
Turkish comrades release a message on
the F-type prisons, U.\$ imperialism
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It has always been in History that those
who resisted had the last word!

But the most beautiful word is the one that we did not say
yet!

It has now almost been one and a half years since the
Turkish fascist dictatorship made one of the most brutal
massacres and attacks in its own history. It was on the 19th of
December 2000. This attack had been planned for a very long
time and was thought over again and again, step-by- step. It
brought the democratic revolutionary mass struggle into a very
critical stage. It has always been the intention of the Fascist
state and its terror movement to wipe out the revolutionary and
communist movement. Even if the dictatorship of the state has

really hit the movement very hard and left certain wounds there has always been an heroic resistance against the state.

Only there are a couple of negative examples like Mamak but in general in prisons like Metris, Davutpasa and Diyarbakir we have written a glorious resistance. The fascist oppression has been losing and is now only able to attack on several occasions. This was especially shown in the last fifteen years but our resistance movement has still grown since then--that kind of resistance we once saw in Vietnam where people were arising against their oppressor.

During times like Eskişehir and the massacre in Ulucanlar was it so that the revolutionary and the communist movement started to grow bigger and became more supported, which of course was a sign to the ruling class to keep an eye on our movements' struggle. Imperialism under the name of „New World Order“ and „Globalisation“ has put this kind of policies in his strategies to oppress the people in the world economically, politically and militarily. So it is very clear that they support the fascist state in our Country.

This shows openly how deep the crisis of imperialist-Capitalist systems really is. This of course developed the class struggle in our Country. But the ruling class does everything to influence that struggle so the masses won't come to more power. Just as the ruling class turned the Kurdish national movement into another passive movement, so the ruling class will be able to get advantage of it, the same thing it tries with the political prisoners. When the Imperialists were in their dark dungeons to plan the F-Types and got ready to build it, they saw that against their plans a campaign started called the „anti- F-Type campaign“ and that campaign turned in to become a huge mass movement where not just revolutionaries or communists participated but also many progressive democrats and human right activists. The campaign turned out to be the nightmare of the ruling classes.

The real plan of the F- Type prison or why the ruling class

tries to systematize it is that it depersonalises a person from his/her mind psychologically and physically. It is very openly that the state tries to continue that kind of way. But even though it tries with all its disinformation and manipulations and other tools of fascism to lie to the people. It did not work at all: it did not give the influence that the rulers expected.

It is also very clear that the „Boss- Land master“ state is using this kind of oppression against some people especially, the revolutionary and communist prisoners. The prisoners took a very big step by going against all this kind off inhumanity and also got support from the outside from all kinds of people. To protest against the bad conditions in prison some revolutionary groups went into an unlimited Hunger-strike and then turned it into the glorious Death Fasting and soon after that all the other parties started to participate. Later on after the 19th December 2000 all around the country the political prisoners started Death Fasting. The resistance was big: it made the prison walls shake. Outside the prisons the support continued still; even though, there were certain tactical mistakes that we made, which gave the enemy time to make more plans. And then on the 19th December 2000 the regime made the so-called „ Back to live Operation“ and went into 22 prisons and slaughtered tens of people, and put the F- Type into practice. But still this brutal attack which systematizes the F- types and still continues to do so in a very brutal and convinced way was not able to and will never be under whatever circumstances and oppression to break down our iron resistance.

Even if the rulers will send their fascist forces to make more massacres or torture us on a daily basis, they won't be able to systematize it. This kind of resistance has without doubt created the road to the Death Fasting. To be really able to lead such a struggle against the chains of fascism requires the defense of a true revolutionary identity. You must be able no matter where you are to develop the class struggle. For that the resistance needs an iron will. The struggle of the Death Fasting might not be the only struggle but it played a very important role at certain

times and of course has still reached certain goals and won certain victories. This situation led hundreds of prisoners to the Death Fasting; even though certain groups did not join the strike, they still did their duty and supported us in many ways.

A struggle and a resistance which is now known everywhere in the world and has lasted so long that 90 people died, more than 50 of them in the Death Fasting. 400 persons are still suffering from sickness or even have become handicapped. Of course this happens also because the state tried to get in the middle and put serum into the prisoners when they were taken to the hospitals. Like we said the state tried with every kind of way to break our resistance. Another reason is and we do have to accept that truth: As communist or revolutionary forces we have made some tactical mistakes and wrong actions. This even goes for some certain demands.

We were not in the situation to advance more victories and struggles. Like we said we have to accept that and have to see that at certain points made mistakes so we must be willing to learn from them. We believe that the Death Fasting in the struggle against the F- Type terror has fulfilled its historical revolutionary mission. Most of the revolutionary and communist organisations agree on that point. Right now it is not possible to break the isolation and F- Type with it. But in another time when the conditions are given we might consider to start again. The struggle of the Death Fasting has really written a whole historic legend of resistance. We really feel an urgent need to underline this because it is moving to another stage. We also believe that this issue should always be discussed. It is also very important for the struggle to know that we will give the same strength and martyrs as we did during the Death Fasting. Here is the most important thing to analyse strategies: this is not about raising the white flag: it is about not to bow down to fascism and fall down on our knees. The resistance of the revolutionary and communist prisoners is still continuing, also its struggle against the fascist terror called F- Type. The way of us communists is a very long road to go: it is a road for the liberation of the working class

and the oppressed masses. We know that the struggle under fascist dictatorship means torture, death and exploitation. The most important thing is never to lose your pride and principles. Or as Nazım Hikmet once said: „ It is not about to fall but about not to bow down.“

From Ali Sarıbal, Halil Türker, Nergiz Gülmez to Polat Yiğit and Muharrem Horroz, their struggle will never die and we are going to continue it. They were the flowers of resistance. In History it has been proven that we never bowed down to fascism and never will.

We will drag the makers of the F- Type to the Bastille!
Resistance, struggle and victory!

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