

Solidarity With Striking Levi's Employees in Turkey!

Levi factory workers in Turkey face sweatshop working conditions. They experience daily coercion, discrimination, excessive working hours, unsafe conditions, and suppression of their union rights – all elements at odds with the core labor standards that Levi's claims to endorse. We call on Levi's employees, and all other workers, in the U.S. to respect the strike of their fellow workers in Turkey and to take action in solidarity with their demands.

**We join the Birtek-Sen
workers in demanding from
Levi's and Özak:**

*Immediate reinstatement of all dismissed
workers who wish to return.*

*Fair compensation for the periods workers
were unable to work.*

*Establishment of a non-retaliation protocol
to ensure returning workers face no discrim-
ination or mobbing.*

*Improvement of working conditions through
a protocol includes grievance mechanisms
for reporting and resolving workplace
issues.*

On November 19th, 450 workers out of 700 workers at the Özak Tekstil factory in Turkey which primarily produces Levi's jeans had enough. They announced that they would be leaving their old collaborationist union, which worked hand in hand with the boss to squash workers efforts to improve their conditions, and formed a new union called Birtek-Sen (United Textile Workers Union) which could actually defend them against the companies attacks. In response Levi's began laying off workers and bullying them to return to their old union. On November 29th, 450 workers went on strike. In response the government in collaboration with the company banned demonstrations, attacked workers outside the factory and arrested leaders of the new union.

The army was deployed to prevent workers from approaching the factory entrance thus allowing scabs to enter. On Dec. 6th, the army attacked workers with batons and tear gas, arresting 19 workers and three union leaders, including again the head of Birtek-Sen. Resulting in the workers who were continuing to work inside the factory coming out and joining the strike!

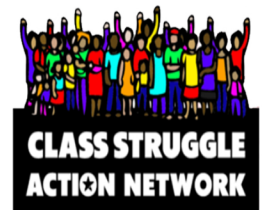
This textile factory has among its main clients; Levi Strauss & Co, a United States based company. This is why as workers in the U.S. and as CSAN (Class Struggle Action Network) we want to express our solidarity with our class brothers and sisters at Özak Tekstil, claiming their freedom to organize into a genuine fighting union like Birtek-Sen, and to denounce the anti-worker front composed of the bosses, the government and state, and regime unions!

We denounce Levi Strauss & Co. owners and bosses as complicit in the exploitation and oppression of our fellow workers in Turkey

*Long live the struggle of the workers of Özak Tekstil!
Long live class unionism, against collaborationist and regime unionism!
For the extension of the strike above factory and category boundaries!
For international workers' solidarity and unity!*



The Class Struggle Action Network is a network of worker militants, founded on the recognition of the irreconcilable interests between the capitalist class and the working class. We are dedicated to rebuilding an international union movement capable of defending the material interests of workers everywhere.



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