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Let's stop Orbanization in Greece!

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As soon as he became prime minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis built parallel powers and, seven years later, he is swimming in scandals marking the privatization of the state for his own benefit and that of his relatives and the employers.

Thus, the ministers with fake diplomas, the Petsas list aimed at distributing subsidies to the friendly press, even if it is almost non-existent, the European agricultural subsidies paid on the basis of loyalty to New Democracy (ND, the party of the Mitsotakis family): this latest affair has alerted the chief prosecutor of the European Union, Laura Kövesi, immediately slandered by sources close to Mitsotakis.

This policy worried Amnesty International in its report for 2025: the Predator wiretapping scandal, which we know stems from Mitsotakis, illegal detention of refugees or pushbacks at sea, the law on the 13-hour working day, repression against demonstrations for the victims of the railway crime in Tëmbior for Gaza and so on.

Incessant attacks, 2 symbolic cases

In recent weeks, the right has been unleashed inspired by Hungary's Orbán: a bill aimed at completely neutralising the labour inspectorate, which would come under the supervision of the Ministry of Development; a revelation of the cynical use of masked immigrant groups to push refugees back to Turkey and repression in all directions: police sent to the universities to prevent any protest against the exclusion of thousands of students, harsh trials against local mobilizations in defence of the environment and so on/

If we retain priorities in this wave of repression, two cases call for immediate solidarity. First of all, Javed Aslam, president of the Pakistani Community of Greece. Known for his commitment against racism and for the rights of immigrants, for his important role in the indictment of Chryssi Avgi (Golden Dawn) after the murder of Shehzad Luqman in 2013, he is threatened with not having his residence permit renewed after 30 years in Greece, petty revenge of the minister of migration.

And at the end of April the teacher Chryssa Hotzoglou who, like thousands of her colleagues – now all threatened – had refused an evaluation procedure synonymous with authoritarianism and the “unloading” of public sector workers, will again appear before the disciplinary council,. Despite the unanimous negative opinion of a first council a year ago, she was suspended; she now faces dismissal. The battle against evaluation is that of the defence of an open and critical school against a school of obedience to the hierarchy, and the relentlessness of the authorities proves its desire to prohibit trade union action and mobilizations. Chryssa's dismissal would be the first for union reasons in the public sector since the fall of the fascist colonels in 1974.

Against the Greek Orbán, international support for the resistance!

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