

The Fourth Statement on Uprisings in Turkey by Devrimci Anarşist Faaliyet (DAF - Revolutionary Anarchist Action)

Revolutionary Anarchists Call for International Solidarity for Ongoing Public Revolt Against State Terrorism

Last week a group of protesters started guarding action after some trees were taken down illegally in the name of urban gentrification projects. On the second day of the protest, very early in the morning, the police attacked the protesters heavily with gas bombs, pressured water and plastic bullets and wounded many protesters. A spark began against this event of state terrorism and spread accross the country turning into a massive action and organized the big revolt. The public organized against increasing attacks, state terrorism and police violence and have been turning the streets into the area of resistance. This public revolt has been streaming for four days and is constantly spreading.

Hundreds of thousands of protesters have resisted in Taksim where the government blocked entrance and the police violence have peaked, finally occupied the Taksim Square building barricades around the square and took control of Taksim. Protesters in Ankara took to the streets in solidarity with Istanbul and built barricades in important places in the city, expanding the revolt. Hundreds of protesters in Izmir, another big city, burned the ruling party building.

Social solidarity and mutual support in protest and clash areas are very high. In every city where clashes are streaming, people have opened their homes to protesters and wounded persons. Many people have put first aid kits and food to their front yards for the protesters. Volunteer medical teams have self organized very well in protest areas and have been helping instantly to wounded protesters. Volunteer lawyers are helping protesters in custody.

As clashes are continuing, the numbers of dead and wounded people are increasing. Mainstream media is still acting like nothing happened. The number of dead people is said to have reached 10, but it is not certain because there are no official statements made. One protester in Istanbul was hit by a car while blocking a street, another one had a stroke because of gas bombs, still another has been driven over by a police

panzer and all have lost their lives. A protester in Ankara has been shot in the head by police fire and is brain dead.

While the action and clashes continue here, global solidarity is increasing. Anonymous hacked the sites of the ruling party, Istanbul Police, Ankara Municipality and many other government agencies in solidarity. Anonymous have declared that they are going to continue cyber attacks against the terrorism that the Turkish State is continuing.

While millions of people are in the streets resisting the police attacks across the country, some parties in opposition are trying to take advantage of and manipulate the action and politicization. Just like what we had seen in some regions during The Arab Spring, the opposing parties (especially Kemalists) are trying to assume the action as theirs. The opposing parties taking advantage of social politicization, are trying to gain from the action hoping for taking power. The ongoing revolt has left both politicians and the state in a bad position. While the government is trying to manipulate the revolt by calling it a protest of "a group of radicals' ", a crisis is beginning in the economy. The economic crisis has shown first signs in the stock market.

However, this is one of the biggest massive actions in the history of the country and the public is in the streets rising against the prohibitive politics of oppression, suppression, terror and police violence that the state has been increasing steadily for a long time. The people that the state had been trying to tame with oppression for hundreds of years are now directly revolting against it.

We are calling all comrades who are struggling all around the world: Raise the voice of the public revolt from every place and every channel you can against the Turkish State and mainstream media who are trying to silence it. Organize solidarity action at your place to stand with the millions of people in the streets.

Join your voice to the revolt of the people whom the state had been ignoring, oppressing and exploiting for years. Let the fire of revolt against the Turkish State that we started with a spark and that is increasingly growing, grow further.

Everywhere is Istanbul and everywhere is resistance against state terrorism, police violence and capitalist exploitation.

We will continue to report as the riot continues.

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