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Onderwerp: IITUC and ETUC condemn murders in Athens

The ITUC and the European Trade Union Confederation have condemned yesterday's murder of three Greek bank workers and the injuries caused to several others as a sickening atrocity, which is the antithesis of legitimate protest.

"We trust that those responsible for this and the other acts of appalling violence yesterday will be brought to justice without delay," said Guy Ryder and John Monks, general secretaries of the international and European trade union bodies.

The Greek national trade union centre, GSEE, has also condemned the "the fires, blind violence and vandalism" which took place, and deplored the fact that the tragic events overshadowed the largest demonstration in Greece in over 50 years. The GSEE, which is affiliated to both the ITUC and the ETUC, is organising a mourning and protest march today, jointly with the public sector trade union confederation ADEDY.

The ETUC exists to speak with a single voice, on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 82 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 12 industry-based federations.

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