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### Turkey: 450km Walk for Justice

Brussels, 20 December 2016 (ITUC OnLine): The ITUC has expressed its solidarity with its affiliated national centre in Turkey, KESK, which is organising a 450km walk involving its leadership and workers dismissed in the government purge following the failed military coup there. Thousands of workers have been dismissed and journalists imprisoned during the purge. The KESK walk, starting tomorrow from Istanbul to Ankara, is being held under the slogan "I want my job and my bread".

On 14 October, the ITUC and ETUC, together with their four Turkish affiliates DISK, Hak-Is, KESK and Türk-Is, issued a joint statement reiterating their condemnation of the coup attempt and expressing concern at the massive wave of dismissals of workers, particularly public employees, by the Turkish government, in most cases without any basis of proof or evidence, or compliance with the rule of law.

To read the joint statement: <https://www.ituc-csi.org/joint-statement-of-etuc-ituc-turk>

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