

Haci Orman kidnapped and released



İSTANBUL (31.01.2007) - Haci Orman, chairman of the cultural institute BEKSAV and consultant of our newspaper, has been taken under arrest by kidnapping in Kadiköy, İstanbul. As a result of democratic protests he was released two days later.

The arrest and imprisonment terror, based on the new anti-terror law and started in September last year, is continuing. Haci Orman, chairman of the cultural institute BEKSAV and consultant of our newspaper, has been kidnapped today at 13.45pm next to the bank 'İş Bankası' in Kadiköy, İstanbul. According to eye witnesses, Orman has been forced to get on a white car of the type 'Sahin' with the license tag 34 EC 933 after he was handcuffed. Orman answered this arrest by force with resistance. He shouted his name and job title loudly and also expressed that he was going to be kidnapped. Eye witnesses called immediately the Human Rights Association IHD and told them about the incident.

Orman explained that the persons who had kidnapped him, told that they are member of the JITEM (counter-guerilla) unit and told him that they "prepared his grave". Orman responded he will never give up his ideals, against this death threat. But as a result of democratic awareness, the state gangs could not disappear him.

Orman was brought to the anti-terror unit in Vatan Street. It is claimed that Orman has been wanted after the arrest terror in September. Orman had been threatened with guns and chased in Kadiköy by teams of the anti-terror unit a few months ago.

This kidnapping attack, which happened right after the assassination of Hrant Dink, is another attack in the chain of attacks on intellectuals. With these new attacks, the state which wants to hide the truth about the assassination, tries to warn the social opposition, intellectuals, workers and labourers 'to be silent'.

Emergency Line active

Immediately after the attack, BEKSAV and the Socialist Platform of the Oppressed (ESP) made press statements in which they declared their protest against the arrest of Haci Orman. Democratic mass organizations, trade unions, political parties and platforms have also called to organize urgent actions and to show solidarity. The Emergency Line stressed that these

arrest attacks must be answered with actions and protests and also declared that it will organize a press release tomorrow at 12.30pm in front of the office of the newspaper AGOS. The institutions are going to protest against the arrest of Orman tomorrow.

BEKSAV has made a statement in which the institution protested against the arrest and is going to make a press release tomorrow at 11am at the Human Rights Association İHD.

Duriye Sezgin was taken under arrest yesterday

Duriye Sezgin, who is a member of foundation of the Association of Labourer Women (EKD), was taken under arrest yesterday under the pretext of being wanted after the terror based on the new anti-terror law had started in September.

Sezgin was arrested yesterday evening by teams of the anti-terror unit in Şirinevler, İstanbul. Sezgin who was arrested under the pretext that her name is on the 'black list' of the police, after the arrest terror had started on September 8. She is still being held at the anti-terror unit in Vatan Street.

Sezgin's lawyer Mihriban Kırdök said in a statement to our newspaper that she could meet Sezgin yesterday evening. Kırdök said that if the questioning of Sezgin finishes this evening, she will be taken to the public prosecutor tomorrow.

Was released

Due to massive protests by many democratic institutions, organizations and intellectuals, Hacı Orman was released on February 2, after arrested for 2 days and finally taken to court. On the day of his hearing at İstanbul High Criminal Court the cultural institution BEKSAV, the Association of Labourer Women (EKD), the Socialist Platform of the Oppressed (ESP), the Socialist Youth Association (SGD), the trade-unions Limter-İş and Tekstil-Sen, the newspaper 'Dayanışma' as well as the magazine 'Sanat ve Hayat' and our newspaper activists gathered together in front of the court and made a press statement. They demanded the immediate release of Hacı Orman.

Besides, Nahide Kiliç, charter member of the 'Association of Labourer Women' (EKD) was arrested on February 1 in Kartal, İstanbul, and finally released on February 3. Different organizations as well as members of EKD and women journalists of our newspaper had gathered together at Beşiktaş High Criminal Court protesting against the arbitrary arrest of Nahide Kiliç and the imprisonment of Duriye Sezgin, member of EKD, too.

Duriye Sezgin had been imprisoned on February 1 under the pretext of 'being a member of illegal party MLKP'.

Send your protest mail to:

Abdülkadir Aksu, Minister of Internal Affairs email: aaksu@icisleri.gov.tr

Phone and fax to: Anti-terror Unit (TMSİ): Phone: 0090 212 636 12 15, Fax: 0090 212 636 28 71

Police chief, İstanbul: Phone: 0090 212 635 00 00

***Declaration of Hacı Orman after release (in Turkish):
There are new threats against the intellectuals by Special organization***

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Basın yayın organlarına,

Değerli arkadaşlar,

31 Ocak Çarşamba günü Kadıköy’de kendilerini daha sonra JİTEM elemanı olarak tanıtan sivil kişiler tarafından gözaltına alınarak önce neresi olduğunu bilemediğim bir mekanda ölümle tehdit edildim; ardından kendilerini “sol iki timi” olarak tanıtan polis görevlilerine devredilerek iki gün boyunca İstanbul Emniyet Müdürlüğü Terörle Mücadele Şubesi’nde tutulduktan sonra 2 Şubat Cuma günü Ağır Ceza Mahkemesi’nce serbest bırakıldım. (Gözaltında tutulduğum süre içerisinde aralarında Orhan Pamuk, Şanar Yurdatapan, Mehmet Bekaroğlu, Osman Baydemir, Aktın Birdal, Eren Keskin gibi kültür ve siyaset dünyasından insanlarımızın da bulunduğu çok sayıda kişi hakkında çeşitli iddia ve değerlendirmelerle karşılaştım.)

Polis, 8 -21 eylülde Türkiye genelinde yapılan eş zamanlı operasyonlar kapsamında hakkımda fezleke hazırlamasına rağmen, mahkeme heyeti bu fezlekeyi inandırıcı bulmadı. (Bu arada 8-21 Eylül dosyası üzerindeki gizlilik kararının altında nelerin saklandığını da gerek polis sorgusunda, gerek savcılık sorgusunda yanstyan iddialarla artık anlamaya başlıyoruz.)

Mahkemece serbest bırakılmış olmama rağmen evimden ve işyerimden çıkarken kim olduğunu bilemediğim, polis olduğunu düşündüğüm kişiler tarafından sürekli izlenmeye devam ediyorum. Cumhuriyet savcılığı, izlemeye ve gözaltına almaya yönelik herhangi bir talimatının olmadığını söylerken, İstanbul Emniyet Müdürlüğü yetkilileri, konuyla ilgili sorularımıza cevap vermiyorlar.

Gözaltına alınış şeklim, gözaltında bulunduğum süre içerisinde karşılaştığım suçlamalar, savcılık ve mahkeme sorgularım, şu anda izleniyor olmam gibi konularla ilgili önemli bulduğum bazı açıklamalar yapmak üzere 7 Şubat Çarşamba günü saat 11.00’de BEKSAV Konferans Salonu’nda bir basın toplantısı düzenleyeceğiz.

İlgilenmenizi umuyorum.

Sağlık ve başarı dileklerle...

Hacı Orman

BEKSAV YK Başkanı