



In Euskal Herria (Basque Country), October 14th 2009.

COMPLAINT OF THE TRADE UNION LAB DUE TO THE ARREST OF HIS FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY, RAFAEL DÍEZ USABIAGA, AND THE ASSAULT ON NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN DONOSTIA - SAN SEBASTIAN.

Yesterday afternoon, 13th October, Spanish police raided the national headquarters of the Basque trade union LAB and arrested 5 activists of the Basque separatist left, including former General Secretary of LAB Rafael Díez Usabiaga. All this in the context of a police operation that has resulted in a total of 10 detainees.

The Spanish State has chosen once again by perpetuating the denial strategy of the Basque people and the repression against the independence movement on the left, qualified by arresting militants.

It is necessary to overcome the repression and denial strategy led by the Spanish Government and open a new political cycle based on respect for all political options and the right to decide of the Basque people.

Yesterday's police operation was directed against the Basque working class and it was aimed to disable the political initiatives that the Basque separatist left could carry out to overcome the existing political conflict.

For the working class it is essential to promote a political change in Euskal Herria (Basque Country). The working class needs a strategic alternative to the prevailing social and economic model today that makes us mere servants of capital and entrepreneurship.

The Basque country needs a political change that results in a democratic framework which recognizes the right of the Basque people to decide their future in terms of dialogue, democracy and political proposal. This is the scenario which is considered by LAB built among all political actors and social union.

From this point of view, we demand the immediate release of our colleague Rafael Díez Usabiaga, former General Secretary of LAB and the other detainees.

We also denounce the assault to our local in Donostia-San Sebastian and demand that any new attack does not happen again to our headquarters.

We call to endorse the protests that are going to take place during the next few days in

the Basque Country to denounce these acts.

We ask for the solidarity of all class trade unions worldwide and ask them to send us their messages of solidarity to the following email: nazioartea@labsindikatua.org

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