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WE CAN WIN TOGETHER!





What we experience today resulted from a process that has been in practice since 1995. This process is based on Booz Allen Hamilton firm's report whose action plan is implemented. In other words, this restructure process is neither "local" nor "national" though there is propaganda in this regard.

In order to prove that there is no privatisation authorities refer to the Taşımacılık Company's status of "subsidiary company". However, it proves nothing. All previously privatised institutions had this same status. Moreover, Turkish State Railways (TCDD) was a state-owned enterprise until the law was passed. After the law both TCDD and Taşımacılık Company gained a new status: Public Economic Enterprises that works according to profit/loss principle. In other words, it aimed to turn them into an institution like banks.



It is not "restructure" or "freeing [renewal] process" though they claim so and want to persuade us. It is a clear privatisation process.

Privatisation is demanded by capital. It is transferring resources to capital. All what the institution has accumulated through our labour will be transferred and given to capital.



Trade unions' task is not supporting privatisation and its actions but struggling for a better and qualified public service as well as decent working conditions. Frightening workers, abusing workers' rights are not trade union but pro-capital activities.

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There is a new institution in the railways sector: General Directorate of Railways Regulation. This institution has capacity to determine all working conditions and principles of the TCDD. Many regulations are required in this regard yet none of them have been passed yet. We face a new situation that has no legislation or principles. It a reflection of general policy making process, which says: "I do it and that's it", in our country.

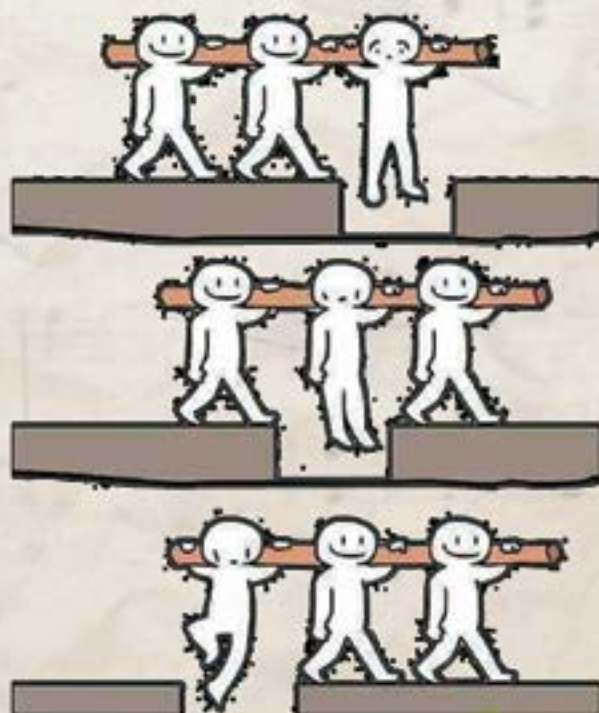


Financial support to Taşımacılık Company covers next 5 years after the law was passed. Since the law was passed in 2013, the financial support period will end by 2018. There is no clear indication what will happen to staff and the working capacity of the TCDD after 2018.

We will continue to struggle for our Labour, Workplace, and Rights...



BTS would like to state that we still uphold the consensus that we reached with the TCDD administration on 25 November 2014. As it is known, we organised a long marching to struggle against privatisation under the name of “restructuring and freeing the railways” and reached the consensus with the Administration. We will continue to struggle for our rights.



We can Win Together!



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