

# Nazi Golden Dawn Murders Activist in Greece!

## ORGANIZE AGAINST FASCISM AND AUSTERITY

**Protest Greek  
Government  
at United Nations**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 • 5-7 PM**

**Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, East 47 St. & Second Ave.**

On the occasion of Greek government junior leader  
Venizelos' speech to the United Nations General Assembly

On September 18th, 34-year-old hip-hop artist and left activist Pavlos Fyssas was assassinated by members of the neo-Nazi party Golden Dawn (GD). He was cornered in the working class neighborhood of Keratsini, in Piraeus, by approximately 30 thugs. As police looked on, a car pulled up and a known member of Golden Dawn jumped out and stabbed the victim; the coroner would later attest that this was not an amateur hit.

Predictably, Golden Dawn has denied any connection to the assassination. The governing coalition (New Democracy/PASOK) have condemned the violence but only to re-broadcast warnings against the 'two extremes' – thus equating the neo-Nazis with those on the left, especially the leading opposition party, Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA). In reality, it is the liberal 'center' that is imposing policies and language that fuel neo-Nazi practices. The government and Golden Dawn have become allies in the war against the left, against democracy.

This became obvious in the days following the murder, when Golden Dawn members, like a paramilitary force, hurled rocks at anti-fascist protestors while hiding behind police lines. That the police and Golden Dawn storm troopers fight on the same side is not a surprise and **it is not a matter of personal sentiments or connections**. It is a fundamental political connection in that both the government and the neo-Nazis strive to eliminate challenges to the existing social structure. In both cases, those who challenge the dominant interests and who demand change are seen as enemies to be threatened, silenced, and eliminated. Political protests are routinely met with tear gas and mass arrests. When German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble visited Greece in July, the government with over 4,000 police troops shut down the

entire center of Athens in order to prevent any demonstrations from upsetting the visit. Last January, when transit workers in Athens went on strike, the Greek government declared martial law, conscripting the striking workers and threatening them with treason and five years in jail if they refused to go back to work. Numerous examples show the violence of Golden Dawn as well as the violence of the Samaras regime are of the same type: violence in the service of avoiding change, eliminating disagreement, and defending the dominant economic interests and social structures within Greece.

Thus, the austerity policies of the last four years have not only created social conditions that have allowed anti-immigrant sentiment and neo-Nazi sects to flourish, they have also gone hand and hand with ever more authoritarian attempts to eliminate political challenges and social protests. The discontent and anger created by the dire political and economic conditions in Greece fail to register within the political machine of the state. The government not only declares success after success in the face of immense failure, they demand that all concerned play along with the charade. The inability to recognize, let alone address, reality within Greece and the violence which greets political discontent and antagonism are the two most important political parallels between the liberals and Nazis.

There is no doubt that the continuing escalation of violence we are witnessing in Greece is the direct result of the Samaras-Venizelos directives and measures. Unless the political demands of those who fight for change and to end attacks on the interests and well-being of the vast majority of Greeks are heard and allowed the possibility of shaping public policy, there is no future but one of violent confrontations and social disintegration. As leaders of the governing coalition, Samaras and Venizelos are not only complicit in the murder of Fyssas. They are architects of policies that hide behind the veil of legality in order to disenfranchise, coerce, and threaten all those who dream of a new political order.

**We ask you to join us on Friday and to demonstrate your support for change. Sign our petition at <http://www.akny.org/2013/09/akny-stop-neo-nazi-pavlos-fyssas>. Help us send a clear message to the Samaras/Venizelos government that the time to act is now.**

**JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC MEETING  
ON THE SITUATION IN GREECE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 • 5 PM**

At Church of the Redeemer  
30-14 Crescent Street Astoria, NY 11102  
N/Q Train to 30th Avenue

(Note: Redeemer Church is a venue, not an endorser)

**END THE POLITICS OF AUSTERITY.  
RESTORE TRUE DEMOCRACY NOW!**