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### Update on recent developments

### RIOT POLICE RAID ON THE KAVALA OIL FACILITIES

### ORDERED BY ENERGEAN OIL & GAS SA COMPANY WITH THE TOLERANCE OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

On Tuesday 21 December 2021 at dawn, at the order of the Company Energean Oil & Gas SA and with the tolerance of the Greek Government, strong riot police forces invaded the premises of Kavala Oil & Gas SA.

The riot squads blocked the main gate and moved around the perimeter of the factory, cut the barbed wire, entered the premises and managed to surround the workers using stun grenades, thus causing a fire in a power supply transformer according to the workers' statements.

The workers repulsed by the police forces took refuge in a high-risk tower.

This criminal police intervention compromised the safety of the premises and it's a miracle no casualties were suffered.

Throughout the riot police intervention, the road was blocked so that local government (Municipal Authority, etc.), members of the opposition parties, unions and solidarity groups could not approach the gate of the factory.

At noon, a negotiation was held to de-escalate the tension and the trapped workers came down from the control tower so that the investigation process could begin, following a lawsuit filed by the company.

The result of the negotiation was the release of about 160 workers while 17 others were taken the Kavala's Police Directorate only for identification purposes, according to the assurance given the person in charge of the police operation.

However, the Police proceeded to the arrest of the 17 detained workers (7 leaders and 10 members of the Union), who were transferred late at night to the detention facilities of Kavala's Police Directorate to be tried the next day.

As a sign of protest we held a rally that same evening outside the Kavala's Police Directorate demanding the release of our 17 arrested colleagues.

On Wednesday 22 December 2021, we organized a new protest rally outside the Kavala's Courthouse together with the families of the 17 arrested, where a new attack by the riot police took place involving the use of chemicals by the time the 17 arrested were transferred to the courthouse.

As a result of this, one worker was transferred to Kavala Hospital with respiratory problems.

By decision of the court no charges were filed and our 17 colleagues were released.

The Prosecutor opened a file to investigate the case including the workers' complaints about working conditions. This decision is the best outcome for the workers and the worst for the Company.

Today, the workers Union of KAVALA OIL and our Federation are jointly holding the customary Christmas celebration for the children of the workers of Kavala Oil.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your messages of support and solidarity.

We will keep you informed of further developments.

We wish you Happy Holidays

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