Turkey: People's attorney Ebru Timtik dies on 238th day of hunger strike

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Ebru Timtik

Aug. 27 — Today, our comrade, a member of the People's Law Office, Ebru Timtik, was martyred in the 238th day of a death fast hunger strike. She was assassinated by imperialism and fascism because she resisted the injustice, exploitation and oppression imposed by President Erdoğan and his Justice and Development Party (AKP) on the strugglers and peoples of Turkey.

She fought for the right to a fair trial, which is the main demand of the great Resistance of the Death Fast. She was a fighter for justice, always on the side of the poor, the working class, the people and the youth.

That is why she was imprisoned and killed by the fascist regime of the AKP: because she never stopped, not even for a moment, defending the oppressed peoples of Turkey, neither as a lawyer nor as a struggler. Because together with the rest of the death fast hunger strikers, she put her body on the line against repression and injustice, without hesitation, in the face of torture, assault and imprisonment.

The accusation for which she was convicted as a "terrorist," like the rest of her colleagues, lawyers of the People's Law Office, was that she defended as a lawyer the family of Berkin Elvan and Dilek Doğan, assassinated by Turkish police; Hasan Ferit Gedik, murdered by the mafia for fighting against drugs; 301 workers killed by capital in Soma mines; teachers Nuriye Gülmen and Semih Özakça, who were fired under the state of emergency; as well as other cases of social and class injustice.

People's lawyer Aytaç Ünsal has continued his death fast hunger strike for 207 days and political prisoners Didem Akman and Özgür Karakaya for 191 days. Comrade Aytaç's health is deteriorating as he is being held in hospital, under the threat of forced feeding, physical and psychological torture.

The great resistance of the Death Fast has highlighted to the world the injustice and terrorism that prevails inside Turkey. But at the same time, it has developed a huge movement of solidarity in all parts of the world, which gives strength to the struggle

of the hunger strikers. From Turkey to Europe and from Latin America to the Middle East, the struggle against fascism, injustice, imperialist and class exploitation knows no borders.

Four of our comrades fell martyrs in Death Fast Resistance: Helin Bölek and İbrahim Gökçek, members of the revolutionary music group Grup Yorum, comrade Mustafa Koçak and people's lawyer Ebru Timtik. We swear revenge on their behalf. The struggle continues.

Ebru, our immortal comrade, brave woman of Dersim, fighter for justice, we promise you: We will demand an account from the AKP.

HELİN, İBRAHİM, MUSTAFA, EBRU, IMMORTAL!
THE DEMANDS OF DEATH FAST RESISTANCE BE IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED
FREEDOM TO THE LAWYERS OF THE PEOPLE
STRUGGLE FOR AYTAÇ ÜNSAL TO LIVE
WE ARE RIGHT AND WE WILL WIN!

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Message from Aytaç Ünsal

A message from lawyer Aytaç Ünsal, who continues the Death Fast resistance demanding a fair trial, which he started together with the revolutionary lawyer Ebru Timtik, who was martyred on the evening of Aug. 27. Here is what lawyer Ünsal said after the martyrdom of his comrade:

"My dear lawyer, my elder sister, my friend, my comrade of justice. … They killed

you in front of everyone's eyes. They killed a lawyer who was fighting to protect her people, who wanted justice, they killed her without blinking an eye, in front of everyone. But now you are born again in the heart of the people. You are born again as a people's fighter, as a fighter for justice. And you will be born again and again. Is there another example in the world of a lawyer sacrificing his/her life in the name of justice like this? My sister, rest in peace. Now with your anger, we will resist even stronger. And we will win our rights, for you, we will win it."

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