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# **Urgent solidarity appeal for sacked SEAT workers in Catalonia**

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**Seat/Volkswagen Group announced the dismissal of about 800 Seat workers in Catalonia, one day before Christmas. All this happened with the approval of the unions - the Workers Commissions (CCOO formerly link to the Spanish Communist Party) and the UGT (General Workers Union - formerly linked to the spanish Socialist Party) and the strong opposition of the union CGT (coming from an anarcho-syndicalist tradition).**

The negotiated agreement of the leadership of the unions CCOO and UGT with the Seat/Volkswagen Group to dismiss the 660 is called "Pact of shame" by the left section of the unions and the workers.

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Among the 660 dismissed workers they are 20.5% women, which is a lot for a car factory where only about 5% women work and amongst the sacked are pregnant women as well as a lot of workers who have been working for decades in the car plant.

In the last weeks they have been numerous marches in solidarity with the sacked workers in Catalonia and the rest of the Spanish State, for example in Martorell, Barcelona, València, Murcia, Navarra, and other places.

Three days ago the 'United committee in solidarity with the sacked Seat workers' was founded in Barcelona. Supporters of this committee were delegates from the sacked Seat workers, different networks, movements, unions, socialist and republican parties and neighbourhood and local support groups.

The committee planned a lot of actions and marches for the next two weeks, but they know they may have months ahead to struggle.

The sacked workers urgently request solidarity with their demands, which is immediate re-employment of all 660 sacked. Representatives from the union CGT speak of a so called "black list", because among the sacked are a huge number of long term organizers of working-class struggles.

One sacked worker, who had been working 36 years for the car factory said that this was the worst Christmas he ever had, after one in 1971 when he was arrested and tortured for building the then under fascist dictator Franco, when the Workers Commissions were illegal in the Seat factory.

Another sacked worker, a shop-steward and CGT member aged 57, fought as well against Franco's fascism in the

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1970s and is a life-long union activist. All these comrades deserve our solidarity.

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