



An appeal for solidarity with Democratic Way

Dear comrades,

The siege and restrictions on the Democratic Way (DW) are escalating as the date of its fifth national congress approaches at the end of January 2022. As DW intends to announce the establishment of the party of the working class and all the toiling people, the assault have been intensified significantly. The Makhzen (political regime in Morocco) is preparing to put all kinds of obstacles in front of the convening of our congress in order to prevent it. The reasons of this attack consist in DW's political positions in defense of the working class, the employees, the marginalized masses and the various unprivileged classes and popular groups. DW has been at the fore front in different battle fronts against tyranny, exploitation, police brutality, violations of freedoms and human rights and against normalization with the Zionist entity.

Since its establishment, DW has been subjected to restrictions and deprivation of its most basic rights as a legal party. In recent years, however, this restriction has taken a quantum leap. Since the direct threat announced of dissolution announced by the Ministry of the Interior, the restrictions on DW have intensified through the systematic deprivation of access to public premises and public information media, as well as the refusal of local authorities to hand over the receipt in return for filing articles of association or renewing DW boards in various cities and villages across the country.

The political regime has already banned the convening of DW youth congress in a public hall. Besides, many DW workers are blacklisted by the factory and farm owners in collaboration with the local authorities. Therefore, the factories and production units deny access to work for DW activists who are inscribed in their lists. This unlawful assault against the active workers aims at besieging the DW militants and preventing them from access to work and productive sectors. DW members have also been subjected to systematic prevention from access to public employment.

On the other hand, the authorities carry on intimidation campaigns targeting the families of DW members and threaten them in order to dissuade their daughters and sons from joining DW. Additionally, some DW members are being prosecuted and sentenced in unfair trials because of their struggle for just causes and their support for the workers' struggles, the victims of human rights violations and their activism in different sectors of the party. The authorities also refused to grant visas to DW guests, such as the case of Palestinian activists and the joint delegation of our comrades from the Socialist Party of Zambia and SRWP comrades who applied for visa to visit DW but got denied for no reason.

DW is also banned from using the party banners and flags publicly. This ban becomes more intense and take several forms during the fake elections when DW activists get suppressed for organizing popular mobilizations and boycott campaigns (harassment, violence and arrest). This systematic attack constitutes a blatant and serious violation of human rights, freedom of expression and organization, and even the Moroccan constitution itself which

stipulates equality between citizens in employment and assuming positions. Similarly, the regime is also working hard to stifle other organizations in which DW members actively struggle. This is the case for the Moroccan Association for Human Rights (AMDH) which is being prosecuted because of its principled and courageous struggle in defending human rights, all human rights for all, and because the DW has assumed a leading position in its instances. AMDH is also under attack because it has a mass membership and credibility not only in Morocco but also regionally, on the continent and internationally.

Dear comrades,

We are determined to defend to the last breath our right to hold our national congress, in person and on the date scheduled. Therefore, we call upon all struggling forces for international solidarity which is of great importance for DW at this moment. The Moroccan regime, abroad, boasts of being "democratic" and respecting human rights and public freedoms, your voice and solidarity acts count for us.

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