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## **Support the Resistance of Metal Workers in Turkey!**

The metal workers in Turkey couldn't get a result in collective agreement which covers around 130 workers, they have announced general strike to the public. Collective agreement process covering the metal workers in Turkey were ongoing for a long time. The 8% pay rise was far below inflation, the union didn't accept this pay rise and gave warning of the possible strike. Even though it was increased to 10% the unions didn't accept it as it was still far below inflation... Because; the *ürk Metal* and *Özçelik-İş* demanded 26%, *United Metal-İş* demanded 34% increase in wages within first 6 months.

### **The employer is trying to prevent worker resistance by the decision of mass layoff!**

When the collective agreement process was stopped, appointed negotiator couldn't solve the problem, the workers started rallies and marches attended by hundred thousand of people in cities where the metal business branches were dense. In contrast the Association of Metal Industries (MESS) threatens workers on strike with mass layoff and announced that it would declare mass layoff if workers go on strike. Mass Layoff: is a threat of suspension of employment contact for the workers who goes on strike. This clearly means pressure on the workers who are willing to go on strike, threatening to dismissal and compelling them to obey all kinds of negativities. Against this threat of the Association of Metal Industries who represents the employers, including Turkish Tractor, Ford Automotive, Aygaz, TOFAŞ, Borusan Mannesman and Otokar, workers once again showed their determination to go on strike.

### **5 February will be the Resistance Day of Metal Workers!**

Despite all the threats of employers, the workers are determined to go on strike. The workers are announcing that they will grow the resistance with a strike on 5<sup>th</sup> February. A call is made to develop workers solidarity to raise this decisive stance of the workers who have decided to increase the resistance continues with warning strikes and street actions in various cities.

### **We will grow the Solidarity with our Metal Workers friends in Europe!**

Today, including workers and trade unions in the metal industry in Europe, it is important to increase the solidarity with all the workers in Turkey. Since the AKP government coming to power, the ongoing attacks against the workers continue in a more violent fashion during the resistance. During the AKP government led by Erdogan; Dozens of strikes were banned, hundred of workers leaders were taken into custody, over the streets workers whom demand peace were bombed, and hundreds of workers were killed, thousands of workers lost their lives in "work accidents". In short sentences, the efforts of the Association Metal Industries (MESS) union whom trying to threat workers by mass layoff should be understood as the attitude of the current government. But just as metal workers in 015 were determined to go on strike despite all the prohibitions, we believe and trust; workers will exercise their most democratic right to strike. Attacks cannot stop their legitimate struggle.

As Confederation of Workers from Turkey in Europe (ATİK), reiterate that we are in solidarity with resisting metal workers, their resistance is our resistance, we call all the workers in Europe to embrace the resistance of the metal workers in Turkey.

**Long live workers unity and struggle!**

**Long Live the resistance of the metal workers in Turkey!**

**Long Live International Solidarity!**