GEZI PARK: A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

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[Note: the following short message was written in the early days of June 2-13, and responds to the situation at a time before the destructive force of police oppression was unleashed.]

A salute to all comrades and the brave people of Istanbul who have taken part in the struggle for saving Gezi park! Looked at from Edinburgh, Scotland, where nothing but conformist politics is on the agenda, Gezi park seems to be not a protest or a defensive action but a commune – a festival – an island of mutual recognition which is a harbinger of an emancipated world. The Turkish and world movement that has grown up around the Gezi Park action opens on to a changed society and a future that is bright and new. Keep struggling! Never abandon hope despite provocation! Keep the party going! I wish I was there...

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