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Greece tomorrow: one-day general strike in the public and privat sector

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Syriza (as a party) issued yesterday a statement also calling for the strike (!), a move that has triggered reactions ranging from irony to anger or to sheer laughter. It is expected that Syriza official representatives (not of course ordinary members, supporters or trade-unionists) will be physically prevented to participate to the planned demos and rallies, as has happened in the past with Pasok representatives.

Meanwhile, the lenders are delaying the 2 billion payment due this month to Greece asking for even more "prior actions" to be passed by the parliament and an overall acceleration of the "reforms" to which the government is committed in the framework of the Memorandum. In any case, the worst measures, dismantling what's left of the pension system and leading to the ruin of the small and middle peasantry via absurd overtaxation, are expected to be voted this month.

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