

A P P E A L
FROM THE LEADERS OF DISK OF TURKEY

The violation of trade union rights and freedoms in Turkey, especially the outlawing of the DISK confederation and its affiliates, the confiscation of their property and the detention of their leaders and activities, is not something which is unknown to world public opinion.

It has just been announced that the trial is to begin of the DISK leaders who have been held in custody for fifteen months.

Abdullah BASTURK, President, and 51 other trade union activists and leaders will appear before the Istanbul military tribunal from 24 December 1981.

The prosecution is demanding the death penalty for our 52 accused comrades.

The situation is more than alarming.

There is an urgent need to organise a vast and united movement of solidarity and protest.

We call on all trade union organisations, without exception, at all levels, to demonstrate their solidarity by all means possible (messages, petitions, delegations to Turkish embassies or to Istanbul for the trial, etc.) in order to save our comrades, the leaders of DISK, from death and prison.

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