

WORKER' PARTY (TURKEY) DELEGATION VISITS LEBANON

A Workers' Party (Turkey) delegation participated in a solidarity-conference with Syria held in Lebanon. During and after the conference, the Workers' Party delegation conducted several official meetings with Lebanese and Arabic political parties and delegations, including the Lebanese Hezbollah.

The conference was held in Beirut on the 16th of September 2013 and was organized by the Arab International Centre for Communication and Solidarity. The aim was to show solidarity with Syria against the possibility of a US intervention.



Several organizations and personalities from the entire Arab world participated in the conference. There were delegations and personalities opposing a foreign intervention from Latin America and Europe, as well. Participants included internationally known peace activists like the former US minister of justice, Ramsey Clark.

Workers' Party (Turkey) was the only participating organization from Turkey.

Workers' Party (Turkey) spoke on behalf of Asia

The common emphasis of the speeches in the conference was opposing a foreign intervention to the region.

Despite the presence of Iranian representatives, the moderation gave the right to speak in the name of the Asian continent to the Workers' Party. On behalf of the Workers' Party, Mr. Yunus Soner delivered a speech. In his speech Mr. Soner stressed four points:

- 1) The determined attitude of Russia against an intervention was made possible by the firm solidarity of the countries in the region.
- 2) The people of Turkey, without distinctions between religious sects, are in overwhelmingly majority against an intervention.
- 3) The Workers' Party (Turkey) supports a political solution in Syria. But this does not change the fact that al-Assad is a hero defending his country.
- 4) The Middle East has the initiative. Now, it is of crucial importance to increase the cooperation and solidarity on an anti-imperialistic basis.

The Workers' Party (Turkey) delegation, consisting of the members of the International Relations Bureau Mr. Yunus Soner and Cuneyt Akalin, conducted during and after the conference, official meetings with several delegations.

The proposal of the Workers' Party for an anti-imperialistic regional cooperation was responded favourably.

Hosted at the Centre of Hezbollah

The delegation was hosted at the centre of the Lebanese Hezbollah. First, the Workers' Party delegation met the member of the Foreign Relations Bureau of Hezbollah, Mr. Muhammed Ubeyd; afterwards the delegation met Deputy General Secretary Sheikh Naim Kasim. At the end of the meeting, where regional issues were discussed, both sides decided to increase the bilateral relations.



The Workers' Party (Turkey) delegation met those organizations and personalities below, as well.

Chairman of the Lebanese Murabitun Party, Mr. Mustafa Hamdan; Chairman of the Arab International Centre for Communication and Solidarity, Mr. Maan Bashour; English Parliamentarian George Galloway; Director of the Egyptian Centre for Strategic Research, Prof. Cemal A. Zahran and Chairman of the Lebanese Waed Party, Mr. Idris Salih.

The Workers' Party delegation met delegations from Tunisia, Algeria, France and Greece, as well.

In the meetings, it was emphasized that anti-imperialistic parties and forces, irrespective of their political view, should develop common regional policies and should be in solidarity.

Mr. Yunus Soner and Mr. Cuneyt Akalin were invited to three different TV shows in three days.

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FOR LASTING PEACE AND STABILITY IN SYRIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST: SOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE WORKERS' PARTY (TURKEY)

*Hasan Basri Özbey, Vice-Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey), declared in a press conference on the 27th of June 2012, Workers' Party's solution for the crisis in Syria.
Workers' Party (Turkey) declares that the 11 articles asserted in 2012 are still valid.*

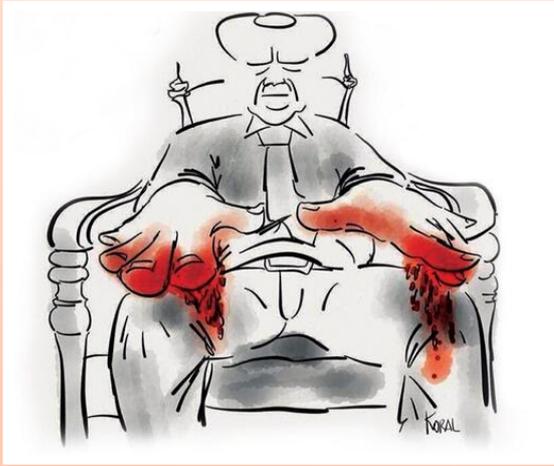
What should Turkey do?

The solution of the Workers' Party (Turkey) is as follows:

- 1) Turkey should immediately stop hostilities against Syria. The aggressive discourse and subversive activities should be stopped. Syria's territorial integrity and its sovereignty should be respected.
- 2) Turkey should immediately stop its arms, ammunition, equipment and financial support to the plunderers named "Syria's Opponents".
- 3) Turkey should immediately take back the headquarters, shelters and encampment resources that it has provided for the terrorists named "Syria's Opponents". Terror camps and bases should be shutdown.
- 4) Turkey should immediately stop to train the terrorists who are conducting subversive activities in Syria.
- 5) The Syrian terrorists, sheltered in Turkey, should be extradited in accordance with international laws and extradition agreements.
- 6) Turkey should treat with authorities in Syria and thusly should provide an environment for the refugees so that they can return safely to their homes. The provocation of a mass migration from Syria should be stopped; the refugee camps should be shutdown and building of new refugee camps should be stopped.
- 7) Attempts for cooperation with Syria, Iraq and Iran should start to ensure peace and security in the region, to liquidate separatist and subversive terrorism and to block foreign intervention to the region.
- 8) The Turkey-Syria relations should be normalised, economic sanctions should be ended mutually, the way should be paved for economic and commercial relations.
- 9) The mines on the border between Turkey and Syria should be removed; the necessary agreements should be made to develop humanitarian, economic and cultural relations between the people on the two sides of the border.
- 10) Regional organizations between Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Azerbaijan, Lebanon and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) should be established to develop relations basing on economical and cultural common interests. Customs should be abolished gradually.
- 11) To assess the petroleum, natural gas and the other natural resources of the Eastern Mediterranean; Turkey, Syria, TRNC and Lebanon should cooperate and should make an attempt for a joint organisation.

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DEMONSTRATION NEAR THE SYRIAN BORDER “END WAR MONGERING”



Citizens in the Gaziantep province of Turkey will meet at an anti-war rally called "End War-Mongering" on Sunday. The rally will be held by the Turkey-Syria Brotherhood Platform on the 29 September in Gaziantep.

Thousands of people have given their signatures to a petition that declared "We don't want a war on Syria" at presentation desks set up for the rally.

Members of the Workers' Party who set up those desks in various parts of the city met with an intense interest of the people. "We do not want war, we want peace. Imperialist oppression, Crusader attacks, and efforts for dividing the people of the region have all become unbearable. Peace should be provided and hostilities should be ended

as soon as possible. We call the people of Gaziantep and the people of entire region to stand against the war," said Workers Party (IP) Gaziantep Provincial Chairman.

Huge participation of the citizens is expected for the rally being, with the city already being decorated with banners and posters saying "Stop War Provocations!"

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