

## Press Statement about the recent arrests in Turkey

The CPG (m-l) condemns the arrest today of the two co-chairmen of HDP (*Halkların Demokratik Partisi* - *The Peoples' Democratic Party*) **Selahattin Demirtaş** and **Figen Yüksekdağ Şenoğlu** along with nine other MPs after their homes were raided by Turkish police.

The AKP government, in the forefront of the Turkish oligarchy, attempts to suppress the struggles of the peoples of Turkey and the Kurdish Democratic movement for freedom, democratic rights and justice by using fascist methods. These arrests are part of a plan to outlaw HDP and continue the genocidal military operation in Turkish Kurdistan. To achieve this they bomb cities, destroy whole neighborhoods and villages, mass arrest elected mayors, and close newspapers.

After the attempted military coup and the consolidation of the state of emergency the Turkish regime unleashed a wave of unprecedented violence against democratic, left, and Kurdish organisations. They persecute any opposing voice and have especially targeted communists home and abroad. The ongoing ATIK trial in Germany is one characteristic case of cooperation between European imperialists – especially Germany – and the fascist regime. It proves the hypocrisy of the European Union, which on the one hand signs agreements with Turkey considering it a safe country and on the other hand sheds crocodile tears about the democracy in Turkey which is in peril!

We once more repeat. The peoples and militants are not terrorists! Terrorists are the fascist Turkish state, the AKP government and the reactionary allies of Erdoğan, the imperialists!

The CPG (m-l) sends a message of solidarity to the arrested MPs, the peoples of Turkey and Kurdistan and the Kurdish democratic movement and declares that we will continue to struggle for a mass antiimperialist, antifascist, internationalist movement of the peoples in the region.

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE ARRESTED HDP MPs!**  
**STOP THE GENOCIDE OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE!**  
**SOLIDARITY WITH THE TURKISH PEOPLE!**  
**DOWN WITH FASCISM!**



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