

Solidarity with the Greek workers against the imperialist war!

Letter of response to the Communist Party of Greece

We express solidarity under the banner of the proletarian internationalism

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On April 4, the mass strike rally in the Port of Thessaloniki held against the NATO's intervention in the war in Ukraine. At this port a NATO ship berthed in order to transfer military equipment to Eastern Europe. The police forces carried out an attack against the strikers. Among them there were the core members of the Communist Party of Greece (KKE) and the Communist Youth of Greece (KNE).

What written here is the solidarity message of the Standing Steering Committee, Activist Group Shisō-Undō to the Central Committee of KKE which invite to express the internationalist solidarity.

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Dear comrades,

From Japan, we send the hearty and comradely greetings of solidarity to the workers organized by KKE and PAME, and to the workers of other mass organizations that support the struggles and take actions. They are organizing the struggles against the own imperialism from the ground up, against the ND government escalating participation to the imperialist war between Russia and Ukraine (with NATO, the U.S. and EU behind it), and with the strikes that bring the production and distribution to a halt.

KKE, and workers and working people who rally to KKE practice the most class oriented and principled struggles in the spirit of the proletarian internationalism that the working class and the working people of the world stop the imperialist war by striking against the war-mongering forces of the own countries. These struggles inspire the working class and the working people all over the world beyond the national borders, and point the way in the struggles against the imperialist war. We firmly support the practices of your party.

And during the struggles of the strike eight participants were unjustly arrested due to the police repression, including two members of the Central Committee of the KKE and a member of the Central Council of KNE. The prosecutor set the trial date for 15 June. We denounce the outrageous decisions of the Greece judiciary with the full fury with the working people around the world struggling against the imperialist war. The Greece judicial authorities must immediately guarantee the political freedom of the eight comrades who led the struggles against the war.

It is always the camp of the workers and working people, never the camp of the ruling class, who lose their lives and injured, and are forced to live as the refugees in the imperial war. The

ruling class is profiting handsomely by providing the weapons of the murder in this war without their own hands dirty. In particular, the rulers of NATO, the U.S. and EU, and the KISHIDA Fumio administration of Japan which is working with them, are making the hypocritical gesture of shedding “crocodile tears” under the mask of “humanitarianism” to prolong and bog down this disastrous war, and to get the imperialism’s share of the profits. These are the mirror images of the ND government in your country.

Under this situation, online speech of the President of Ukraine, V. Zelenskiy, at the Japanese Diet on March 23 was attended by all ruling and opposition parties except for a few members, who gave him a standing ovation after his speech. We have witnessed the similar cruelty many times in the process of the imperialization of the Japanese capitalism since the modern era.

What we should do against the muddy stream of the imperialist war?

This is vividly illustrated in the following call drafted by Karl Marx in 1864.

“--- to master themselves the mysteries of international politics; to watch the diplomatic acts of their respective governments; to counteract them, if necessary, by all means in their power; when unable to prevent, to combine in simultaneous denunciations, and to vindicate the simple laws or morals and justice, which ought to govern the relations of private individuals, as the rules paramount of the intercourse of nations.” (From “The Inaugural Address of the International Working Men’s Association”)

This call is the attitude that we should take, and it is exactly what your party, PAME and the mass organization that support it are doing in Greece right now.

In the modern world under the threat of the thermonuclear war, which could bring the co-extinction of the classes, the U.S. imperialist and its allies, the Japanese imperialist have not relaxed their hands making the wars in Asia. China and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea are well aware of these facts, and so they are not neglecting their defenses and are demanding diplomatic solutions to the situation in Ukraine.

Even now, the U.S. Navy’s “USS Abraham Lincoln” Carrier strike group has entered of the Sea of Japan (East Sea), to enforce the joint military exercise by Japan and the U.S. began on April 13, and then the joint military exercise by the Republic of Korea and the U.S. will begin on April 18. The situation in Ukraine should be of no concern of ours, but it is closely related to the East Asia region where we live.

We too, with “The Inaugural Address of the International Working Men’s Association” in mind, will take the actions together with the people who share the same spirit in Japan to tie the hands of the war arsonists.

Workers of all nations, unite under the banner of the proletarian internationalism!

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