

# **South Korea: Call for Solidarity after Raid on Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union (KPTU) Office**

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**Dear Colleagues,**

**Please see the below and attached call for solidarity in relation to the KPTU-TruckSol Pulmuone Chapter's struggle for road safety and union recognition, and the related raid on the KPTU office.**

**Following the raid seven of our members have been arrested. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

**In solidarity,**

**Wol-san**

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Dear Friends and Allies,

On the morning of 6 November, the South Korean police attempted a raid on the headquarters of the KCTU-Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union (KPTU). The pretext for the raid was a police investigation of a high altitude protest being carried out by striking KPTU Cargo Truckers Solidarity Division (KPTU-TruckSol) owner driver members who haul goods for the food products company Pulmuone. In addition to searching the TruckSol office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the KPTU's building, however, police attempted to raid upper floors housing the KPTU secretariat and other KPTU-affiliated institutions. They were stopped by protesting union members and supporters.

We are outraged at this attempted raid, which was both an act of repression against KPTU-TruckSol's legitimate struggle for safety, standard rates and union rights for truck drivers and an attempt to intimidate the entire KPTU in our fight against the government's anti-worker policies. (Please find the Attachment 2: Background Information.)

Many unions around the world have already expressed their willingness to stand in solidarity with us. This outpouring of support is greatly appreciated and is much needed to stop further repression. We thus ask for your support by delivering a protest letter to the Korean Embassy or Consulate in your country in person, by email or fax. Please see the attached sample letter (Attachment 1: Sample Protest Letter). Letters can be delivered any time beginning on 13 November.

Please also fax a copy to Pulmuone or upload to Pulmuone's facebook (fax: +82 2 6499 0137, + 82 42 627 2112, facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pulmuonelove>).

Letters from unions in the U.S. can be mailed to Pulmuone's U.S. office at: 2315 Moore Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92833

Please also send a copy to the KPTU by fax (+82 2 497 0444) or email (kptu.intl gmail.com).

Unions in the U.S. and Japan can also support the Pulmuone workers' struggle and help bring Pulmuone to the negotiating table by picketing at Pulmuone's overseas offices. Please contact us to coordinate if you can organise such an action. (Contact: Wol-san Liem, kptu.intl gmail.com)

With your support we promise so stand strong and continue our fight!

In solidarity,

**Sangsu Jo**

President

**Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union (KPTU)**

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