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## To the Squares on May 1st for Freedom, Justice, and a Dignified Life! Let Us Unite in Taksim, on the May Day Squares!

We live under the yoke of an exploitative, unjust, and inhumane order in which the rich grow richer every year while the poor grow poorer. The torment and suffering of workers, women, oppressed peoples, laborers, and youth know no end. Life, which should be a great celebration, has instead become a misery of sorrow, full of poverty, deprivation, unemployment, and injustice. The class of capital clings to fascist governments, fascist presidential regimes, and fascist dictatorships to protect this vile capitalist order that holds the world in its clutches and its guardians, the patriarchal bourgeois states, from the wrath of the working class. the poor. and the laborers. The working class and the oppressed have no choice but to unite, organize, and struggle. Otherwise, it would be impossible for them to maintain even their human dignity in this world of plunder and oppression.

## Brothers and Sisters!

The American bourgeois state opened fire on workers striking for an eight-hour workday instead of the 15-hour workday on May 1, 1886, killing four workers. Eight union leaders were later arrested, and four of them were executed a year later. But this intimidation could not stop the working class. The blood shed gave life to the red flag of the working class. In 1889, the international organization of the working class, the Second International, decided that May 1 should be celebrated every year in all countries as a day of unity, solidarity, and struggle for the working class. Despite all the bans and bloody attacks by capitalist states, workers and oppressed people have been shouting out their anger, their demands, and their aspirations in the squares, at great sacrifice, every May Day for 135 years.

In October 1917, the working class in Russia and its colonies turned the world upside down, drawing inspiration from the struggles of the global working class in the 19th century. They led the October Revolution to victory, which brought a smile to their own faces as a class, to the oppressed peoples, to women as the oppressed sex, and to all the poor. For the first time, humanity witnessed a workers' revolution that destroyed the system of exploitation, a union of republics based on the equality of peoples, and the most comprehensive and qualified rights on the path to freedom for women to date. Likewise, just 20 years after the October Revolution, humanity realized that a new society was possible in which unemployment, lack of education, homelessness, a wasted life of poverty, and fear of the future were abolished. A society that says: "There is no liberation alone; it is either together or none!" and "Man is not a wolf to man, but a brother, a sister, a friend, and a comrade." This socialist society, which embodied the fraternal unity of dozens of peoples, waged a relentless war 25 years after the October Revolution, saving the world from enslavement to the fascism of Hitler and Mussolini, at the cost of 22 million people of all ages and genders who fell.

Today, the states and the bourgeois propaganda machine, which act as guardians, monitors, and executioners of the capitalist monopolies, are trying to make us forget all this. They are trying to turn May Day into a hollow parade through system-oriented trade unionists and reformist parties. They are doing everything in their power to sever May Day's connection with the tradition of solidarity and struggle.

Brothers and Sisters!

On May Day, let us become a united army and take over the squares to reclaim the democratic and economic rights that the working class worldwide, together with the oppressed, has selflessly fought for, and which have largely been stolen today. Let us transform our anger against capitalist exploitation, fascism, the patriarchal system, colonialism, and imperialism into fighting power. Let us raise the demand for a new life, a new world. Let us wave the flags of freedom, justice, and socialism in the squares. Let us unite in the squares from Amed to Istanbul against the fascist regime, which knows no bounds in its fascist, patriarchal, exploitative, and racist-colonialist cruelty and arrogance against workers, the poor, women, the Kurdish people, national communities, Alevi laborers, youth, LGBTI+ individuals, intellectuals, and artists in Turkey and Northern Kurdistan. Let us occupy the May Day Square in Istanbul, Taksim Square, and reclaim it from the thieves, guided by the desire raised by hundreds of thousands in the March Uprising to smash the Taksim ban and carry the uprising's demand for justice and freedom to new parts of society.

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Let us tear down the remaining walls of fear from the fascist regime and its arbitrary fascist bans with an enthusiastic flood of workers, women, youth, the poor, and the working people. Let us spread hope, morale, and the will to fight among the many millions of workers, the poor, women, and youth who have not yet joined the struggle. Let us take a strong practical and moral step toward the overthrow of the fascist regime.

Let Us Unite in Rojava and Syria!

Let us unite as workers, women, youth, laborers, and the poor from the Arab, Kurdish, Assyrian, Chaldean, Syrian, Armenian, Circassian, Druze, Turkmen peoples, as Yazidis, Druze, Alevis, Nusayris, Sunni Muslims, and Christians in the May Day squares for a united Democratic Republic of Syria and Rojava, based on the equality of peoples, the freedom of women, and the political freedom of workers and laborers, against the HTS regime, which is under the patronage of the USA, Great Britain, the EU, Turkey, and the Arab capitalist states, above all Saudi Arabia.

Let us march in Europe shoulder to shoulder with the working and oppressed peoples of Europe on May Day and say no to racism, fascism, the theft of rights, "pensions in the grave," the fascization of laws, violence against women, impoverishment, deportation of refugees, and the support of European states for the fascist regime of Tayyip Erdogan, Ahmed al-Sharaa's HTS, Zelensky's Ukraine, and the genocide of Zionist colonialist Israel in Palestine.

Rise Up, You Workers Who Carry the World on Your Shoulders!

Rise Up, Female Fighters for Freedom and Social Justice!

Rise Up, You Young People Who Are the Hope, Pride, and Future of Our Peoples!

Rise Up, You Oppressed and Laboring Forces of the World Who Are Fighting for a Life Without Borders, Exploitation, and Gender Separation!

Bijî Yek Gulan Bijî Sosyalizm! Long Live May Day! Long Live Socialism!

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