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## GREIF WORKERS ARE NOT ALONE, WE STAND WITH THEIR RESISTANCE!

In the early hours of the morning on April 10th 2014 hundreds of riot police attacked the workers who were at the Greif factory occupation at Hadımköy aiming to break the resistance. The police, gendarmerie and high-tech police of the fascist states entered the factory by breaking the factory gate with construction machinery and have attacked and injured the workers at the resistance with gas and batons. It is significant and certainly not a coincidence that the attack took place today on the same day the mediation ended. Approximately 80 workers have been taken into custody as a result from this attack. Eleven workers were continuing the resistance on the roof of the factory as we are preparing this declaration. We strongly condemn this unwarranted attack on the Greif workers and wish the injured workers a speedy recovery.

The Greif workers who worked for low wages and were deprived of social rights have occupied the factory after the collective negotiations, lasting a month, failed and the demands put forward to ensure a decent life were not accepted. The demands of the workers who approximately two months ago occupied the Greif factory at Hadımköy are mainly to provide the conditions for a decent life. The occupation resistance started by the Greif workers for the acceptance of their demands for a humane life, are just and legitimate. This attack on the just demands of the workers is a continuation of the fascist tradition of the Turkish state. The AKP government that pretends to be knowledgeable about the rights of workers has once again proven its hostility towards workers and toilers through with attack.

The owners of capital using the crisis as a pretext are internationally increasing the exploitation and oppression on the working class. As a part of this, the exploitation and oppression of the working class in Turkey brazenly continues without recognizing any boundaries. Turkey is one of the countries where flexible work, subcontracting, low wages, precarious work and depravation of all kinds of social rights and unorganized work are most imposed. The AKP government responded with zero raise to the demands for a humane life by the workers and toilers that sees slavery fit for the workers and toilers while it continues to ensure their own gang to benefit from all the state possibilities.

As ATIK we salute the resistance of the Greif workers and once more declare that we stand with the just and legitimate struggle of the Greif workers and condemn this attack of the gendarmerie and police on the Greif workers. We call for an immediate end to the attacks on the Greif factory workers.

## LONG LIVE THE RESISTANCE OF THE GREIF WORKERS!

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