

KGEU offices attacked and union members injured and arrested!

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KGEU Breaking News - September 22nd, 2006

[URGENT] KGEU offices being attacked now!

The KGEU Guro-gu(municipality) Chapter office was attacked and closed down in this morning. At 06:10 am, hundreds of specially-hired thugs stormed into the KGEU local office at Guro-gu in Seoul with riot cops deployed around the municipality building. The municipality hired the thugs to implement the administrative execution to shut down the union office. While the thugs attacked the KGEU members to move them out, the riot cops deployed remained unconcerned and instead blocked up the union office. The KGEU members resisting the attack were forcefully pulled out of the union office, during which the chair of the KGEU Guro-gu Chapter, Mr. HEO Won Haeng injured his head and fell unconscious. He was hospitalised in an emergency. As of 10:00 am, members of KGEU and other organisations in solidarity are holding a protest rally in front of the municipality building.

In Jongro-gu, Seoul, the authority has been threatening to close down the union office. At 08:00 am. 6 members from KGEU and solidarity organisations including Ms. KWON Soo Jeong, vice president of the Korean Public Service Union or the KPSU and Mr. KIM Jong Cheol from Democratic Labour Party, who were protesting forceful close down, were arrested by the riot cops. Shortly after then, electricity was cut down. At 10:35, the union office was attacked and shut down. A prtoest rally is being held now.

In Youngdeungpo-gu, Seoul, the riot cops have been deployed and blocked entering the municipality building. The municipality also hired thugs to implement the administrative execution to shut down the union office. At 10:30 am. the union office was shut down and 7 members from solidarity organisations were arrested.

In Namdong-gu and Yeonsu-gu in Incheon Metropolitan City, the authorities have been warning that closing down will be 11:00, am.

Thousands of riot cops have been deployed around more than 100 municipalities nation wide.

We'll keep you informed.

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KCTU/KGEU Breaking News #2 - Sep. 22, 2006

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In Nam-gu(district, municipality), Ulsan Metropolitan City, at 12:10 pm.
the riot cops broke the wall of the KGEU local office to storm into and
shut down the union office.

In Geoje-gun(county), Gyeongnam-do(province), hundreds of riot cops have
been deployed inside and outside of the building and, as of 12:10 pm.,
are clearing away barricades that the union members established. More
than 100 KGEU members are holding a sit-in protest around the union
office and the confrontation continues

In Sangju city, Gyeongbuk-do, internet access and phone lines of the
KGEU local office have been cut off.

In Mapo-gu, Seoul, the KGEU members with solidarity organisation members
have been isolated inside the union office. Hundreds of riot cops have
been deployed inside and outside the municipality building. The
authority cut off electricity of the union office at 11:10 am so that
the office located in the basement of the building has got dark. More
and more riot cops are being deployed to the Mapo-gu and fire engines
have been called. Obviously a big collision is expected.

As of 13:00, the police is about to attack the union members in the
office with water guns.

We'll keep you informed.

KCTU/KGEU Breaking News #3

September 22nd, 2006

[URGENT] Attacks on KGEU local offices nation wide, as of 14:00.

Gwangju Metropolitan City,

- Buk-ku(district, municipality): A confrontation continues
- Seo-gu: riot cops deployed inside and outside of the municipality building

Busan Metropolitan City

- Sansang-gu: A fire engine deployed
- Busan Regional Branch: riot cops are trying to break the wall of the union office and to arrest union members. Outside of the city hall, KCTU and other solidarity organisations are holding a protest rally.

Seoul Metropolitan City

- Mapo-gu: Riot cops stormed into the union office with water hoses after cutting of electricity. Around 30 members of the KGEU and other solidarity organisations were arrested.
- Songpa-gu: The elevators to the union office located 10th floor of the municipality building were stopped. Riot cops are trying to storm into the union office.

Ulsan Metropolitan City

- Dong-gu: The officials from the municipality forcefully closed down the union office, during which director general of the KGEU Dong-gu Chapter was fainted and hospitalised.

Incheon Metropolitan City

- Yeonsu-gu: The first attack at 11:00 am was defeated by the union members. But 30 minutes after then the office was shut down by the specially hired thugs and riot cops.
- Namdong-gu: Every entrance to the municipality hall was blocked up. Security guards shut down the union office at 13:30
- Bupyeong-gu: Several times of attack were defeated by the members of the KGEU and solidarity organisations.

Chungbuk-do(pronvice)

- Cheongju city: The first attack was defeated.
- Cheongwon-gun(county): A confrontation continues

Gangwon-do

- 6 members from KGEU and solidarity organisations were arrested in the morning when they come up to make a protest with the Minister of MOGAHA against repression on KGEU, who happened to visit Jeongseon-gun, Gangwon-do.

Jeonbuk-do

- Jeonju city: Riot cops deployed around the city hall blocked up entering the union office.
- Namwon city: Riot cops are trying to clear away barricades that a truck drivers' union in solidarity established in front of the union office in order to block the riot cops approaching.

Pictures from the forceful closing down of the KGEU Ulsan Nam-gu Chapter office

<<http://www.namgu.or.kr/ibbs/viewbod...>>

http://www.namgu.or.kr/ibbs/viewbody.php?code=b_02_01&number=1636

Pictures and a video clip from the forceful closing down of the KGEU Seoul Jongro-gu Chapter

<<http://www.kgeu.org/news/view.html?...>>

<http://www.kgeu.org/news/view.html?page=1&number=26615&npart=A&ntext=&blD=Nquick>

mms://move.cast.or.kr/kndic/movie/06_0922_jongro.wmv

Pictures from the attack by the riot cops and specially hired thugs on the KGEU Seoul Mapo-gu Chapter

<<http://www.newscham.net/news/view.p...>>

<http://www.newscham.net/news/view.php?board=news&id=37486>

KCTU/KGEU Breaking News #4

September 22nd, 2006

[URGENT] Attacks with police violence on KGEU local offices nation wide, as of 17:00.

Gyeongnam Branch

- Jinju City Chapter: The first attack was defeated at 15:30. Hundreds of riot cops are confronted by more than 300 members from KGEU and solidarity organisations.
- Sacheon City Chapter: The first attack to implement the administrative execution for forceful closing down of the union office was defeated. The second attack by the riot cops is imminent.
- 7 more offices of KGEU chapters have been forcefully closed down.

Gwangju Regional Branch

- Gwangsan-gu Chapter: The union members resisting the forceful closing down were pulled out of the union office.
- Buk-ku Chapter: About 100 members from KGEU and other solidarity organisations are blocked by the police in front of the municipality building. Inside the building a confrontation still continues.
- Seo-gu Chapter: About 100 union members sitting-in protest in the union office and the corridor are resisting the riot cops.

Daegu/Gyeongbuk Regional Branch

- Confrontations in each chapters in the municipalities in Daegu Metropolitan City and Gyeongbuk-do.

- The riot cops and thugs are trying to remove the doors to the union offices.
- The offices of Dalseo-gu Chapter in Daegu and Andong City Chapter have already been attacked and sealed off.

Busan Regional Branch

- KGEU Busan Branch office: The riot cops broke through the wall of the union office and stormed into the union office. 17 members were arrested and the office was closed down.
- Confrontations with the police at most of KGEU chapters in Busan.

Seoul Regional Branch

- After the first wave of the attack and arrests, other union members got back to the union office and keep it up
- Songpa-gu Chapter: a confrontation continues.
- Yongsan-gu Chapter: The attack by the riot cops are being confronted by the union members but as of now the doors to the union are removed.
- 8 other chapters also see the police attacks and confrontations continue.

Ulsan Regional Branch

- Buk-ku Chapter: the union office shut down.
- Jung-gu Chapter: confrontation

Jeonnam Regional Branch

- Suncheon City Chapter: a confrontation against the police continues.

Jeju Regional Branch

- KGEU Jeju Branch office: closed down at 15:00
- A protest rally at 18:30 will be held

Chungbuk Regional Branch

- Cheongju City Chapter: Confrontation with riot cops
- Cheongwon-gun(county) Chapter: Attacked
- Eunseong-gun Chapter: Confrontation with riot cops

Jeonbuk Regional Branch

- Jeonju City Chapter: The first attack was defeated. confrontation going on.
- Namwon City Chapter: The police stormed into the union office and pulled the union members resisting out of the office.
- Sunchang-gun Chapter: The police attacked the union members resisting and the union office was sealed off.
- Buan-gun Chapter: The riot cops are storming into the union office.

Video clips from the police attack on KGEU Seoul Mapogu Chapter office

mms://move.cast.or.kr/cham/power/06/060922_jm.wmv

mms://move.cast.or.kr/kndic/movie/06_0922_mapo.wmv

Photos from forceful closing downs today

http://visual.ohmynews.com/photonews/photonews_cut_list.asp?dcm_code=11

<<http://visual.ohmynews.com/photonew...>> &page=

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