

We support Dmitry Kalitventsev and the Ukrainian working class

We hereby lodge our strongest objection to the victimization of the leadership of the Independent Miners Union (NPG), among them comrade Dmitry Kalitventsev, for merely standing up for the rights of workers to be paid what is due to them. In particular we raise objection to the links between the Ukrainian state and the oiligarchy of Krasnodonugol, whose figurehead is Rinat Akhmetov. These so-called billionaires are mere fronts for German and US imperialist banks that are the main reason why billionaires sprout like mushrooms in the rain amid millions of workers and rank and file soldiers being paid low wages and having to wait months for their salaries. The so-called Orange revolution is thus seen as a mere get-rich quick exercise among former stalinist bureaucrats who now are leading born-again capitalists. Indeed this was nothing else but a yellow counter-revolution to expropriate workers gains and to put them to the feet of world imperialism.

It is out of such harsh conditions of renewed plunder by imperialism, which wants to make the bread basket of the region into a basket case (a beggar in the land of plenty) that we can understand the actions of Roman Kamynin, who was driven to his actions by the starvation enforced by the state including all the state officials and court judges. You are the guilty ones and he is innocent. You have forced a system of starvation, where people die daily of preventable diseases, like in the semi-colonies such as South Africa.

The same German and US imperialists are also plundering us here and we stand shoulder to shoulder with Roman and Dmitry against you. We have obtained a list of your names and will be launching an immediate international campaign naming you, Akhmetov and other oligarchs as the modern day continuators of fascism, apartheid, the wordt capitalist plunderers, of the Ukrainian working class. We will take it to the miners federations, to the entire world working class movement. we will noe erest until Dmitry is reinstated and Roman is free.

We call on all workers in Ukraine, whether in the independent or official unions to unite against the state. It is time to raise again the banner of the Red revolution. In this the Workers International Vanguard League is your ally.

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We publish the appeal from the Ukrainian independent miners

Appeal

After presidential elections another persons and names have come to the rule in Ukraine, but the "new" power continues attack to fighting workers` trade unions in the same way, as well as "old" power. So, administration of "Krasnodonugol" (association of some mines in Lugansk region, belongs to billionaire Rinat Akhmetov which protege became the president recently) has decided to finish with «disturbers of calmness» - the fighting and originally independent workers` organization, Independent trade union of miners (NPG) mine «Imeni Barakova». «Last drop» for the director was that NPG has opposed deterioration of working conditions of miners.

Specially for Akhmetov`s enterprises "Krasnodonugol" and "Pavlogradugol" in the beginning of 2010 has been developed so-called «integrated system of compensation» - and, as a matter of fact, new worst job conditions. Besides, payment became nominal, and now it in many respects depends on individual relations of the management and workers. NPG has acted sharply against changes, naming their directed on transformation of workers into serfs. The new system doesn't correspond to requirements neither national, nor the international standards and norms of the organization of work.

The independent trade union has demanded to spend payment according to the branch agreement and laws of Ukraine. Also it has achieved that the state inspection of work in Lugansk region has demanded from a management of "Krasnodonugol" to eliminate infringements of the legislation concerning payment of miners. However owners of the company not only haven't executed court requirements, but also have dismissed a number of active workers NPG. And it is not the first attempt of punishment over members of trade union already. NPG named administration actions «not only a crime which was expressed in rough infringement of laws on work, but also punishment of trade union, of all workers` movement, attempt to transform workers in dumb slaves». Also has protested dismissals in a judicial order. As a result the majority of active workers nevertheless is restored on work, despite fierce resistance and judicial authority, and administration. They continue struggle against administration and owners of "Krasnodonugol". However NPG leader Dmitry Kalitventsev still dismissed.

It is necessary to help to be restored on work to the fighting trade-union leader! Solidary support is necessary from groups of working-class movement of other countries!

The Coordination Council of workers` movement of Ukraine (KSRD) asks to send protest letters to following addresses in Ukraine:

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President: Bankovaja str. 11, Kiev, 01220, e-mail: press@apu.gov.ua
Cabinet of Ministers: Grushevsky's str. 12/2, Kiev, 01008, e-mail: portal@kmu.gov.ua

State Office of Public Prosecutor: Reznitskaya str. 13/15, Kiev, 01601
Supreme Court: Pilipa Orlika str. 4a, Kiev, 01024, e-mail:
web_editor@scourt.gov.ua
Lugansk regional state administration: Heroes of the Second World War square
3, Lugansk, 91016, e-mail: gubernator@loga.gov.ua

And also to the Ukrainian embassy in your country.

Letter copy send to the Coordination Council of workers` movement of Ukraine
(KSRD) and Edition of the newspaper « Worker`s Action»: ksrd@pisem.net

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