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Carles Puigdemont must be released immediately!

Former Chairman of the Independent Catalanian Region Carles Puigdemont was detained by German police on the A7 motorway after entering Germany on Sunday, March 25th.

The arrest of Puigdemont was made due to an extradition order put into place across Europe just 48 hours before his arrest, by the Spanish judiciary on the grounds of criminal prosecution. On March 26th, the Catalan leader was put in Neumunster prison until a final decision is made by the Schleswig-Holstein State Supreme Court.

There is a possibility that the decision on the fate of the leader of the Catalan national liberation movement could be extended for as long as 60 days. Along with Carles Puigdemont, about 13 people have been indicted in Spain accused of "inciting the people to revolt and revolt against the state", and these political people are being tried for up to 30 years imprisonment.

Firstly, even if the rest of Europe is considered as part of the arrest warrant, the anti-democratic judgment in Spain and the arrest in Germany are, as in many other cases; illegal and, in contrast are in fact political. To be precise, the anti-democratic orders and intervention to the judicial system of the ruling government, that is, the bourgeois political powers in Spain and Germany, means that such things can very easily happen.

We especially know from historical and current experience that such arrests are very similar to anti-democratic decisions taken are fuelled by the considerations of autocratic, dictatorial, and fascist powers. Creating fascist law from fascist practices is something administered by Turkish fascism lead by Erdogan.

It is such that, in situations where there is no clear jurisdiction, if the given law is unable to make a decision in favour of power, sovereign powers immediately embrace the concept of creating an actual situation so that a law can be created from injustice and unlawfulness. This is the transformation of lawlessness into law. In criticising such situations, German revolutionary communist Bertolt Brecht was able to take on a principled attitude towards fascism, the most reactionary type of bourgeois sovereignty, by saying "Where lawlessness is transformed into law, resistance is a duty".

As ATIF (The Federation of Workers from Turkey in Germany), we condemn the arrest of Puigdemont, one of the leaders of the Catalan national democratic movement, due to a request for extradition to Spain, through a likely secret order from the German coalition government, and demand that he be released immediately. We publicly announce that we will follow this case until Puigdemont is released and we will show solidarity with him until he gains his freedom.

In addition, we demand the immediate cessation of the prosecution, arrest and extradition of those people that have a democratic, progressive, revolutionary identity and politically oppose those in power and the immediate termination of the reactionary Interpol directives for political continuity.

- Carles Puigdemont must be released immediately!
- Freedom to all political prisoners!
- Long Live International solidarity!