



## **GSC UPDATE 19 - urgent addition (7.11. 2013)**

Dear Sisters and Brothers

### **SOLIDARITY MESSAGES REQUIRED - SPECIAL POLICE INVASION OF ERT (GREEK BROADCASTING) PREMISES**

ERT, the Greek public broadcaster which the Government closed down in June, has been occupied since then and was transmitting until this morning when riot police invaded it and expelled the broadcasters, journalists and other workers (except for one who hid and was on the phone to the Today programme around 7.30 this am).

We have had a request for solidarity messages which could be channelled through Dimitra Tsami at Syriza's Foreign Policy Dept [foreignpolicy@syn.gr](mailto:foreignpolicy@syn.gr) and also sent directly to the trade unionists involved at [ertopen@gmail.com](mailto:ertopen@gmail.com) and [ntsimpidas@gmail.com](mailto:ntsimpidas@gmail.com), and messages sent to [info@stokokino.gr](mailto:info@stokokino.gr) will also read live on Radio STO KOKKINO (Red Radio) which has offered its studios to ERT employees.

A General Assembly of ERT employees is planned for 4 pm Greek time (= 2pm in the UK) today.

I attach and append below a statement from Syriza which reflects similar statements made by unions but has the advantage of being in English.

Press coverage can be found at: <http://www.theguardian.com/media/2013/nov/07/greek-riot-police-evict-ert> ;  
and [http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcgi/w\\_articles\\_wsite1\\_1\\_07/11/2013\\_526635](http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcgi/w_articles_wsite1_1_07/11/2013_526635) .

Αλληλεγγύη και φιλία - solidarity and friendship ...

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### **SYRIZA STATEMENT - November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

#### **ON TODAY'S "INVASION" OF THE SPECIAL POLICE UNITS IN ERT INSTALLATIONS**

With today's early morning "invasion" of the special police units to ERT premises, the government completes an absolute coup against mass information and democracy, launched on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. These police units known as "units for the reinstatement of order" have special equipment to suppress demonstrations - shields, rubber clubs, helmets, body protection, service weapon, gas masks and tear gas.

Two days after government's "gift" to the private channels owners, granting new digital licenses free of charge, the memorandum government of PASOK and NEW DEMOCRACY parties, operating completely illegally, has added a black page to the history of the Public Television and the Democracy in our country.

Once again the dilemma democracy or memorandum is becoming actual.

The Greek people will stand against the abolition of the legality , the undermining of the Democracy and will defend its dignity and liberties.

We demand the immediate withdrawal of the police forces from the premises of ERT and the return of the building to the ERT employees.

**Breaking news ...**

Today 4p.m. is planned a General Assembly of ERT employees

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