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INFORMATION ABOUT DEMONSTRATION ON 28-2-14 IN ATHENS.

On the 28-02-2014, OLME organized demonstrations against the dismissals that will be forced on the 22-03-2014. The demonstrations took place at the same time the representatives of the troika were having discussions with the ministers of the Greek Government.

The discussions were about the dismissals of permanent teachers and other public servants.

The demonstrators suffered the fiercer attack ever by the police forces.

There have been 18 arrests and 4 injuries of protesters.

OLME made the following complaint:

“We denounce the unprecedented violent incidents caused by the continuous attacks of the police wherever we had manifestations of protest against the suspensions – dismissals, against the policies of the Greek Government, the IMF and the EU.

The Government, scared by the growing reaction of workers struggling for their right to permanent and stable jobs, released the forces of repression to terrify us.

So, since the morning, after attacking the activist protest of teachers, school guards, cleaning women and other public servants on suspension waiting for their dismissal, the police proceeded to 17 abductions of teachers and school guards, the President of OLME, Themis Kotsifakis, included. The same situation was repeated later in front of the Minister of Finance, where the police forces showed an incredibly violent behavior, repulsing and hitting the demonstrators and doing extensive use of chemical gas.

From these attacks 4 of the demonstrators were injured and transferred to the hospital. Among them the President of POE-OTA (union of local authorities' workers) Th. Balassopoulos, while Gr. Kalomiris, teacher and member of the Executive Board of ADEDY (Confederation of public servants) was arrested and accused of disobedience and insult of authority!!

We denounce the autocratic actions of the Greek Government and the police violence.