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**URGENT CALL TO ACTION!**

**Only during last 8 months 18 workers were died in shipyards of Tuzla/ İstanbul because of occupational accidents. DİSK is calling for urgent action to protest those ‘occupational murders’ and ask for decent working conditions for shipyard workers. You are invited to commemorative ceremony in İstanbul on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008.**

**Tuzla shipyards are paradise of cheap labour force but hell for the workers;**

Workers from ports, docks and shipyards who are deprived of any job security, are facing with several obstacles to survive and to organise in trade unions. 18 workers were died because of ‘so-called occupational accidents’ in last 8 months. The number has reached 31 since 2000 and 82 since 1984. They are all victims of the occupational murders, not occupational accidents. The list of the workers who were injured or crippled because of insufficient job security is much longer. Some of the workers have no social security so they couldn’t benefit from health service. Only %10 of them are members of trade union.

There are almost no protection in shipyard. Furthermore pressure against trade unions of shipyard workers are unbelievable. **Not to die but to live in shipyards is causal.** The most tragic part of the issue is that nobody cares about death of a shipyard worker. Employers or legal authorities are doing nothing to stop those deaths.

**We are calling for international solidarity about the issue.** We are going to organise a sit-down strike on **27<sup>th</sup> February 2008** in Tuzla for 24 hours. We are going to build big tents in front of shipyards and organise a commemorative ceremony. All members of DİSK’s Executive Committee, activists of affiliated trade unions, workers and people of the neighborhood are going to join the action. We like to invite you to our strike and commemorative ceremony.

Best Wishes

Suleyman Çelebi

The President