

NO EXTRADITION, NO EXPULSION FOR AVNI ER AND ZEYNEP KILIC

On April 1st 2004 a repressive international operation organized by Turkish Authorities, in collaboration with the Authorities of various European Countries, resulted in the arrest of 82 people in Turkey and 59 people in Germany, Holland, Belgium and Italy.

They were journalists of opposition newspapers, members of democratic organizations, solicitors, architects, artists, former political prisoners, all engaged in human rights as well as information activities.

Among them, two communist militants, Avni Er (Turk) and Zeynep Kilic (Kurd, her real name is Nazan Ercan), who in Perugia (Italy) made a strenuous work of counter-information concerning the fascist criminal politics of the Turkish state.

Avni Er and Zeynep Kilic are, of all the people incriminated in the 2004 operation, the only two still incarcerated.

The Court of Assizes of Perugia, on December 20th 2006, convicted them to 7 and 5 years of detention for “belonging” to DHKP-C, a communist party of the revolutionary Turkish left, included in the infamous lists created from the EU after September 11th.

And recently, on January 23rd 2007, the Court of Appeal of Perugia confirmed the sentences in the first degree, including the expulsion from Italy at the end of the requested imprisonment.

Some figures of Turkish repression: 4 coups since the foundation of the Turkish State (the last of which in 1980); 30.000 Kurds killed, 8.000 burned villages and hundreds of thousands war refugees caused by the war in Turkish Kurdistan in 1990; 21 prisons assaulted (on December 19th 2000) for 4 days by 8 battalions, with 8335 soldiers engaged to break off the resistance of the inmates, which were opposing their transportation to F-type isolation cells, 20.000 bombs launched in the dormitories, 28 prisoners killed and about thousand wounded or raped, during this operation called cynically “Return to life”; 122 hunger strike martyrs, until death, against the violation of human rights and the cruelty of savage isolation; 2.000 political prisoners, dozens of intellectuals threatened by the extreme right wing in power and thousands international arrest warrants against opponents abroad

What’s terrorism? Who are the real terrorists?

To allow us to answer correctly, Zeynep and Avni put themselves against those who promote, for enormous financial interests, an image of a democratic Turkey ready to make the entrance in the democratic Europe.

For this reason they were accused of international terrorism, and for this reason they risk extradition and expulsion towards torture!

For Avni, in fact, Turkish Authorities have requested extradition, on which request the Sassari Court of Appeal, due to deliberate on February 7th, expressed serious doubts, postponing the sentence on April 10th 2008.

For Zeynep, in case the extradition to Germany could be avoided (though already accepted by the former Italian minister of Justice, Mastella), it would remain however the risk of expulsion to Turkey next April, when, after serving the 4/5 of her sentence, according to Italian law she will be freed.

If Italian Authorities will proceed to the extradition and/or expulsion of Avni Er and Zeynep Kilic, they will hand over two political opponents to their torturers, breaking those international law rules which don't permit repatriation towards countries that practice torture and violate human rights, ignoring altogether the 23/01/08 sentence of the European Council Parliamentary Assembly (ECPA), which condemned the procedures used by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and by the EU – about registering on the “blacklist” the names of suspects of terrorism - as detrimental of fundamental human rights and “completely arbitrary”.

In Europe, on February 7th 2008 the Belgian court of Appeal at Antwerp, called to rule on the case of the 11 presumed members of DHKP-C, also political opponents of the Ankara regime, recognizing what sentenced by the ECPA, refused to criminalize DHKP-C (*in relation to its presence in Belgium to the acts this organization performed in this state, DHKP-C cannot be considered neither an association of wrongdoers, nor a criminal organization, nor a terrorist group*) and exonerated all the defendants in that trial from the accusation of belonging to a “criminal and terrorist association”.

The trials against Avni and Zeynep have been summary trials, which have repeatedly aggrieved defence rights, and accepted as “truth” testimonies against the defendants given by Turkish “hooded” officials.

The accuses against the two militants are wrongful and false.

To struggle against the extradition and/or expulsion of Avni and Zeynep means to struggle in defence of democratic liberties, against every form of fascism, against persecution of communists, revolutionaries and radicals. It means at the very end to struggle against the barbarism of the capitalistic system, unique true cause of exploitation, misery and war.

WE INVITE EVERYBODY TO VOICE AGAINST THE EXTRADITION AND/OR EXPULSION OF THE COMRADES AVNI ER AND ZEYNEP KILIC, SENDING TELEGRAMS AND FAXES OF PROTEST TO: MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, VIA ARENULA 70, 00186 ROMA. FAX:+3906.68897777. PLEASE SEND ALSO AN E-MAIL (for acknowledgement) TO ASSOCIAZIONE SOLIDARIETA' PROLETARIA (ASP), e-mail: Ass-solid-prol@libero.it

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