kurdish National Democratic Movement and the Kurdish people to a colonial peace, it is trying to isolate the guerrilla resistance just as it did with the self-government resistance with a slavish peace advance, a denied colonial solution. In doing so, it harbors the dream that the Kurdish people will become passive spectators of the war and a de facto wall will be erected between the guerrillas and the people of Northern Kurdistan, for which the fascist Devlet Bahçeli, the enemy of the Kurdish people and all oppressed people fighting for freedom, will offer a poisonous handshake.

It dreams of including in this plan the leader of the national democratic struggle, Abdullah Öcalan, whom he could not get to accept the slavish peace, despite having kept him for a quarter of a century under aggravated conditions of isolation.

Brothers and sisters!

There is no other way than resistance and struggle.

Throughout November, we remember the Immortals who, with their lives and struggles, illuminate

the path of workers, students, urban and rural laborers, the poor, the artists who continue to resist and fight, and give strength. Those who raised the flag in fascist ambushes, in besieged bases and positions, in the face of execution. Those who, in torture centers, survived the attack of forced disappearance and conquered death. Those who became martyrs in revolutionary offensives, sacrificial actions, war preparations, mass demonstrations. Those who went into eternity in factory occupations, land occupations, boycotts, strikes, uprisings such as June 15 and 16, Gazi, Gezi-June, and 6-8 October Kobanê Serhildan. Those who were pulled out of the struggle by illness while fulfilling their revolutionary tasks in resistance and organized life.

Among them were 17-year-olds and 50-year-olds. They were women, men, LGBTI+. They were Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Circassians, Armenians, Laz, Roma, Albanians, Bosnians. Some came from Alevi, Yazidi families, others from Muslim, Christian religions.

Whether decades or a century pass, their names, memories, and calls will not be forgotten; their flags will be passed from hand to hand. Their memory lives on in the actions and commemorations,

in poems, songs, marches, films, novels, books, newspaper and magazine articles, and in naming children, streets, squares, and neighborhoods after their names. They live on in the revolutionary fight against fascism, colonialism, patriarchy, capitalist exploitation, and imperialist plundering. They have become immortal.

Brothers and sisters!

As you all know very well, the struggle for freedom, social justice, and dignity cannot be fought without the sacrifices of the oppressed and exploited. A resistance for the right to unionize, a strike for higher wages or better working conditions, a boycott for the right to housing, a self-defense action by women, a practical-legitimate demonstration for the right to freedom of expression, press and assembly, a demonstration for the right to celebrate May Day in Taksim Square, a march for the release of sick prisoners and the end of isolation, a sit-in for the forced disappeared in “Saturday Mothers” Square, a march or occupation in resistance against the fascist colonialist trustee attack, a demonstration against unjust colonial wars - all these actions reflect determination and resilience to the extent that the participants make sacrifices. You will not shy away

neither cold nor heat, neither snow nor storm. You will endure hardship without leaving the picket line, even if you are sick; you will share your bread and still continue the fight. You will endure the attack of the fascist, colonial, patriarchal police, beatings, injuries, arrests and imprisonment. Just as you will sit in a cold room wrapped in a blanket because of high natural gas prices or wait in line for a cheap grocery store in the rain and cold to get food.

The Immortals are the representatives of the highest form of sacrifice shown by the workers and the poor in their daily lives and in various struggles. They are heroes who have risked their lives for the freedom, equality, honor and happiness of the workers, women and peoples and have raised self-sacrifice to such a level. They are not superhumans, but a new type of human beings who have decided to fight for a new life and to live freely and doing what is necessary for it. They are forerunners of faith, of sincerity, of overcoming individualistic small worlds, and the great life. Hence the love, respect, admiration, gratitude for them and the fact that they are considered sacred people. Let the intellectual chatterers, whose standard of sacri-

fice is at the lowest levels, complain about the characterization of “martyrdom” and “immortality”, let them feel uncomfortable about the true image of reality.

Continue to give your children the names of the Immortals, write folk songs, poems and hymns for the martyrs, pass on their memories, struggles, ideals and last letters from generation to generation, visit them where they were buried, take care of their graves. Take part in the commemorations and actions that are organized in November and at other times of the year. Be guided by the Immortals who have set the bar of devotion high and are turning away from selfishness, the loss of solidarity culture, self-centeredness and the depletion of moral strength and wealth. Fulfill your duties to the Immortals by increasing your sacrifice for the development and growth of the struggle against fascism, colonialism, patriarchy, capitalist exploitation, and imperialist plunder, for the liberation of the working class and the oppressed.

The martyrs are our guideposts!

The Immortals Live - The MLKP Fights!

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New Struggles Against Trustee Appointments in Turkey



At the end of October, the Turkish fascist regime once again removed democratically elected mayors and replaced them with regime-appointed administrators loyal to the AKP. This fascist practice is part of the AKP-MHP's long-standing strategy to dismantle democratic gains and stifle political opponents. The latest wave of trustee appointments began on October 30 in Esenyurt, a district in Istanbul, where the mayor, Ahmet Özer from the bourgeois opposition CHP (Republican People's Party), was removed from office following a politically motivated demagogic court ruling. He was replaced by Can Aysoy, the deputy governor of Istanbul. Soon after, the same procedure was carried out in Mardin, Halfeti, and Batman—three cities in Northern

Kurdistan. The local co-mayors of these cities—Ahmet Türk, Mehmet Karayılan, and Gülistan Sönük—were dismissed on the pretext of alleged links to "armed terrorist organizations". Ahmet Özer, the CHP mayor of Esenyurt, was also arrested.

A few days later, trustees were appointed in the DEM Party-run provincial capital of Dersim and the CHP-governed district of Pülür. The AKP-MHP regime, having suffered a setback in the local elections, has long sought to undermine the municipalities governed by opposition parties, particularly in Kurdish-majority regions. In fact, attempts to install trustees began in the Kurdish province of Wan immediately after the elections, but these efforts were successfully resisted by the people.

The municipalities governed by The Peoples' Equality and Democracy Party (DEM Party) are built on antifascist anticolonial democratic principles, emphasizing gender equality and the representation of diverse ethnic groups. These elected representatives, and their model of democratic self-governance, are a thorn in the side of the fascist regime, which is intent on centra-

lizing power and suppressing any form of resistance. The recent wave of trustee appointments is part of a broader effort to dismantle the remaining democratic structures in Turkey and eliminate revolutionary democratic organizations.

The regime's repressive tactics—including arbitrary arrests, torture, and the imposition of trustees—are undeniable signs of the ongoing colonial fascist oppression. These actions cannot be obscured by the government's rhetoric of reconciliation or the false hope of peace negotiations. The reality is that the Turkish state is waging a campaign to impose a slavish peace, and the appointment of trustees marks only the beginning of a wider wave of attacks to weaken the ranks of the resistance.

Despite the repression, the population has not accepted these undemocratic appointments. Protests have erupted in many cities, particularly in Northern Kurdistan, where the response has been especially forceful. In Batman, Dersim, and other cities, people have taken to the streets in defiance, even as the authorities have banned protests. In Dersim, angry demonstrators clashed with police, erecting barricades and chanting, *Dersim is ours and will remain ours!* The po-

lice responded with rubber bullets and tear gas to suppress the unrest.

In response to the protests in Mardin, Halfeti, and Batman, over 200 people have been arrested across 47 provinces. Additionally, the DEM Party's office in Esenyurt was raided, and several party members, including co-chairs Rojda Yilmaz and Abdullah Arinan, were arrested and interrogated for hours.

While protests in Turkish cities outside of Kurdish-majority areas remain relatively weak, this is largely due to the influence of pro-state character the CHP. However, the resistance in Northern Kurdistan is a crucial development in the broader democratic revolutionary struggle. There is growing recognition that only a popular uprising—a Serhildan—can push back against the fascist attacks, as was demonstrated in Wan.

The successes of the resistance in Wan, where the AKP's attempts to impose a trustee were defeated, serve as an important example of what can be achieved through unity and determination. A united, popular struggle is the key to halting the Turkish bourgeois state's fascist agenda. Our central political task now is to unite and amplify the anger and determination of the entire resistance movement.



On November 25th, We Are on the Streets Against Male and State Violence, Colonial and Zionist Wars and Occupations!

On 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we unite in our hearts with millions of women around the world who are taking to the streets against patriarchy, male violence, the patriarchal capitalist system and the patriarchal crimes of fascist, colonial regimes. In our uprising, we raise our voices resolutely and angrily against the patriarchal system!

This year, too, we commemorate the Mirabel sisters with love, respect and great anger against fascism and patriarchy. We raise the

collective struggle, the united fight of women for freedom and equality, in the name of the women who were murdered or driven to suicide in the patriarchy and who inspired great women's struggles, from Jina Amini in Iran to Romina Tejerina in Argentina. We strengthen the united struggle of women for freedom and equality against the criminal unity of men, the male complicity in the crime-ridden landscape ruled by men. We commemorate the women murdered by colonial occupation and war attacks in Bakur, Rojava and all of Kurdistan, in

Palestine and Lebanon, and honour their resistance against colonialism and war.

This year's protests on 25 November take place under the conditions of increasing wars and occupation attacks in the region. The politics of imperialists, as well as the reactionary, colonial, and fascist states in the region, promote the enslavement of the peoples of the Middle East, leading to an increase in violence, murders and enslavement of women.

This is why thousands of women are massacred in the occupation attacks of Israeli Zionism in Palestine and Lebanon, and thousands of women are imprisoned, sexually tortured and raped.

For this reason, women in Iran who fight to the death against the regime are abducted, disappeared, tortured, sexually tortured, and executed.

This is why the colonial-fascist leader Tayyip Erdoğan is aware that the survival and stabilisation of his regime depends on the abolition of women's hard-won rights and the restriction and suppression of the women's movement on an Islamist-patriarchal basis. By any means necessary, he surrounds the women's movement, the fema-

le body, and the labor force of women.

In Turkey and Bakur, the gender contradiction has intensified so much, and the struggle against patriarchy has become so fierce, that dozens of forms of violence against women are measured primarily in massacres and murders. The policy of the fascist regime-in-chief, which usurps women's achievements and allows male violence to go unpunished, is having an effect and violence is on the rise. More than 400 women have been murdered by male violence in the past year. The stinking, corrupt, dehumanised male domination, male sexuality, male power stretch out their dirty hands towards children and commit abuse, rape and massacre. Colonialist fascism increases heterosexist aggression as part of its sexist attacks, seeks to crush the LGBTI+ movement and destroy the openly identified LGBTI+ presence in society, to this end it justifies all kinds of violence and massacres with impunity.

Revolutionary female prisoners and political vanguards of the united struggle are held as hostages in prisons, and the achievement of co-leadership is seized through forced administrative coups. While women who defend themselves are

imprisoned for decades, the release of murderers and perpetrators of violence against women leads to the murder of even more women in dozens of cases.

One pillar of the stabilization of patriarchy is direct state violence; the other pillar is the encouragement of male violence through a policy of impunity. On one side, police, military, and judicial bureaucracy violently attack women's organizations, vanguard women, and women's actions, leading to murders, arrests, and prison sentences. On the other side, harassment, rape, torture, murder of women, hate violence against LGBTI+ people, and male abuse and sexual violence against children are tolerated with impunity.

We will not bow to the attacks of the colonial fascist ruling regime! We will defend the hard-won rights and positions of women against these attacks! We will strengthen the united resistance of women against imperialist, colonialist wars, occupations, and fascism!

On 25 November, in the fight against male violence we will be the voice of Iqbal, Ayşenur, Rojbin, and dozens of women who were murdered this year.

We will confront male and state

violence with the organized violence of women. We will strengthen organized struggle and organized self-defense. We will not give up involving women in self-defense and responding to male violence with the legitimate violence of women.

We will not refrain from becoming subjects in social life and political struggle, subjects of the resistance of workers and labourers against capital, fascism, and colonialism, the struggle for freedom and equality in Kurdistan, and will actively organize in anti-fascist organisations.

From Istanbul to Amed, from Kobanê to Heseke, from the Middle East to Europe, we will take to the streets with rallies, practical-legitimate actions, night marches, holding the fascist ruling regime and patriarchy accountable for their politics of violence and impunity.

We will strengthen organised self-defence against male violence! We will strengthen the united struggle of women against fascism and colonialism!

Long live the women's revolution!
Long live socialism!

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Women's Leadership