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Free A. Koltshenko! **Crimean Antifascist militant,** **kidnapped and detained by** **the Russian State**

Alexandr Koltshenko has been known for several years in Crimea for his antifascist, trade union, anarchist and ecological commitments. In 2009, he had already been the victim of a knife attack by a fascist mob for having issued a film on the murder of Crimean independent journalist Anastasia Baburova. He kept on leading his Human Rights actions, participating as such in the distinctly antifascist in Maidan Square, that led to the ousting of Ukrainian president Yanukovich, whose clan was robbing the country and exploiting its population.

During the Russian military intervention, Alexandr Koltshenko organized non-violent protest actions alongside the Tatar, Ukrainian and Russian citizens in protest against the military occupation who falsified the referendum.

Some days before these demonstrations, the Russian police (FSB) kidnapped several organisers of the popular resistance. This was the case of Alexandr Koltshenko, on the 16th of May 2014. Along with 3 other abducted people he was accused of organising a terrorist group tied to the Ukrainian extreme-right. This is followed by a litany of delirious accusations: Koltshenko would have masterminded the explosions that went off near the statue of Lenin in Simferopol, on May 8 and 9 ; sabotaged rail lines, attempted to set fire to the Russian Unity, and Crimean Russian community precincts (April 18, May14).

Alexandr Koltshenko is an antifascist militant that the Russian police wants to pass off as a fascist. Alexandre Koltshenko is a man that considers himself a Ukrainian citizen, that the Russian police intends to try as a Russian citizen. He is detained in draconian conditions, his lawyers are refused elementary rights to defend him, and he is under the threat of 15 to 20 years in a labour camp.

- A Koltshenko is a student and trade union militant.** He was also working as postman to pay for his university studies. He is very active in supporting the right to organise, to create and lead political, ecological, labour organisations.
- He is one among the many men and women that fight against the Extreme Right, whether Russian, Ukrainian, or other...**
- Because he fights corruption and defends equal rights for all, A Koltshenko is the target of Russian and Ukrainian oligarchies.
- A Koltshenko struggles for the right of each people to decide his own future.**

Koltshenko's situation is symbolic of the type of repression taking place in that part of the world. But his case is far from being the only one. Through Alexandr Koltshenko's, we are defending everyone's democratic freedoms. We are, as he is, making a stand against those that would restrain these freedoms.

This 1st of May, all of our civil rights, labour and political organisations call for a broad movement of international solidarity for Koltshenko's immediate liberation, for democratic liberties in all countries. We denounce the kidnapping and detention of A Koltshenko by the Russian authorities, demand his immediate liberation, and for the Ukrainian government to demand likewise in an explicit way.

Les organisations membres du Réseau syndical international de solidarité et de lutte

Organisations syndicales nationales interprofessionnelles

- Central Sindical e Popular Conlutas (**CSP-Conlutas**) - Brésil.
- Confederación General del Trabajo (**CGT**) - Etat espagnol.
- Union syndicale Solidaires (**Solidaires**) - France.
- Confédération Générale du Travail du Burkina (**CGT-B**) - Burkina.
- Confederation of Indonesia People's Movement (**KPRI**) - Indonésie.
- Confederación Intersindical (**Intersindical**) - Etat espagnol.

- Syndicat National Autonome des Personnels de l'Administration Publique (**SNAPAP**) - Algérie.
- Batay Ouvriye - Haïti.
- Unione Sindacale Italiana (**USI**) - Italie.
- Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs - Solidarité Ouvrière (**CNT SO**) - France.
- Sindicato de Comisiones de Base (**CO.BAS**) - Etat espagnol.
- Organisation Générale Indépendante des Travailleurs et Travailleuses d'Haïti (**OGTHI**) - Haïti.
- Sindacato Intercategoriale Cobas (**SI COBAS**) - Italie.
- Confédération Nationale du Travail (**CNT-f**) - France.
- Intersindical Alternativa de Catalunya (**IAC**) - Catalogne.
- Union Générale des Travailleurs Sahraouis (**UGTSARIO**) - Sahara occidental.
- Ezker Sindikalaren Konbergentzia (**ESK**) - Pays basque.
- Confédération Nationale de Travailleurs du Sénégal Forces du Changement (**CNTS/FC**) - Sénégal.
- Independent Trade Unions for Egyptian Federation (**EFITU**) - Egypte.
- Sindicato Autorganizzato Lavorator COBAS (**SIAL-COBAS**) - Italie.
- General Federation of Independent Unions (**GFIU**) – Palestine.
- Confederación de la Clase Trabajadora (**CCT**) – Paraguay.
- Red Solidaria de Trabajadores – Perou
- Union Syndicale Progressiste des Travailleurs du Niger (**USPT**) - Niger.

Organisations syndicales nationales professionnelles

- National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (**RMT/TUC**) - Grande-Bretagne.
- Centrale Nationale des Employés – Confédération Syndicale Chrétienne (**CNE/CSC**) - Belgique.
- Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores del Sistema Agroalimentario (**SINALTRAINAL/CUT**) - Colombie.
- Fédération Générale des Postes, Telecom et Centres d'appel - Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail (**FGPTT/UGTT**) - Tunisie.
- Trade Union in Ethnodata - Trade Union of Employees in the Outsourcing Companies in the financial sector - Grèce.
- Syndicat national des travailleurs des services de la santé humaine (**SYNTRASEH**) - Bénin
- Sindicato dos Trabalhadores da Fiocruz (**ASFOC-SN**) – Brésil.
- Organizzazione Sindacati Autonomi e di Base Ferrovie (**ORSA Ferrovie**) - Italie.
- Union Nationale des Normaliens d'Haïti (**UNNOH**) - Haïti.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Scuola Università Ricerca (**CUB SUR**) - Italie.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Immigrazione (**CUB Immigrazione**) - Italie.
- Coordinamento Autorganizzato Trasporti (**CAT**) - Italie.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Credito e Assicurazioni (**CUB SALLCA**) - Italie.
- Syndicat des travailleurs du rail - Union Nationale des Travailleurs du Mali (**SYTRAIL/UNTM**) – Mali.
- Gıda Sanayii İşçileri Sendikası - Devrimci İşçi Sendikaları Konfederasyonu (**GIDA-IŞ/DISK**) - Turquie.
- Syndicat National des Travailleurs du Petit Train Bleu/SA (**SNTPTB**) - Sénégal.
- Asociación Nacional de Funcionarios Administrativos de la Caja de Seguro Social (**ANFACSS**) - Panama.
- Conseil des Lycées d'Algérie (**CLA**) – Algérie.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Trasporti (**CUB Trasporti**) - Italie.
- Syndicat de l'Enseignement Supérieur Solidaire (**SESS**) – Algérie.
- Palestinian Postal Service Workers Union (**PPSWU**) – Palestine.
- Union Syndicale Etudiante (**USE**) – Belgique.
- Sindicato dos Trabalhadores de Call Center (**STCC**) – Portugal.
- Sindicato Unitario de Trabajadores Petroleros (**Sinutapetrolgas**) – Venezuela.
- Alianza de Trabajadores de la Salud y Empleados Publicos – Mexique.
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers / Syndicat des travailleurs et travailleuses des postes (**CUPW-STTP**) – Canada.

Organisations syndicales locales

- Trades Union Congress, Liverpool (**TUC Liverpool**) - Angleterre.
- Sindacato Territoriale Autorganizzato, Brescia (**ORMA Brescia**) - Italie.
- Fédération syndicale SUD Service public, canton de Vaud (**SUD Vaud**) - Suisse
- Sindicato Unitario de Catalunya (**SU Metro**) - Catalogne.
- Türkiye DERİ-İŞ Sendikası, Tuzla et Izmir (**DERİ-İŞ Tuzla et Izmir**) - Turquie.
- L'autre syndicat, canton de Vaud (**L'autre syndicat**) - Suisse
- Centrale Générale des Services Publics FGTB, Ville de Bruxelles (**CGSP/FGTB Bruxelles**) - Belgique
- Arbeitskreis Internationalismus IG Metall, Berlin (**IG Metall Berlin**) – Allemagne
- Sindicato Unificado de Trabajadores de la Educación de Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca -(**SUTEBA/CTA de los trabajadores Bahia Blanca**) – Argentine
- Sindicato del Petróleo y Gas Privado del Chubut/CGT – Argentine.
- UCU University and College Union, University of Liverpool (**UCU Liverpool**) - Angleterre.

Organisations syndicales internationales

- Industrial Workers of the World - International Solidarity Commission (**IWW**)

Courants, tendances ou réseaux syndicaux

- Transnationals Information Exchange Germany (**TIE Germany**) - Allemagne.
- Emancipation tendance intersyndicale (**Emancipation**) - France.
- Globalization Monitor (**Gmo**) - Hong Kong.
- Courant Syndicaliste Révolutionnaire (**CSR**) - France.
- No Austerity - Coordinamento delle lotte - Italie.
- Solidarité Socialiste avec les Travailleurs en Iran (**SSTI**) - France.
- Basis Initiative Solidarität (**BASO**) - Allemagne.
- LabourNet Germany - Allemagne.
- Resistenza Operaia - operai Fiat-Irisbus - Italie.