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Statement by the MLKP Co-Chairs:

The pain of our working peoples is our pain, their anger is our anger!

Two earthquakes in Pazarçık and Elbistan districts in Maraş became the executioner of our Kurdish, Turkish and Arab working people in a very large area, including Rojava and part of Syria. As the fascist regime stayed away from the rubble in many cities, districts and villages throughout the day, the number of dead and injured is not yet fully known.

The scale of the destruction raises fears that thousands of people have lost their lives and thousands are injured.

Tens of thousands of poor women, men, children, and babies are struggling to cope with the cold and lack of basic necessities of life, and are enduring the pain, fear, and despair following the earthquake.

Despite this grave, shameful and infuriating picture, the spokesmen of the fascist regime that collects the earthquake tax from the workers and toilers and passes it on to the big monopoly capital make shameless and arrogant statements. After a fake earthquake test alarm, we see that no assembly centers have been prepared in the cities and districts, let alone that houses, hospitals and various official state buildings have not been built earthquake-proof, but have collapsed. We painfully observe the inadequacy of search and rescue teams, rescue equipment, and transport vehicles such as helicopters. As if all this were not enough, Tayyip Erdoğan and his lying trumpeters are trying to blame nature and fate, while the whole world knows that the loss of life and destruction can be reduced to almost zero by earthquake-proofing buildings and organizing residential areas according to scientific evidence. They might even try to declare our working peoples guilty. However, the earthquake



is only the death executor of the capitalist order of exploitation and the fascist chief regime.

We must increase our solidarity with the people of the cities, neighborhoods and villages affected by the earthquake. Let's share their pain and sorrows. Let's mobilize for their need of blood, shelter, food, clothing and drinks. While the warehouses of the pharmaceutical monopolies, the huge markets of monopoly capital, the warehouses and stores of the textile monopolies are filled to the brim, let us not allow our poor peoples to be helpless to the despair of death and destruction.

Let us express our anger in the streets against the fascist chief re-



gime, the denialist colonialism that uses the budget, created with the taxes collected from our peoples for health, housing and education, for the enrichment of the rich, for weapons and war, and not to prevent earthquakes and floods from becoming monsters that take lives, destroy, carry away and wash away.

The pain of our working peoples, especially the Kurdish people facing the earthquake, is our pain, their anger is our anger.

The head of the racist fascist palace regime, drenched in blood and crime, living in luxury and debauchery, its gang of peoples' enemies, its lying propagandists, its armed bureaucrats steeped in torture and massacres, will not be able to escape the justice of the oppressed!

With Respect We Remember Those Who Lost Their Lives in the Earthquake

We express our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the earthquake in Pazarcık and Elbistan in Mersin, which affected the entire region, and wish the injured a speedy recovery.

Earthquakes are a fact of nature. Protective measures against earthquakes are primarily the duty and responsibility of the state. However, capitalist states do not pursue the goal of ensuring a decent life: it is about more profit, more exploitation. More war and occupation. Their budget is not meant for the people.

The Turkish state boasts of building new drones and UAVs every day. But even hours after the earthquake, it has not reached the affected areas. It is mobilizing all its technical means in the war against our people and their revolutionary vanguards. Whenever it takes a revolutionary, a communist under fire, it presents this as superiority. But it is not capable of recovering thousands of people under rubble. This



is the reality of the Turkish colonial state! The remedy and friend of our peoples are the peoples themselves. Our peoples will survive this time with solidarity and mutual sharing.

Aid corridors must be established so that our peoples can reach each other. The embargo at the border gates must be lifted. The government in Damascus must immediately lift the embargo on Aleppo and allow aid organizations and families to reach the city.

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Revolutionary politics after the earthquake

After the Mersin earthquake of 2023, a completely new political situation has emerged in Turkey and Northern Kurdistan. Under the rubble of the houses, the character of the Turkish bourgeois state has come out with all clarity.

Political forces must understand this situation in all its dimensions and intervene in order to seize the revolutionary opportunities arising from it in the most effective way. Accordingly, immediately after the earthquake, the democratic and revolutionary subjects began to mobilize all their forces to practically organize solidarity with the affected people, and to build self-organization on the ground.

They participated in search and rescue operations with countless volunteers and collected relief supplies for the earthquake areas. In doing so, they act as a political mouthpiece for the urgent and vital demands of our peoples. With their sincere attitude, they win the trust of the peoples. They build alternative living spaces and forms where the bourgeois state apparatus has left gaps and cracks. Crisis coordination centers have been formed, consisting of a broad spectrum of political parties and organizations, associations and professional

chambers, justice and human rights organizations, and women's organizations.

At the same time, with their political agitation and actions, they are exposing the crimes of the political Islamist fascist regime, which is responsible for the mass murder of people and uses the destruction for self-enrichment. The temporary community and self-governing organizations built in the earthquake areas create awareness about the social needs of our peoples and the examples and experiences of self-government cannot be underestimated.

However, it is necessary to avoid liberal perspectives and not to fall into the misconceptions of urban transformations, self-governments and de facto autonomies that are substituted for major social upheavals. The limits of existing solidarity structures are clear. The bourgeois state has already begun massive repression against the solidarity forces.

The state terror is directed not only against political forces, but also against Syrian migrants, in order to divert attention from its own responsibility and to break the initiative of the population. The HDP solidarity center in Mersin was forcibly



evicted by the state and aid supplies were confiscated. Any social solidarity practice and organization is targeted by the state. It is shown once again that the construction and realization of a social life that fully meets the needs of our peoples for housing, health, education, work, etc., is possible only and exclusively with the abolition of this bourgeois state. For this reason, the popular committees and self-governing structures must organize resistance to the terror unleashed by fascist gangs and the police.

For this, the revolutionary left movement must organize a politics of hegemony that is distinct from the state in its work of solidarity and reconstruction of life. It is a matter of using the political power of our peoples against the state. The solidarity and organizational achieve-

vements of our peoples can only be protected, secured and made permanent through political power and action.

The revolutionary possibilities of the post-earthquake situation are coming to light. There is a great popular anger and awakening among the people, which is the basis for mass struggles. The crisis of the state and its inability to intervene meaningfully has been recognized by the masses. The rupture of large segments of the population with the state is growing. The fear within the regime can be seen in the threats announced by the fascist head of state after the earthquake and the declaration of a state of emergency. It is precisely under these intensifying conditions of state and government crisis that it is necessary to place the goal of overthrowing the political Islamist fascist chief regime at the center of our peoples' political agitation, propaganda and action. Revolutionary politics must re-establish the link between the „moment“ and the process and march forward under the new conditions of class struggle created by the earthquake. We are in a period of political refoundation in every sense. The revolutionary left must succeed in thinking its own existence and action directed towards destruction and construction.



The revolutionary communists will live in the present and future of Kurdistan!

The liberation of the Kurdish nation is the liberation of the Turkish, Arab, Persian workers and toilers in the states that hold the four parts of Kurdistan under the colonial yoke. It is the liberation of the whole Middle East, which has turned into a prison of the peoples. For this reason, the People's Armed Army, which is fighting for all the achievements of the Kurds in the four parts of Kurdistan, the fighting guerrillas and their leading commanders are targeted by the Turkish bourgeois state, the reactionary government in Damascus and the Iranian mullah regime. These states, which have contradictions and conflicts with each other on many other issues, essentially agree that Kurdistan must remain a

colonial country.

There are two camps in the class struggle in Kurdistan. On one side are revolutionaries and communists fighting for a free and socialist Kurdistan. On the other side are the USA, Russia, Iran, Damascus and Turkey. Today, it is the Turkish state that has taken the leadership of the counter-revolutionary front.

The fascist AKP-MHP dictatorship is the ruling body of a patriarchal, capitalist and colonialist state. The character of this state is exploitative and genocidal. For the construction of the Turkish state, Kurds, Armenians, Assyrians and Greeks were massacred, expelled from their homes and their property was

confiscated.

The fascist dictator Erdoğan is now continuing this line of the Turkish bourgeois state. This is the historical and current meaning of the hostility of the fascist Turkish state towards the revolutionary communist peoples' vanguards and the Kurds.

The Turkish bourgeois state wants to consolidate its colonialist presence in Kurdistan by liquidating all vanguard organizations of the Kurds. The Turkish state also knows that the construction of a free Kurdistan means the end of the Turkish colonial state. For this reason, it has concentrated all its strength on two strategic goals: The liquidation of the guerrillas and the destruction of the democratic autonomous Kurdish state that started in Rojava and expanded to northeastern Syria. Every step that the Kurds take on the road to freedom becomes an inspiration for the working Kurdish people in other regions. The Turkish colonial state aims to destroy this hope of our people to live in a free and united Kurdistan.

The poverty of our working people in Turkey and in Northern Kurdistan is increasing day by day, unemployment is increasing, murders of women are increasing and nature is being destroyed. The language, identity and culture of the Kurds are being assimilated and the Kurdish

existence is being denied. In the face of this colonialist reality, the revolutionary-democratic autonomous structure in Rojava and Northeast Syria is rising as a very strong alternative. It is becoming the leading locomotive of the struggle for freedom in other parts of Kurdistan and the peoples. The reason for organizing offensives to the mountains of Kurdistan and Rojava is this revolutionary existence.

It is this reality that drives the Turkish bourgeois state, the fascist AKP-MHP dictatorship to madness.

This reality cannot be built without pioneering and leading parties. If the women and people's uprising in Iran, which has been going on for five months, does not create progress towards revolutionary empowerment, it is because there is no unified revolutionary leadership. The revolutionary leadership is the power consciousness of the popular uprising. For this reason, the revolutionary leadership is always the first strategic target of liquidation and annihilation attacks. Specifically, the attacks against the PKK and the MLKP fall into this area.

Why is the communist movement in Rojava targeted?

In Rojava, the contradictions between nations have essentially been resolved. The class contradiction and the gender contradiction are among the most fundamental prob-



lems that still await resolution. This is the most important task that lies ahead of the communists. The only way to solve the class and gender contradiction is along a socialist-patriotic line of the Rojava revolution.

There is a very strong revolutionary and communist tradition in Turkey and Northern Kurdistan. The fact that this tradition is taking root in Rojava is, of course, a great danger for the Turkish colonial state. We can say that the revolutionary communists have reached the level of a political force that has been recognized in Rojava, which has the approval of our peoples and created confidence in the communist movement. The revolutionary communists have taken root in Rojava.

The fascist Turkish colonial state has taken it upon itself to tear out these roots and liquidate the communist

movement.

The targeted assassination of the communist leaders Baran Serhat, Ahmet Şoreş and commander Firat Newal, the communist vanguards Ferhat and Metin, who play an important role in our history of Rojava, is also related to the same goal.

The response of the communists to the attack on comrade Baran Serhat was the convening of the 1st Rojava Conference. At this conference, the decision was made to organize the communist movement in Rojava on a new level.

This decision means the reorganization of the mass political work and the military political work on a new and more advanced level, as well as the ideological and political deepening of the defense of our revolution. With this step, with the accumulated experiences and

lessons learned, the insistence and determination on the line of socialist patriotism was developed.

One of the most important defenders and builders of this determination and line is Comrade Ahmet Şoreş. As a vanguard and commander dedicated to the cause of freedom of Kurdistan and communism, he has succeeded in becoming the founder and fighter of this line.

Comrade Ahmet Şoreş, who devoted 10 years of his 34-year revolutionary life, to the defense and construction of the Rojava Revolution in Rojava, gave qualities to the existence of the revolutionary communists Rojava. He was the founder of Şehit-Serkan and Şehit-Sarya battalions and took the task and responsibility of training dozens of revolutionary and communist fighters.

In addition, he was the commander of the communist and international battalion fighters in the offensives of Hol, Şehit Rubar, Raqqa, Tişrîn, Manbij, Silûk and Girê Spî. Through his participation in the work of the communes and councils, he pioneered the social construction of the revolution.

The most important response to the assassination of comrades Ahmet and Firat, Ferhat and Metin is to defend the revolutionary position in Rojava, which has turned into a war front. The first task of defense is to

strengthen the organization among the population, especially among the young women and men. It is to organize a labor mobilization aimed at winning dozens of new communist cadres. It consists in seizing all revolutionary tasks with all hands. It is about strengthening a consciousness and revolutionary discipline with which all kinds of games and attacks of the enemy will be thwarted. „Rojava welatê me ye! Em bernadin!“ must gain importance in organization, action and defense.

This is the instruction of our immortals, Ahmet Şoreş and Firat Newal. When the instruction comes, it is the duty of a fighter to fulfill its requirements. Communist fighters to the tasks! in the service!

Karl Marx said in his commemoration of the martyrs of the Paris Commune: „The martyrs are enshrined forever in the great heart of the working class“. Comrades Ahmet and Firat are also enshrined in the heart of the peoples of Kurdistan.

The communist leader Ahmet Şoreş and the red commander Firat Newal, our comrades are immortal!

Long live the free socialist Kurdistan!

Long live our party MLKP for the victory of the revolution!

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