

## **HRANT DINK MURDER CASE - JULY 6 2009, 10TH HEARING PRESS RELEASE**

Since “document” is the main issue of Turkey, here it is; we provide you the ultimate document.

Yes, in a way, it can be considered as a photocopy, as this is almost a replica of many other similar events, from Abdi İpekçi to Ugur Mumcu assassinations, from 1st of May 1977 to the Kahramanmaraş massacres.

Yet, on the other hand, it is the authentic document. Undersigned with a signature, a wet one.

It has been well more than two years since Hrant was blatantly murdered. The murder trial is two years old now. And we are still unsure if the justice been “conceived” yet.

Over there, in the courtroom, an army of defendants, who were rounded after the murder, is on trial. Most of them confess their role. So, this case should have been closed by now. Why can't it? Can the reason be that the court is aware of the fact that this case will not be over in the conscience of anybody, if they just convict the ones who are already being tried?

Stop a passerby and ask; do you think there will be anyone who believes that Hrant was murdered by a couple of fascists? If you are in need of a “document”, this is a genuine document. Everyone in Turkey knows that Hrant's murder was ordered by some, who are protected also from some powers within the state. If you wish, treat this document as a “photocopy”, because everyone has the same thinking. Yet, do not forget... The police and the gendarmarie officers, who had honored the murderer like a hero, had signed this document by spitting at our faces. Won't you consider the impunity they enjoy as a document?

Why does the court turn down the just requests of Hrant's lawyers? We must stay here until the evening if we begin listing down all their defaulted requests. Aren't these denials act as a document by itself?

We wonder why don't they investigate the blatant negligence, faults and even maybe motives that paved the way of Hrant's killing? Wouldn't it be better if these investigations are carried out and all of them go clear. No, it wouldn't, so it seems. How should we interpret the persistent protection of the responsible? If you are looking for a “document”, this is a document.

Our determination and insistence do not and will not decrease. But our faith in seeing that justice will be done does. To wait for justice is a good thing; yet, we do not know what is being waited for.

The incidents of before and after the murder are clear documents of inhumaneness and injustice. They are not photocopies, they are originals. And the wet signature was signed by Hrant on the pavements of Osmanbey. you do remember, don't you?

For making sure that that signature shall not stay on that pavement as a document of shame...

For Hrant, for Justice...

**FRIENDS OF HRANT**