

ANNOUNCEMENT: Declaration of the Commencement of Hunger Strike of 7 Kurdish political refugees in Xanthi Pre-removal Detention Center for the Freedom of Abdullah Öcalan

It has been nearly 25 years (February 15th 1999) since the International Conspiracy through which the Kurdish peoples leader, Abdullah Öcalan and was kidnapped from the Greek embassy in Kenya and imprisoned in İmrالی F-Type High Security Prison.

In İmrالی Prison, located on a remote island in the Sea of Marmara, international human rights conventions are purposely ignored with intent to destroy the Kurdish people and their struggle through the unjust detention of the leader of the Kurdish people, Abdullah Öcalan.

Since March 25th 2021, all communication has been prohibited between Öcalan and the outside world, including with his family and lawyers. In the face of this aggravated isolation, international human rights institutions, including the CPT (European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment), have failed to fulfil their obligations and in doing so are complicit in crimes committed by the Turkish State.

As political refugees forced to seek asylum in Greece as a result of rising Turkish fascism in Kurdistan, we condemn the continued isolation of Abdullah Öcalan and salute the resistance of all PKK and PAJK political prisoners.

On this basis, today, at 15/12/2023, we have begun rotating hunger strike in Xanthi Pre-removal Detention Center. Through this action, we join comrades in 104 prisons across Turkey and Kurdistan on hunger strike since the 27th of November 2023 in demanding an end to the isolation of Kurdish people's leader Abdullah Öcalan, who is held in İmrالی F Type Prison. The hunger strike will continue until February 15th 2024.

We want to thank and to send our revolutionary greetings to D. Chatzivasiliadis that conducted a hunger strike for the liberation of Abdullah Ocalan, from the 1st to 7th of December, as well as all the comrades that have carried out the Campaign Freedom of Abdullah Ocalan, and all that participated in or supported the Press Conferences held in November, and the Ocalans book presentation events in the frame International Day of Ocalan Books 2023 at the 10th of December.

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The 8 Kurdish hunger strikers political prisoners in Xanthe Pre-removal Detention Center:

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