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REPUBLIC MARCHES ON 29TH OF OCTOBER, 2013 IN 67 DIFFERENT PROVINCES: MILLIONS HUGGED THE REPUBLIC

On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the declaration of the Republic on 29th of the October, people were on streets in 67 provinces. On the streets with the spirit of the Republic, citizens shouted “Not the Republic but the AKP (Justice and Development Party, in government) will collapse”. Number of people on the marches exceeded millions.

We share the impressions of the celebrations in major provinces below.

Ankara

Hundreds of thousands gathered at the “Ankara Meeting for the Republic” under the leadership of Workers Party, CHP, ATA, United Public Workers Confederation and Turkish Youth Union (TGB) in Tandoğan Square.

During the march, the slogans “The Republican Revolution will win, AKP will collapse”, “We are the soldiers of Mustafa Kemal” were shouted.

Before the speeches started in the meeting, there was a performance of an orchestra consisting of a hundred-fifty musicians and chorus that was conducted by İnci Özdil. Özdil was the first woman conductor and is Vice-Chairwoman of Workers' Party.

Hasan Basri Özbey, Vice-Chairman of the Workers' Party and Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, Chairman of the CHP gave speeches on the meeting.

Hasan Basri Özbey, Vice-Chairman of the Workers' Party addressed people of Ankara as Guards of the Republic, Heroic Pioneers of the Republic, Soldiers of Mustafa Kemal. Özbey stated that there is republic left to defend. According to Özbey, the duty is to re-establish the Republic.

Following is a summary of Özbey's speech

Today, we gathered in all the squares of our Republic like Ankara-Tandoğan, Istanbul-Istiklal, Izmir-Gundogdu for the fire of the Revolution.

We united in Atatürk!

Turkish flag is in our hands. We gathered under our flag with crescent and star;

To achieve our revolution!



To save us from the US made Greater Middle East Project's (GMEP) co-chairmanship!

To down the bigot dictatorship of Tayyip Erdoğan - Abdullah Gül - Fethullah Gülen!

To save the local administrations from reactionism and separatism of AKP and PKK;

To turn Cankaya (government district of Ankara) into Atatürk's Cankaya again;

To establish the Republican Government;

To vector Turkey to the route of Kemalist Revolution!

To re-establish Atatürk's Republic!

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They thought the June Uprising was about trees. They thought of the tree of the Republic Revolution as a rootless bush.

They thought that it is over!

The working class stood up. Workers of Yatagan province made it onto the stage, from Mount Sodra to Ankara highways and they shouted: We are the soldiers of Mustafa Kemal!

We took breath, gathered our strength, we are on the squares again. More than ten millions!

We are the revolutionary pioneers of our nation!

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The USA is no more the power to intervene, regulate in our region like yesterday. Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Egypt... The USA lost the initiative in our region! The sunken USA who is a monster with a single tooth has been trying to find a solution against the resistance of the peoples of the region.

The Greater Middle East Project of the USA is over. GMEP dispersed by crashing with the Asia rock!

The resistance of our people and people of West Asia ended the GMEP!

Tayyip Erdoğan and Abdullah Gül and their fellows became unemployed by sharing the defeat of the USA!

The Erdoğan-Gül pair declared war against Turkish nation and Atatürk's Republic!

They have faced to modern and working Turkey.

Not even the USA can save them.

We are promising: We will down the GMEP co-chairmanship rule and we will achieve the Kemalist Revolution to continue to take the oath forever.

We promise!



Istanbul

The Republic Day was also effusively celebrated in Istanbul despite all the hindrances of the AKP. 26 buses of riot police were sent to Taksim-Square on account of the 29 October Istiklal Meeting led by Workers' Party, TGB and many other civil society organizations. Even traffic polices helped the riot police. The police closed off all the roads reaching to Istiklal Avenue that intersects with the Taksim-Square.

Tens of thousands of young and elder people gathered to celebrate the Republic Day with their Turkish flags where Mustafa Kemal picture on.



People gathered in Tunnel-Square at 13:00. They marched towards Sishane-Square behind a 5 meter-long Atatürk banner that was prepared by TGB and a model symbolizing the “People's Package” against the so called democratization package of AKP.

In a short time the growing number of protesters turned back to Tunnel Square again with the slogan of “Everywhere is Taksim, Everywhere is Resistance” since the police had banned the celebration on Istiklal Avenue.

People gathered in Tunnel Square again and police attacked with tear gasses while protesters were shouting “We are the soldiers of Mustafa Kemal” to march towards Taksim Square.

Members of TGB held each other's hands at the very front of people to prevent any provocation among police and citizens. People have more reacted when police pushed people with their shields and tear gasses.

Detention of Atatürk

During the police attack in Tunnel, the police detained the giant Atatürk banner of TGB and they did not let the banner enter again into Istiklal Square. The tear gasses were used against TGB members who protected the banner to detain Atatürk.

Police barricade was passed, moving towards Dolmabahçe

After the affray at the Tunnel, people who passed the barricades started to march towards the Dolmabahçe Palace where Atatürk died. There were two march columns.

A group overcame the police block and marched until Odakule and entered to Istiklal Avenue with “Atatürk” and “People's Package”. People marched from Karaköy to Dolmabahçe as they reached their targets. Other group was also successful by reaching Dolmabahçe by moving from Sarachane – Banks Streets and Karaköy. Tens of thousands read our national Oath in front of the Palace.

Izmir



People filled the whole square from Alsancak ferry port to Republic-Square. There were people at 7 or 70 in the celebration of the Republic. Workers, peasants, students were all in the square.

There were also supporters of Göztepe and Karşıyaka soccer teams of eternal rivalry in the square side by side. Citizens became a single heart and single voice to read our national Oath.

People greatly applaud the messages of Doğu Perinçek, Chair of the Workers' Party and CHP MP Mustafa Balbay who are imprisoned on account of the Ergenekon investigation.

Chairman of the Izmir Chamber of Doctors, Suat Kaptaner gave a speech on behalf of the Union of Forces for the Republic Platform.

Tugay Şen, Vice-Chairman of the Workers' Party and the Chairman of the Party's Izmir Province Organization, targeted Prime Minister Erdogan in his speech.

Hatay

Turkish and Syria Brotherhood was shouted

There were activities at four centres in Hatay for the Republic. In Antakya, CHP, Workers' Party, Egitim-Is, and TGB members placed a wreath on Atatürk Monument and made a press declaration. In the meeting where more than a thousand and five hundred person participated, the Chairman of the Association of Kemalist Thought Hatay Branch, Keziban Kuram said that "We must unite and become a power against AKP".

There were 13 organizations consisting of political parties and civil society organizations in Samandağ. Citizens often shouted the slogans of "We will win by uniting", "Completely independent Turkey", "Turkey and Syria are brothers", "Very first duty is to down the AKP".

Eskişehir

On the 90th anniversary of the Republic, each side of Turkey became white and red. There were 100 thousands of people on the squares in Eskişehir. Citizens who shouted the national Oath together carried the posters of Ali İsmail Korkmaz who was killed by the police forces during the June Riot.

At the end of the march, the national Oath ban of AKP was once more protested. Many people of Eskişehir read the Oath again to violate the ban of AKP. Patriots mentioned that "We celebrate the Republic as if it is established again" to indicate their spirit.

Malatya

Malatya Turan Emeksiz Square was full of 15 thousand people who came together to declare the brotherhood against the separation package of AKP. The police barricades in the Republic Celebration were lost among citizens who shouted as "Freedom October for Brotherhood". Citizens who were on squares in Diyarbakır, Kahramanmaraş, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ, Erzurum, Sivas, Kars and Van shouted the slogans of "We are the soldiers of Mustafa Kemal", "Either Independence or Death, Completely Independent Turkey".

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MESSAGE OF CHAIR OF THE WORKERS' PARTY DOĞU PERİNÇEK TO PEOPLE ON REPUBLIC SQUARES AND MARCHES

YOUR DEAREST IS WAITING FOR YOU

Guards of the Republic,

Heroic pioneers of the Republic,

They took away your dearest.

Your dearest is hijacked to the mountains.

Your dearest is the Republic.

Will you save Her?

The public will save the Republic

In the parliament, they are raising hands. They vote. And they call it democracy.

If you want to fulfil the obligation, you can denounce their elections to the public prosecutor. But you will not be able to save the republic by that. The republican public prosecution office is closed during religious holidays.

The CEOs of Turkish Armed Forces are sending greetings to those who are destroying the republic.

If you wish, you can send a petition to the European Court of Human Rights. But their judges are the judges of the globalized.

The Republic does not belong to the state anymore, it belongs to the public.

And it will be saved by the public.

And the people have risen up.

The June Uprising was just the beginning.

The Republic comes in full flood. Because it has sources, it has reasons.

The age of the Sultanate is over. We are living the last flutters of the Middle Age.

Atlantic Empire is setting down behind the hills at the west.

The sun of the Republic is rising from Asia.

We founded the Republic with a Revolution

We downed the Sultanate with the revolution.

We defeated the lords of imperialism in the war. We knocked down your Sultans.

The war of Republic has not been finished yet. It is going on for two centuries now.

We knocked down those who attack the Republic, this is law. The laws of the revolution are higher than all the edicts.

They will come to know the Turkish Nation

They intended to erase the name of that nation. They commit suicide, we ignore their judgements.

They tried to choke the nation into the darkness of the Middle Age. It is written on their forehead: They will choke in their own darkness.

They are trying to turn our women into religious belonging, our men into slaves. Our fight is the fight for freedom, and the victory will belong to freedom.

They cannot put Turkey into caves; they cannot chain the Turkish nation. They declared war against a great nation. The verdicts are on their necks.

This war is about life or death, are you ready?

We again knock down the throne and crown of the Fancyman Sultan. We will definitely bring him down.

All we have

We don't have a republic to celebrate anymore. Now, we have a republic to win.

We have Atatürk.

Our biggest resource: we have 2 centuries old tradition of revolution.

We have the working class in protesting in the mountains of Sodra.

We have the state employees.

We have the shopkeepers in the destroyed republics markets.

We have the traders and patriotic industry that is forced to step aside.

We have our intellectuals and artists of the times of Namik Kemal and Nazim Hikmet.

And Atatürks youth is on duty, as always.

This nation has people ready to sacrifice themselves, people who doesn't even know what death is.

We have the Workers' Party, we have the republican mass organizations.

We are the soldiers of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

Our power is huge and invincible.

Tomorrow to the squares of republic, to the roads to independence

Our duty tomorrow lies on the Tandoğan Square in Ankara,

The İstiklal (independence) Avenue in Istanbul,

On the Gündoğdu Square in Izmir.

Tomorrow, we are on duty in all the squares of the republic, to found the republic to head to independence.

Our dearest, the republic, has her arms wide open, waiting for our victory.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE REPUBLIC DAY

Several political parties and organizations have sent solidarity messages to the Workers' Party (Turkey) on the occasion of the founding day of the Turkish Republic.

Below, you will find a list of these parties and organizations.

- BA'ATH Party (Syria)
- Communist Party of the Russian Federation
- Communist Party of Bangladesh
- Communist Party of the Philippines
- Communist Party of Pakistan
- Party for Free Motherland (Brazil)
- Communist Party of Peru
- Patriotic Struggles Party of Tunisia
- Socialist Party of Serbia
- Freedom Association (Serbia)
- Communist Re-Foundation Movement (Italia)
- State and Power Movement (Italia)
- Communist Renaissance Movement of France
- Communist Party of Southern Switzerland
- Communist Party of Malta

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