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1.1. SACP CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF PEOPLE IN TURKEY AND EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED

11 October 2015

SACP Statement

The South African Communist Party (SACP) condemns in strongest terms possible the systemic suppression of the Kurds and mass killings of people in Turkey. Yesterday, at least 97 people were killed and many others injured in a bombing in the Turkish capital, Ankara. The victims were among the people who had gathered for a peace march. The SACP expresses its sincere condolences to all the families that have lost their loved ones and wishes all those who were injured speedy and full recovery.

The SACP further expresses revolutionary solidarity with the Kurdish people.

The Kurds have suffered from oppression for a very long time, including a ban on their language and cultural assimilation under successive Turkish regimes. The suffering imposed on the Kurds by Turkey and several other countries in that Middle East region is not dissimilar to the sufferings experienced by Africans in South Africa under successive colonial and apartheid

regimes.

This apartheid-type social, economic and political suppression of the people of Kurdistan by Turkey is the root cause of the problem of the bombing that took place yesterday. The Turkish government must be held accountable for yesterday's mass murder and the rest of the other murders committed by Turkish authorities in the history of the oppression of the Kurdish people. Between 1937 and 1938 approximately 70 000 people, mostly Kurds, were killed and thousands were forced to flee into exile in what many scholars characterised as a part of the Turkification of the Kurds, their land, basic wealth and resources.

What the Kurds need is freedom, including democratic decision-making and control of their own destiny in their entire land that has been partitioned between different countries - Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria - NOT WAR!!

Source://www.sacp.org.za/main.php?ID=4908#sthash.deKXynKA.dpuf

1.2. 25 FIGHTING YEARS OF LESOTHO TEACHERS TRADE UNION (LTTU), 25 YEARS OF UNBROKEN STRUGGLE

13 October 2015

Vuyani Tyhali, General Secretary of Lesotho Teachers Trade Union.

.....“In other words, the sort of Party Cadre we want, despite the fact that we are a big party, is an activist not the one who just sits on his or her chair and boast about Party Membership. We want somebody who is involved totally in the struggle to transform our society.” Chris Hani.

“Tell no lies and claim no easy victories” Amilcar Cabral”.

The objectives of this article are amongst others:

- a. After reading this article, the reader will be able to write the year in which Lesotho Teachers Trade Union (LTTU) was formed and why it was formed.
- b. The reader will be able to write the names of the organisations that formed LTTU
- c. The reader will be able to state the role played by the Youth in LTTU struggles
- d. The reader will be able to list the 1990 and 1995 teachers' demands
- e. The reader will be able to state the role played by the Communist Party of Lesotho (CPL) during the 1990 teachers strike
- f. The reader will be able to list the achievements of LTTU

Brief Historical Background of LTTU

Lesotho Teachers Trade Union (LTTU) was born in the Crucible of the struggle in September 1990. Three Teachers Organisations namely the National Association of Lesotho Teachers (NALT), Lesotho African National Teachers Association (LANTA) and Lesotho Union of Teachers (LUT) came together and formed LTTU. The catalyst to the formation of LTTU was the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. The IMF and World Bank were invited to Lesotho by the then Lesotho Military Government in 1988 to revive Lesotho's declining economy. The IMF introduced its notorious Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) in 1990. Civil Servants salaries as well as teachers' salaries were cut down severely. The three teachers splinter organisations namely LANTA, NALT, LUT convened a meeting with the exception of Lesotho Association of Teachers (LAT). LAT refused to attend the meeting because the three had wanted to oppose the IMF SAPS in Lesotho. The LAT regarded the meeting of the three organisations as being anti-military government. The three organisations channelled the teachers' anger towards the formation of one teachers' organisation.

In Butha-Buthe teachers' anger was harnessed. A district meeting for teachers was convened. A new set of teachers' demands was compiled. Teachers in the Roma Valley convened a meeting and compiled a set of teachers' demands. Activists from the

three teachers' organisations under the banner of Teachers Strike Committee (TSC) or Lesotho Teachers Coordinating Committee (LTCC) met and consolidated the Butha-Buthe teachers' demands and the Roma Valley teachers' demands. Activists did not boast about their leadership positions but were very active in changing the teachers living conditions.

The 1990 Teachers Demands

Teachers were paid Palliative Salaries in 1990. A Primary Teachers Diploma (PTD) earned R250.00 a month, holders of a Secondary Teachers Diploma earned R350.00 a month, and a Diploma holder earned R400.00 while a Degree holder earned R600.00. This is why the teachers then were angry with the then Military Government and rejected the IMF SAPS. We demanded as teachers:

- a. 300% for the lowest paid teach, 200% pay for Middle Category, 100% pay for the highest paid category
- b. We demanded Free Education
- c. We demanded Car Advance and Housing Allowance
- d. We demanded Pension for the aged teachers and death gratuity which was not enjoyed by teachers
- e. We demanded recognition of one of the Teachers Associations

We demanded that the then military government should have responded within two months March and April 1990 of face the teachers strike by May 1990. We further demanded a refund of the cut salaries. The Military Government did not head the teachers' ultimatum. Teachers in the Butha-Buthe district downed chalks on the 17th May 1990 while country wide teachers downed chalks on the 30th May 1990.

The Response of the Military Government

The Lesotho Military Government was very fascistic then. We were told that the budget had already been made and there was no way that our demands could be met in 1990. The Military Government organised country wide rallies denouncing the teachers strike led by the STC or LTCC. The Military Government refused to meet the STC or LTCC leaders. The Military Government viewed or regarded the teachers strike as an insurrection organised by the underground military wing of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) Umkhonto Wesizwe (MK). Sometimes we were accused of being influenced by the Catholic Church to go on strike or the Basotho National Party (BNP). The ANC accusation was made because some of the former leaders of the Committee for Action and Solidarity for Southern African Students (CASSAS) formed by Chris Hani at the National University of Lesotho (NUL) were leading the TSC/LTCC. Some of these leaders of the TSC or LTCC were detained.

The response of the TSC or LTCC

We advised Principals to convene meetings in our various schools to tell parents about the strike and close schools and they complied. District Parents education crisis committees were formed through our efforts and demanded the Military Government to address the teachers' grievances. We selected twenty (20) beautiful single females and ordered them to smile and visit the chairman of the Military Council and Council of Ministers and advise him to meet the TSC/LTCC leaders. We had known that members of the Military Council had an excellent appetite towards ladies and their mouths were watering when they saw ladies. The Military Government was isolated and their order No.4 which banned meetings of five or more people was defeated as citizens were meeting country wide. The Military Government Succumbed and met the TSC/LTCC.

The role of the Youth in LTTU Struggles

CASSAS mobilised the University Students to demonstrate in Maseru in support of the teachers strike. CASSAS was led by Nthakeng Selinyana and Maaparankoe Mahao who became the Commander of Lesotho Defence Force as a Lieutenant General and the Students Representative Council (SRC) led by the now Advocate Dr. Kananelo Mosito an NUL Law Lectures and President of Appeal Court of Lesotho, the highest court in Lesotho. The Young Christian Students (YCS) and Lesotho Patriotic Youth Organisation (LPYO) mobilised by Maaparankoe Mahao were also mobilised. The Lesotho College of Education (LCE) students joined the demonstrations in support of the 1990 teachers' demands. Mosito and Mahao wanted the TSC/LTCC to demand the democratisation of Lesotho as societies issues were also trade union issues and were very vocal on democratisation. Maaparankoe took it upon himself to organise meetings from 1990-1994 of completing teachers to join LTTU

at NUL.

The role of the Communist Party of Lesotho (CPL)

The CPL was formed by the ANC and South African Communist Party (SACP) in 1962. It was banned in 1970 under the Suppression of Communism Act. During its banning the CPL survived in the trade union movement hence its leaders have doubled as trade union leaders and the CPL. During the 1986 Military Coup which was intended to make the South African Liberation struggle a distant clap of thunder and destroy the MK Military and Political infrastructure, the general secretary of the CPL Mokhafisi Kena had called on all workers, communists and patriots to the Front to defend the South African Liberation Struggle. The CPL cadres supported the 1990 teachers strike. The CPL leadership shared the tactics and strategies of organising a successful teachers strike in 1990.

Legal Advice

The leadership of the TSC/LTCC was influenced by the Communist elements in their ranks to select Seana Marena Mphutlane and Company. The office was manned by Advocates Seana Marena Mphutlane and Lekhetho Rakuoane. They were both members of the CPL. We informed the teachers that they were both labour lawyers capable of assisting us during and through our strike. What we did not tell our members was that both lawyers were stubborn and could not be intimidated by the military rulers. We knew that their company car which was used by MK under the command of Mpilo Mazizi Maqhekeza was confiscated by the Military Government. When Seana was advised to flee Lesotho refused to do so but hated the Military Government. Seanamarena Mphutlane and company office served as MK headquarters in Lesotho and also gave legal advice to trade union in Lesotho.

The effects of the teachers strike

With pressure exerted, the Military Government panicked. Tsepang Tsira and Bathobakae Mokhothu mainly from the youth were gunned down by the Military Government. How old would they be by now? Advocate Lekhetho Rakuoane was detained for chairing and organising a successful stay away in support of the striking teachers. The Military Government drafted Education Order No. 12 of 1990 whereby teachers were banned from forming and joining trade unions, that any teacher who will organise a strike will be summarily dismissed and many oppressive clauses. TSC/LTCC leaders and teachers in general panicked. We were strengthened by Nqosa Mahao who was eloquent and a CPL strategist. He indicated the loopholes of Education Order No. 12 1990. The Military Government put to test its education order no.12 of 1990 by expelling 25 teachers working at Life High School. Advocate Lekhetho Rakuoane challenged the expulsions in the High Court and we won. Our win against Life High School board gave every teacher courage and this solidified the teachers strike.

Under siege, the Military Government called on its' ally the LAT. LAT was recognised on the eve of the strike at 9.00 pm. Upon recognition LAT denounced and distanced itself from the strike and called on teachers to resume teaching in vain. We visited the labour commissioner Fanana Mabote upon recognition LAT denounced and distanced itself from the strike and called on teachers to resume teaching in vain. We visited the labour commissioner Fanana Mabote the one and only labour Commissioner Lesotho has had. He was with his Legal Advisor Lebereko Lethobane former CASSAS and CPL member. We were going to register our protest against Educational Order No.12 of 1990 that it violated the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conventions to which Lesotho was a Signatory. Lethobane and Fanana told me that they wanted to register LTTU but were stopped by the Military Government. They further told me that Education Order No.12 of 1990 was embarrassing them as custodians of ILO conventions in Lesotho. We agreed that STC or LTCC should sue them in the High Court of Lesotho and they would not oppose our application. Advocate Lekhetho Rakuoane there after filed an urgent court application for the registration of LTTU in September 1990 and won. We suspended the 1990 teachers strike on the 28th August 1990 due to strike fatigue and the application of no work no pay rule.

The results of the 1990 Teachers Strike

Lesotho was geared for democratisation as there was a Palace Military Coup whereby Major General Phisoane Ramaema replaced Major Justin Metsing Lekhanya and initiated the democratisation of Lesotho and gave Government employees 20% salary increase in 1991. Teachers' pension Order was drafted. Housing and Car advances were implemented incrementally though teachers' sites must be located in towns as against villages. The Teaching Service Commission (TSC) was established for our two employers the Government and Churches to speed up teachers' employment and payment and be housed under one roof. In 1992, there was an international conference whereby two teachers' federations merged and form Education International which we missed. We experienced financial constraints whereby if we had attended the International Conference we would spend all our resources yet at home were experiencing Education Order No.4 of 1992 being decreed. We had to choose where to spend money, for air ticket or Court battles against Education Order No.4 of 1992 which was a duplication of Education Order No.12 of 1990. We decided not to attend the international conference as LTTU and we missed Education

International Membership for almost eight (8) as our rivals LAT were blocking our membership.

In 1994 LTTU defended democracy when the King staged a Palace Coup against a democratically elected Government. LTTU led in organising stay at homes which were very successful until a democratically elected Government was re-instated by the interventions of Presidents Masire, Mandela and Mugabe. In 1994, we participated in the March when the LDF Personnel split and were firing at each other. We were led by Maaparankoe Mahao demanding peace in Lesotho and also defending democracy.

The 1994 Teachers Demands

In 1994, we engaged the democratically elected Government of Lesotho to negotiate pay increase or salary increase for the teachers, payment of pension to our aged and upgrading of the college of Preceptors certificates i.e. ACP and others that were downgraded as the Government argued that their content was low. During negotiation on salary increase, the Government argued that she had no money we would have to wait until January 1995 to earn our agreed upgraded salaries. We wanted upgrading because percentages widened the salary gap. The Government delegation agreed and we signed an agreement with our democratically elected Government that come February 1995 we would get our salaries. We earned our increased salaries and arrears for two months and the democratically elected Government dubbed the salary increase a mistake (Ke phosho) through the instructions of the IMF. We organised March protests country wide. Many teachers suffered from High Blood Pressure, Diabetics, Stress and some collapse as they had high hopes due to the new salary increase. In our March protests, we were joined by LAT. When the democratically Government was not relenting, we called for a teachers general strike in August 1995. The LAT pulled out of the teachers strike accusing LTTU of destabilising a democratically elected Government.

The democratically elected government applied the principle of no work no pay for the months of August and September 1995. Our hungry members chickened out, went to the LAT offices. They were ordered to join the LAT and thereafter written letters to the government to be given their salary cheques. LAT also accused LTTU to be under the influence of the CPL and Popular Front for Democracy (PFD). LAT called on all teachers who were members of Basutoland Congress Party (BCP) no to participate in the strike. The Lesotho Evangelical Church (Kereke ea Evangeli Lesotho - KEL) a teachers employer put its weight behind the government and LAT's call. We retreated and suspended the 1995 teachers strike. That was the last ever effective teachers strike to be organised in Lesotho.

In 1996, we petitioned the NUL to offer part time studies to teachers. I had discussed this idea behind the scenes with Dr Pulane Lefoka and Mrs Molise. When the petition arrived at the NUL, it was given to them to study and advise the University accordingly. Lefoka and Molise advised the University to offer teachers part time studies and was done from 1997 to date. I want to thank them on behalf of teachers as nobody has ever thanked them. In 1998, LTTU led the formation of the Congress of Lesotho Trade Unions (COLETU) which regarded itself as a Marxist Leninist Trade Union federation which brought together textile, construction and security workers. In 1998, LTTU congress resolved that Lesotho government be approached to establish a contributory pension scheme for government employees. Our retirees were telling us that the pension they were earning was small. From 1999 to 2005 we marched demanding a contributory pension until it was established through the pension fund act of 2008. The December 1998 congress of LTTU which was also attended by the Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe (PTUZ) resolved to form an alternative teachers' federation in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region as the Southern African Teachers Organisations (SATO) was refusing us membership. The task was assigned Raymond Majongwe and Vuyani Tyhali. Raymond Majongwe outperformed me. The Association of Non-aligned Teachers Unions of Southern Africa (ANTUSA) was formed. ANTUSA has organised rotational teachers' games and debates which are always a success.

In 2016, during Easter holidays we will be attending ANTUSA games organised by PTUZ at Victoria Falls (Mosiwatunya) Phambili ANTUSA games Phambili Mosiawatunya Phambili. I will be in Mosiawatunya for the third time to cheer my LTTU team. Once more Phambili Mosiawatunya Phambili. Despite setbacks during our strikes, LTTU still championed the teachers' living wage through demonstration. In 2008 LTTU participated in deliberations of an expert Mr Living stone who was contracted to review and recommend teachers' salaries.

We struck a good deal and teachers' were better paid government employees. This was under the leadership of Dr Mamphono Khaketla in 2009 the then minister of education.

Phambili LTTU Phambili Mosiawatunya Phambili, long live the working class long live, I am twenty five (25) years in the leadership of LTTU. It is time that I must retire.

Source: YCLSA Discussion Forum

1.3. AU COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON CONGRATULATES GUINEA FOR PEACEFUL ELECTIONS DESPITE PRE-TOLL UNREST

12 October 2015

AU Commission Statement

The African Union (AU) Commission Chairperson, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma has commended the people of the Republic of Guinea for holding peaceful presidential elections on 11 October 2015, despite initial turmoil some days preceding the polls.

“The mass participation and eventual spirit of tranquility in which the election proceedings were held is a final testament to the Guinean peoples’ understanding of the importance of peacefully exercising their civic rights”, the AU Commission Chairperson said.

“We now call on all parties to respect the voice of the electorate and to preserve the peace. We encourage any individuals or groups with elections-related disputes, to seek non-violent and established mechanism to address them.” she added.

The polls saw the participation of over six million of voters, called to choose a president among eight separate candidates. Pre-election processes were, as earlier stated, characterized by violent conflict among various groups, looting and clashes between forces of the incumbent and the opposition; which left the general atmosphere in the country largely precarious and tense.

The African Union strongly condemned the pre-election violence and looting.

Source: <http://cpauc.au.int/en/content/au-commission-chairperson-congratulates-guinea-peaceful-elections-despite-pre-toll-unrest-0>

1.4. NIGER DECREES STATE OF EMERGENCY BECAUSE OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

16 October 2015

Prensa Latina

Niger imposed a state of emergency in the region of Diffa, southeast of the country, after the increase of the actions of the Nigerian terrorist group Boko Haram against the area, an official source said.

A statement released Thursday by the government of Niger points out that this extreme measure, which will remain in force for at least two weeks, aims to increase security in the bordering town with Nigeria, where in recent months 58 attacks were reported and caused the death of hundreds of people.

Under the emergency rule, regional authorities shall have full powers to implement extreme measures such as conducting searches without a warrant, the closing of public places as well as the restriction of movement of transport and movement of people.

Boko Haram's raids against Niger began on February 6 this year and on February 11, it was introduced for the first time a state of emergency in Diffa, where they are located about 150,000 Nigerian refugees displaced from their country by the violence.

According to recent report released by the United Nations (UN) so far this year Nigerian security forces arrested some 100 thousand people accused of belonging the terrorist sect.

Source: http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4257041&Itemid=1

1.5. WFTU SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF PALESTINE

11 October 2015

WFTU Statement

The WFTU expresses its full, stable and long-lasting class solidarity with the people of Palestine and their struggle for an independent homeland. We actively reject the genocide against our Palestinian brothers and sisters perpetrated by the imperialist criminal government of Israel.

We demand the termination of the Israeli aggression against Palestine, the policies of occupation, blockade and genocide against the Palestinian people.

We condemn the hypocrite policies and attitude of the governments of the imperialist countries, mainly the United States and the countries of the European Union, who are shamelessly supporting the racist government of Israel and its criminal actions against the Palestinian people.

Since its creation in 1945, the WFTU has been a stable and long time defender of the rights of the Palestinian people to an independent and sovereign state and for many years has organized, coordinated international workers solidarity. The people of Palestine are not alone; they have the solidarity of the peoples of the world.

We call upon the WFTU affiliates and friends, all militant trade unions of the world, in every country to solidarize with the just struggle of the Palestinian people against the barbarity of Israeli occupation and hold actions of solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The struggle and resistance of the Palestinian people will be victorious.

THE SECRETARIAT

Source: <http://www.wftucentral.org/wftu-solidarity-with-the-workers-and-people-of-palestine/>

1.6. SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE

12 October 2015

PAME Statement

PAME, which represents the class trade union movement of Greece, condemns the continuing murders of Palestinians, of innocent people, of women and children by the state of Israel.

Once more the geopolitical chess, the competitions of the imperialists, victimizes the peoples. The Murderer-State of Israel terrorizes and kills a whole nation, just because the Palestinians want to live in their homeland. This policy, of the imperialists and their alliances causes the refugee crisis.

The murderous policy of Israel reveals the hypocrisy of the Greek Government and the European Union, who talk with sympathy about the refugees, but they support those who uproot them from their homes. The recent announcements of Greece-USA on the role of Greece in the imperialist plans in the region, light a match within a powder keg. The dangers for the people of Greece are growing.

The class trade union movement of Greece expresses its solidarity with the people of Palestine. We denounce the political, financial and military cooperation of the SYRIZA Government with the Murderer-State of Israel and its support to the imperialist plans of NATO-USA.

We demand:

- The release all political prisoners from Israeli jails
- The demolition of the unacceptable separation wall, and the removal of any form of exclusion or/ and segregation of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip
- The removal of the settlers, who live in places not in accordance with the borders of 1967,
- To make sure that all Palestinian refugees on the basis of relevant UN resolutions will return to Palestine
- The cancellation of all military games and all military cooperation agreements with Israel
- An independent Palestinian State, in the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital

Source: <http://pamehellas.gr/index.php/en/homepage/111-secretariats-of-pame/international-relations/5484-pame,-which-represents-the-class-trade-union-movement-of-greece,-condemns-the-continuing-murders-of-palestinians,-of-innocent-people,-of-women-and-children-by-the-state-of-israel>

1.7. CYPRUS: PEO CONDEMNS CRIMINAL BOMBING IN TURKEY

13 October 2015

WFTU

The Pancyprian Federation of Labor (PEO) Cyprus with abhorrence condemns the criminal bombing against the mass mobilization for peace organized by trade unions, political parties and social organisations last Saturday in Ankara and which resulted in the death of dozens of protesters and many others injured.

PEO expresses its condolences to the families of the victims and its solidarity with the working class and the people of Turkey at this difficult time.

These developments highlight the need for joint action by the workers and peoples against the imperialist plans and terrorism and for peace to prevail in the region.

Source: <http://www.wftucentral.org/cyprus-peo-condemns-criminal-bombing-in-turkey/>

1.8. COMMUNIST PARTY OPPOSED TO NATO INTERVENTION IN SYRIA

14 October 2015

Communist Party of Britain Statement

The Communist Party maintains its opposition to US, NATO and British military intervention in Syria. Whatever the pretext - whether to defeat the barbaric ISIS or to rescue civilian populations - the real aim is clear: to strengthen the anti-Assad terrorist forces (Islamic fundamentalists who have largely displaced the Free Syrian Army 'moderate opposition'), create areas in which these forces can operate freely (in the guise of 'no-fly zones' and 'safe havens') and ultimately to partition Syria and replace the Assad regime with a compliant puppet one.

Russian military forces are now attacking all the anti-Assad terrorists, including Isis, at the invitation of the Damascus government - which has every right to issue such an invitation as the internationally recognised political authority in Syria.

Robert Griffiths, General Secretary

Communist Party of Britain

Source: YCLSA Discussion Forum

1.9. AN APPEAL TO THE COMMUNIST, WORKERS AND LEFTIST PARTIES IN THE WORLD, SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (UNIFIED)

13 October 7, 2015

Hunein Nemer, General Secretary, Syrian Communist Party (Unified)

For many years, the Syrian state and people have been exposed to a fierce terrorist invasion, led by extremist groups came to Syria from more than 80 countries to destroy the infrastructure, and to shed the blood of innocent citizens.

Definitely, these crimes could not be committed without the boundless support granted to the terrorists by the imperial powers of the USA, France, and the UK, and their partners in our region mainly, the Turkish and gulf regimes, the so-called “the international alliance” which hinders all the efforts to reach a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

Syria has always warned the international society of the dangers of transforming this terrorism and takfirism - threat, into a regional and international one, and that is happening today in many countries like Iraq, Libya and some European countries.

In spite of the Security Council resolution No 2199, which prohibits the financing of the terrorist groups such as “ISIS” and “Al-Nusra Front”, nevertheless the crimes of these groups are still continuing, killing thousands of civilians. As happened to Al-Sheitat tribe in Deir Al-ZOR and Aleppo province the victims of the terrorist groups were school students, besides the massacre in Tel Tamer the province of Al-Hasaka, the majority of which inhabitants are Assyrians, (the old historically well-known population of the region).

Another crime of takfirist groups committed against humanity is the destruction of ancient monuments in Syria and Iraq and the stealing of artefacts, as we believe the aim of such actions is to efface the history of this region.

Lately, those terrorists commit carnage in Mabuja village near by Salamieh, where more than 60 people were killed at night, followed by invasion of Edleb with a contribution from the Turkish armed forces, in addition to many other crimes done by these groups in many of the Syrian cities and villages.

The Syrian communist party (unified) requests all the worker and communist parties and all the progressive powers in the world to denounce the terrorist crimes in Syria as well in Iraq, and to express their solidarity with the Syrian people who is still resist against the crimes and dark ideology of the reactionary powers and their extremist tools, the terrorist organizations, in spite of all kinds of blockades, and economic sanctions imposed against them.

The Syrian people are still looking forward to a democratic, secular future through an inclusive national dialogue, to reach a political solution of the Syrian crisis.

No, to the support of terrorism!

Yes, for solidarity and humanitarian support to Syrian people!

Comradely salute,

Hunein Nemer

General Secretary of the Syrian Communist Party (Unified)

Source: YCLSA Discussion Forum.

1.10. THEY CUDDLE THE FASCISTS MURDERERS – THEY PERSECUTE THE FIGHTERS TRADE UNIONIST

13 October 2015

PAME Statement

PAME denounces the criminalization of the struggle against Fascism and Racism, the persecution of trade union action.

On October 15 go on trial at the island of Samos leaders of local trade union organizations and of the trade unions in the Hospital of Samos, members of PAME, because on April 2013, they acted against the fascist, racist blood donation "ONLY FOR GREEKS" organized by the Nazi-criminal organization of Golden Dawn.

Only a few days after the leader of Golden Dawn admitted "political responsibility" for the Murder of Fyssas, and the leaders of the Golden Dawn -responsible for murderous attacks against trade union leaders of PAME, migrant workers, etc- still walk free. At the same time the bourgeois justice system persecutes those who resist and fight for the rights of the workers. They persecute those who fight for the unity between Greek and migrant workers. The persecution against the trade unionists is no accident, but is a clear stance of "protection" to the criminal-racist action of the Golden Dawn.

The Government of SYRIZA, as the previous Governments, have great responsibilities for this development. Once more is revealed that Fascism and State oppression are the two sides of the same anti-peoples' policies, which serves the industrialists, the ship owners, the capitalists. The criminalization of trade union, anti fascist, anti racist action is a show of support towards the fascist murderers. It creates a dangerous precedent against the workers'-people's struggles and as such must receive strong response by the workers and the trade union organizations.

Isolate the fascists of Golden Dawn and the forces that support them

We express our solidarity with the persecuted trade unionists

We demand all charges against them to be dropped

Source: <http://pamehellas.gr/index.php/en/homepage/92-press-releases/5490-they-cuddle-the-fascists-murderers-they-persecute-the-fighters-trade-unionists>

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