



TÜRKİYE KOMÜNİST PARTİSİ

Bütün ülkelerin proleterleri, birleşiniz !
Karkerên hemû welatan, yekbin !

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To the attention of the Central Committees of the fraternal Communist and Workers' Parties

Dear comrades,

On 20, 21, 22 October 2023 you received an invitation for the 23rd International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties in Izmir, Turkey.

Undoubtedly, it would always be an honour for us to welcome you in our country. But unfortunately under the conditions of a fascist regime in Turkey;

- While communists in Turkey are imprisoned and tortured,
- While a policy of genocide is being carried out against the Kurdish people,
- While the Kurdish regions of Iraq and Syria are bombed and occupied by jets every day,
- While the third largest party in parliament, the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), is being persecuted,
- While trustees have been appointed to 81 elected municipalities,
- Mayors, former HDP leaders and MPs have been held in prison for many years without being convicted,
- While in the famous Gezi resistance case, aggravated life imprisonment and heavy prison sentences have been handed down,
- People are sentenced to years in prison for the tweets they publish,
- Attempts to organise a union result in dismissal.
- While only 10 per cent of the 10 million insured workers in Turkey are unionised and the number of unregistered workers in the country is 30 million, holding this international meeting in Turkey will give legitimacy to the fascist regime.

For example, it is not possible for representatives of our party, the Communist Party of Turkey, which was founded on 10 September 1920 and is still banned in Turkey, to take part in such a meeting in Turkey. The work of our party continues illegally under the conditions of heavy conspiracy. It is not to be expected that the fake and state-sanctioned "TKP", whose real name is Sosyalist İktidar Partisi (SIP) and which is called TKP with the permission of the state, will show this sensitivity.

The founders of our party, comrade Mustafa Suphi and the members of the first Central Committee of the TKP, a total of 15 of our comrades, were treacherously killed in the Black Sea on the night of 28-29 January 1921 on the orders of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. At that time, comrade Mustafa Suphi and his comrades had travelled from Baku to participate in the national war of independence and to take part in the establishment of the new Turkish parliament in Ankara. It was Mustafa Kemal Atatürk who personally invited comrade Mustafa Suphi. His correspondence with comrade Mustafa Suphi is available in the archives of the Comintern and has been published by us.

At that time, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk had his own staff set up a fake "TKP" against our party. Later, after this party had fulfilled its function, it continued its way as the Republican People's Party (CHP) in 1922.

Today, we are facing a similar situation. It is not a normal situation in terms of communist politics that the state-sanctioned "TKP", which has invited you, is claiming Atatürk and this republic, which has no positive elements in its history except communist massacres, Alevi, Armenian, Greek and Kurdish genocides, as its own. Moreover, they have planned to invite you and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Republic with a party in Izmir. They also want to make you an instrument of this policy.

While a fascist regime, which is a fierce anti-communist, anti-worker and anti-people fascist regime, allows such a meeting in Izmir, it does not even allow the "Saturday Mothers", the mothers of 16,000 revolutionaries and patriots who were murdered in the 1990s without being solved, to make a press statement in Istanbul and attacks and arrests them every Saturday. Do you think that there is no contradiction in this situation?

Dear comrades,

Our party TKP worked closely with comrades Florakis, Arismendi, Cunhall and a number of other leaders of the international communist movement during the General Secretariat of comrade I. Bilen. The TKP was represented at the meetings of the world communist and workers' parties. Today, for example, Syria, Palestine, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Denmark, England, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, India and even more than one sister party from Turkey are invited, while our party tries to be excluded from these meetings. Our party was founded as the section of Turkey of the Comintern and has been represented in all international forums, starting from the Comintern. We ask you to reconsider this issue and put the representation of our party, which comes from the tradition of Mustafa Suphi and Comrade I. Bilen, on the agenda of the forum of the International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties and to take into account its views in the decisions.

Dear comrades,

In these circumstances, which we have tried to reflect to you, we suggest you to reconsider your decision to participate in such a meeting to be organised in Turkey.

With our communist greetings

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