



# Korean Metal Workers' Union

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## Solidarity Message to the Workers at Posco Assan TST in Turkey

Dear President Adnan Serdaroğlu,

Warm greetings of solidarity and unity from the steel workers of the Korean Metal Workers' Union to the Birleşik Metal-İş comrades fighting to build a democratic union in our brother/sister country Turkey!

In Korea, POSCO is infamous for its ruthless and harsh union repression. Since the company's establishment in 1968 -- during the military dictatorship era in South Korea -- numerous workers have exerted efforts to establish democratic unions, but Posco trampled labor and human rights and built a cold-hearted capitalist empire.

But there is no capital that can lay defeat to the unity and struggle of the workers. These days the union organizers for the KMWU Posco subcontracted workers' local have their hands full, meeting with in-house subcontracted workers wanting to join the union.

The long years of workers pounding on the fortress walls of the Posco empire have finally created enough fissures and begun breaking through.

This is what we want to say to our comrades. Do not bow to Posco's ruthless violent repression. Just as an individual droplet of water is weak but a flood of water drops together can break through walls, an individual worker may not be strong but acting together in unity, our force becomes unsurmountable. They know this too. The only reason they respond with force and union repression is because they are afraid. I am convinced that the workers united together in struggle will surely see victory.

The steel workers in the Korean Metal Workers' Union stand together with our Turkish comrades in the fight to win the reinstatement of your comrades and defend the democratic union for all the workers of Posco Assan to live as human beings, not machines!

Your fight is our fight! Your victory is our victory!

In Solidarity,

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cc. IndustriALL General Secretary Valter Sanches

