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GENERAL STRIKE 1st OF OCTOBER

NO to the 13hour working day

*Not a single sacrifice for the profits of monopolies
and the war hawks of the EU and NATO*

JOIN THE UNIONS – ALL OUT FOR THE NATIONWIDE STRIKE ON OCTOBER 1ST

**SEND THE 13-HOUR WORKDAY AND FLEXIBILITY BILL TO THE
DUSTBIN!**

**7-HOUR DAY – 5-DAY WEEK – 35-HOUR WEEK WITH WAGE
INCREASES**

We demand working conditions and wages that correspond to modern needs.

We demand a 7-hour day, 5-day week, 35-hour week, significant wage increases, and collective labor agreements so that we can meet our families' needs.

We demand safety measures and protection in the workplace, to go to work in good health and return home in good health.

We demand funding for wages, health, and education, not for war slaughterhouses.



SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

Mass Rallies Across Greece: With Palestine Until Freedom

On Sunday, August 24, thousands of workers, students, pensioners, and youth filled Syntagma Square in Athens in a powerful show of solidarity with the Palestinian people. The nationwide day of action, organised by PAME with the participation of hundreds of trade unions, federations, and labour centres, sent a clear message: the working class of Greece stands firmly with Palestine until freedom and justice prevail.

Rallies took place in Thessaloniki, Patras, Heraklion, Larisa, Volos, Trikala, and in dozens of cities and islands. Workers and unions condemned Israel's genocide in Gaza, its ongoing plans for the occupation of Gaza and the displacement of the Palestinian people, as well as the imperialist plans of the USA, NATO, and the EU in the Middle East, who arm and support the murderous state of Israel.

Anger was directed at the Greek government, which has aligned itself with Israel. Greece's involvement in the war, its participation in NATO's "Aspides" mission, its support of Israel through military, political, and economic cooperation, and the transformation of the country into a NATO staging ground were denounced as acts of complicity in the genocide of the Palestinian people.

With union banners, Palestinian flags, and powerful slogans, the voice of the people was united and firm:

Immediate end to Israel's occupation of Gaza and the genocide.

Opening of all crossings to allow unrestricted humanitarian aid.

Recognition of a free Palestinian state along the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with the UN resolutions.

Termination of economic, political and military cooperation with Israel; closure of all NATO bases in Greece.

Solidarity with Palestinian workers and those in Israel who oppose their government's policies.

History has one just side, with Palestine until freedom!



Thessalonika



Patra



Ioannina



Protest of Healthcare unions at the embassy of the murderer state of Israel for the new deadly strike on Nasser Hospital In Gaza

With a militant protest at the Israeli embassy on Friday, August 29, the Federation of Hospital Doctors of Greece, the Union of Doctors of Athens–Piraeus Hospitals primary healthcare unions and the Coordinating Committee of People with Disabilities, condemned the new murderous strike on Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, which left at least 20 dead, among them rescuers and five journalists.

The healthcare workers, wearing symbolically bloodstained coats, sent a resounding message:

“Bombs on schools and hospitals – this is not self-defense, this is genocide,”
“They spread death and destruction in the Middle East – Greece out of the slaughter.”

They demanded:

- An immediate end to the massacre in Gaza.
- No cooperation with the murderous state.
- Freedom for Palestine.

The unions denounced the Greek government for its bloody complicity and demanded that the Ministry of Health, Medical Associations, and Scientific Societies immediately cut all ties with institutions of the Israeli state.





Concert of the Construction Workers Union of Athens “WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD”

On Wednesday, September 3, at the Petra Theater in Petroupoli, Athens, the workers and the youth of Athens turned the concert organized by the Union of Construction Workers of Athens with the group "Koinoi Thnitoi" into a powerful demonstration of solidarity with the people of Palestine!



Public sector workers strike against the government's new Disciplinary Code bill

Public sector workers went on strike on Thursday, August 28, protesting the new disciplinary code by the government, which intensifies the policy of criminalizing struggles and demands.

In Athens, the mobilization began with a mass rally at the Old Parliament and continued with a march towards Parliament. There, demonstrators were confronted by police forces, riot vans, and riot squads, which set up a blockade, preventing workers from heading towards the Ministry of Interior. At the same time, mobilizations also took place in other cities and regions of Greece, Thessaloniki, Patras, Larissa, Crete, and elsewhere.

The new disciplinary code aims to intimidate, discipline, and silence every voice of protest, attempting to put trade union rights "in a cast." The bill is not an isolated measure but goes hand in hand with the bill introducing the 13-hour workday, integrated into the broader plans of the war economy, which advances repression alongside the intensification of exploitation: 13-hour working days, unpaid overtime, and the deregulation of fixed working hours.

It is by no means unrelated to the current international context period of escalating rivalries, military involvement, and war preparations. The Greek government is involved in these antagonisms and wars on behalf of the bourgeoisie and the international alliances it has chosen within the EU and NATO.

Precisely for this reason, the government targets those who fight and resist this policy: workers in both the public and private sectors who oppose the government and the EU, who see every day the consequences of war, poverty, and forced migration. These consequences are borne by the working class and the people, while capital continues to profit.

The state is adapting to the war economy by serving the dirty plans of NATO, the EU, and the murderous state of Israel. They want workers to be silent, without a voice and without rights. At the same time, the people are left unprotected without healthcare, without education, defenseless in the face of natural disasters.



Mass rally of trade unions at the Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF) on Saturday, September 6

One of the largest and most militant rallies of recent years shook the Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF) on Saturday, September 6.

Thousands of workers, farmers, self-employed, students, and pupils from Thessaloniki and the surrounding regions flooded the streets, with their slogans and flags giving the loudest possible answer to the policies of the government, capital and the EU.

They demanded the immediate withdrawal of the monstrous anti-labour bill for 13-hour workday and voiced their just demands for:

7-hour day – 5-day week – 35-hour week, wage increases, the signing and implementation of Collective Agreements, the restoration of the 13th and 14th salaries for public-sector workers, and the 13th and 14th pensions for retirees.

They denounced the provocation of the government that spends over €25 billion to the war machine of NATO and its allies, while schools open with thousands of unfilled teacher positions, hospitals are overwhelmed by medical personnel shortages, and half the country was left to burn by the wildfires without fire-prevention measures and infrastructure.

With a strong voice of solidarity, they stood with the heroic people of Palestine, condemning the murderous state of Israel and the Greek government's participation in the strategic alliance with it, supported by all bourgeois parties.

The rally also targeted the compromised leaderships of GSEE and ADEDY, who call for "more Europe" while every anti-labour law in Greece is the faithful implementation of EU Directives. These are the same leaderships that praised previous anti-labour laws, refused to call strikes, and when they did, tried to undermine them. They continue to sow illusions, promoting "social dialogue" as a solution, fully aligned with ETUC's line.

The slogan "Not a single sacrifice for the profits of monopolies – Not a single sacrifice for the war hawks of the EU and NATO" set the tone!

The unions declared that the struggle will escalate decisively, aiming for the organization of a nationwide strike by the end of September. The next militant milestone was set: the rally in Athens on Monday, September 8, against the monstrous anti-labour bill for 13-hour work..



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The determination of the workers to block the anti-labour bill for 13-hour workdays and generalized “flexibility” was declared at the militant rally of the unions in the center of Athens on Monday, September 8th.

Thousands of workers from every sector and workplace joined their voices together and, with their banners and slogans, sent a clear message with their demands:

Jobs with rights – Reduction of working hours – 7-hour day, 5-day week, 35-hour week – Collective Bargaining Agreements – Wage increases.

This massive mobilization sent a resounding message against the modern labour barbarity imposed by government laws and EU directives, all in the name of “competitiveness” and the needs of the war economy. The demands of capital, which exhaust and surpass every limit, will not go unanswered.

Workers are not machines! We have lives, rights, and needs. We fight to live with dignity, not to become slaves for the profits of the few and “cannon fodder” for imperialist wars.

The demonstration also sent a message of internationalist solidarity, decisively condemning the ongoing massacre of the Palestinian people by the murderer state of Israel and Greece’s involvement in imperialist plans.



