

Declarations and calls from Greek organisations after the assassination of Alexis Grigoropoulos

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We are publishing below a number of declarations, statements and calls from Greek organizations after the assassination of Alexis Grigoropoulos.

We'll add more when we receive the English version of other statements.

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GREEK SOCIAL FORUM

DOWN WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MURDERERS

15 year old pupil shot dead by policeman

Rage and mobiliation all over the country for the cold blooded assassination by a firearm bullet in the stomach of the 15year old school boy, by a policeman, on Saturday 6th of Dec. 9 p.m.

This is the extreme expression of police brutality spreading in the last few years accross mobilisations of any description, of students, workers, migratns, peasants, women, antifascist, ecological movements.

As from Saturday night mobilisations spread all over the country, from Crete in the South to upper northern cities, especially around universities, attacking police stations and banks.

The Greek Social Forum participated massively in the Sunday midday demonstration in Athens, of about 20.000, called at a few hours notice by left wing organisations and parties, which was soaked in chemicals and teargas in quantities heavier than ever in the last few years. It also participated in all the cities in mobilisation.

School pupils have been demonstrating everywhere today Monday, in the centre of the cities and in neighbourhoods, mainly by encircling police stations and dropping books and pencils in a symbilic disobedience move against the repression forces.

A general closure of all grades of education for tomorrow, Tuesday, has been announced by pupils-students and trades unions and a big mobilisation.

At 6 o'clock today, Monday, the Greek Social Forum together with left wing organisations and parties organise a radical protest expected massive and disobedient. We opt for disobedience and

not for indiscriminate smashing of property, as some antiauthoritarian forces do.

On Wednesday there is a general strike by the General Confederation of Labour, organised independently and before the assassination against the government policies, and the workers are called to take part in it massively, as well as in the rallies of the unions. The rallies will be followed by marches, despite the shameful announcement of the Trades Unions Leadership that they do not sanction marches for the fear of “trouble makers” and damage of property.

The government of austerity measures, of complicity in land development of huge proportions in collaboration with some Holy Mountain monasteries, of selling-off everything in the land (from ports and aircompanies to telecommunications and public education) must be overthrown by this huge movement of people’s rage.

Greek communities in Europe are carrying out activities of protest outside Greek consular authorities. We consider this movement in Greece to be a part of all European movements, thus we ask the comrades everywhere to find ways to align their forces with us.

The Greek Social Forum

Monday 8-12-08

Common statement of anti-capitalist left organizations

Down with the government of murderers! Our answer will be to resist and to keep fighting to overthrow the policy of police oppression, austerity and racism Demonstrate: Sunday 7/12/2008, Assemble Museum, 13.00 Monday

We, the organizations of the anticapitalist Left that sign this text, want to condemn the murder, in cold blood, of 16 year old Alexis Grigoropoulos by a police special guard in the evening of December 6th. We salute the demonstrations against the government of murderers all over Greece. In our opinion the reason for what happened is not the “*extreme zeal*”, or the “*loss of temper*” or the “*lack of training*” of a police special guard but the whole policy of the New Democracy government.

It is a policy that not only reinforces police oppression and legitimizes the use of lethal weapons against demonstrators, but also privatizes the Ports and Olympic Airlines, attacks social security and the rights of students.

It is the policy of police beatings of students, of the kidnappings of immigrants from Pakistan, of illegal interceptions of phone communications and of racist attacks that lead to the death of refugees that came here looking for asylum and a better future.

It is the policy of special “antiterrorist” legislation, of full compliance to the measures

adopted by the EU against democratic liberties and against immigrants.

It is the policy of the new legal framework for the Universities, of legalizing Private Universities. It is the policy of lower wages and rising taxes. Amidst an economic crisis the government is trying on the one hand to offer billions of euros to the Banks and on the other to find scapegoats either in radical youth or in immigrants.

After the brutal murder the government has chosen the path of police repression. That is why police anti-riot squads attacked those who were demonstrating. The Socialist Party, PASOK, has offered his consent to this policy. The message is simple: the government will enforce its policy at any cost, a policy that will make the workers pay for the economic crisis, by means of austerity, flexible work, privatizations, implementation of the EU policies.

The anger of the demonstrators is fuelled by the policies of the government, of the forces of capital, of the EU. That is why the protest must grow stronger. We must meet in the streets with the struggling workers, farmers and students. We will not pay for their crisis. Today anger is not enough. What is needed is collective and militant struggle in every workplace, every neighborhood, in order to transform them into places of resistance and overthrow the government and its policy.

- Down with the New Democracy government of murderers and its policy
- Capital must pay for its crisis, not the workers and youth.
- Let's escalate the struggle for our rights
- The ministers that are responsible must resign
- The police must be disarmed, police forces must keep away from demonstrations, and Police Special Forces must be disbanded.
- Release all people arrested during the demonstrations.
- Repeal "antiterrorist" and authoritarian laws

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The organizations of the Greek anticapitalist Left : ARAN (Left Recomposition), ARAS(Left Anticapitalist Group), EKKE (Revolutionary Communist Movement of Greece), EEK (Workers Revolutionary Party), OKDE, OKDE-Spartacus (4thInternational), SEK (Socialist Workers Party), NAR-N.K.A. (New Left Current-Youth Communist Liberation), K.O. Anasyntaxi (Communist Organization Regroupment), K.A. (Communist Renewal), EN.ANTI.A (United Anticapitalist Left), ME.R.A. (Front of Radical Left)

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SYRIZA (Coalition of the Radical Left) is greeting the universal participation of the people in today's general strike and manifestation. This manifestation is giving the message that working people and the youth will struggle for that people won't pay the damages of the economical crisis and that for they obtain their obvious rights, as the growing of salaries and income and permanent and steady jobs.

SYRIZA is also greeting the thousands of people that manifested today in the centre of Athens and in other Greek cities, and sent a crystal clear message that working people and the youth won't succumb to the police terrorism and arbitration and to the government's threats.

The SYRIZA's blocks had been the most massive and vivid since many years, and they gave this way a catalytic reply to any kind of provocateurs and slanderers. They declared their radical opposition to the government's policy and the state's suppression.

We won't stop the struggle for life in dignity, for democracy, for the rights of youth and working people.

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The Press Office

Press statement of Neolaia Synaspismou (the Youth of Synaspismos)

The State is killing. We have to stop them!

The assassination of a 15-year-old today in Exarhia square, demonstrates in the most extreme way the criminal face of the Greek police and the government of Nea Dimokratia. The government is the one that armed the hands of the killer policeman and hold all the political responsibility of the murder.

For years when the Greek police was left unregulated and uncontrolled for capturing and torturing students, workers and immigrants, when in any demonstration we are faced with the most brutal violence and state authoritarianism when incidents such as "jardiniere" remain unpunished, today murder can only be seen as a premeditated crime, and the guilty are the Greek state governments of N.D and PASOK.

Enough!

If some think we will be afraid to walk on the street, with the risk to get any bullet they are mistaken. Our response to authoritarianism and repression will come through the mass struggles of youth and workers, through our collective resistance to the authoritarian government, in defending and expanding the rights and freedoms of all of us.

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