

**Thousands gathered at TKP's May 1 rallies  
This order must change!**



*Tens of thousands of workers and activists hit streets with Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) in many cities including Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir for International Workers' Day rallies, despite several attempts of AKP government's precautions and police forces to silence the voice of workers and despite the threats of bosses to fire if they attend the rallies.*



Tens of thousands of workers attended the May 1 meeting in Istanbul's Maltepe district as the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) marked the rally with its massive participation with the slogan: This social order must change! General Secretary of TKP, Kemal Okuyan gave a [speech](#) in the **Istanbul** rally, saying " Celebrating May 1 without a determination to change this social order, the order of exploitation, is hypocrisy. We are not a hypocritical party. We celebrate May Day, and then advocate the continuation of this system. Is it possible? We celebrate May 1, and then advocate privatization of education and health services. We celebrate May 1, and then not demand right to free housing, heating and public transportation. No way!"



The weekly political magazine of the Communist Party of Turkey, [Boyun Eğme](#) was arbitrarily banned by the police in the May 1 meetings in İstanbul and Ankara due to its cover visual. In **Ankara**, a much greater crowd than several previous years gathered under the flag of TKP. Central Committee member Devrim Koçak reminded the ultimate goal of working class: "I declare our candidate for the presidential elections, I declare our candidate for the presidential elections: Socialism, socialism, socialism!"

Cuban Ambassador Luis Alberto Amoros Nunez participated in the [demonstrations](#) in Turkey's central **Eskişehir** province. Greeted with the slogan of "Cuba si, Yankee go!", the Cuban Ambassador addressed the workers gathered in the square. Addressing to the crowd, Özgür Şen, Central Committee Member of TKP, said "If we give a chance to those who leave the working class of Turkey to the

solution offers of bourgeois actors, people cannot celebrate the May Day. Only those who want to celebrate the working class in a revolutionary way can celebrate the May 1."

Filiz Tofan, a worker in **İzmir**, addressed on the struggles of the working class. "We earn too little, we live in debt. We do not have work safety. Our right to work rests with the decision of the bosses.", said Tofan and continued, "Could there ever be a boss who exploits less than the others? For the rule of the working class, we will organise under the party of workers. No less. No better. Long live the party. Long live the socialism," ended Tofan her speech.

In **Canakkale** Gülçin Uz, the Central Committee Member of TKP, reminded the crucial struggles in the history of working class. Saying that the working class gained significant acquisitions in every instance that it strictly refused the "solutions" brought forward by the bourgeois actors, Gülçin Uz stated, "That's why we have developed a completely different policy than especially the bourgeois actors for the elections to be held on June 24 since our political party takes its power from the historical references of the working class."

In **Mersin**, Central Committee Member Mehmet Kuzulugil underlined that "May 1 is not any day. Working class is not any popular stratum. While being challenged with poverty and unemployment, it creates all the values that are exploited". Following the launch of the new party office in **Artvin**, TKP's meeting caught great interest of the public.

Addressing the hundreds gathered in Turkey's **Antalya** to celebrate the International Workers' Day, Erhan Nalcaci, the Central Committee Member of TKP, said that "The working class lost its power as it lost its revolutionary character. The more working class complied with the so-called solutions offered by the bourgeois political actors, the more it sank to the bottom."

Communist Party of Turkey's (TKP) **Germany** organization joined together forming a communist bloc in many cities on 1st of May with Communist Party of Greece (KKE) and German Communist Party (DKP) and carried working class politics into the German streets where fascism and right wing populism has raised up perceptibly.