

We wish to express our deepest alarm and anger over the harassment of our colleague and comrade Professor Stratos Georgoulas and eight other citizens by the Greek police.

Georgoulas and the other eight other citizens participated with many others in a public event on November 17th 2020 commemorating the Athens Polytechnic uprising against the military junta in Greece.

Police claim this was in violation of a national ban on demonstrations and other public events around the dates of the anniversary of the uprising.

The ban was imposed in violation of the Greek constitution by an order of the Chief of the Greek police.

Just recently the nine citizens have been selectively invited by police to testify on the events of the day, and a threat of prosecution at the discretion of the police is implied by the procedure followed.

We are deeply concerned by the undemocratic authoritarian turn of the Greek government and Greek police using the pandemic control measures as pretext for the continuing expansion of aggressive and intrusive police powers in Greece.

We express our full solidarity with Stratos Georgoulas and the other eight citizens and urge the Greek authorities to refrain from any actions undermining civil liberties and democratic freedoms in Greece.

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