

# Solidarity with the 300 Migrant Workers on Hunger Strike in Greece

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Migrant workers come to developed countries hoping to survive, or escape from political and social persecution, but they fall prey to wild exploitation, and today they are the first to experience the consequences of the current economic and social crisis.

The 300 hundred migrant workers who are on hunger strike in Athens and Thessaloniki have been living and working in Greece for years. However, they are deprived of basic rights of the Greek workers; they have no right to free movement, to decent terms of employment, to health insurance, to personal dignity, to life as such!

We express our support to their struggle for human dignity and basic civil rights. Elementary social justice dictates to legalize migrant workers and abrogate their penal and bureaucratic persecution.

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