

GOKHAN ACIKKOLU DECEASED IN DETENTION AUGUST 5, 2016

The 5th of August 2016 a teacher died in detention (he was in detention waiting pretrial for 14 days!!). Allegedly he was a member of FETO. He was a diabetic patient. He was not allowed to see his family or to have any contact (phone call etc.) during the 14-day detention period. Much more terrible, the Istanbul municipality does not allow family to bury him in a cemetery. The state is not sending a priest for his funeral ceremony. They just say take the dead body!!! No English source for the news.

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Gokhan Acikkolu who was a teacher at a study center had been taken under custody by policemen from 'Istanbul Department of Terror' (In Turkish: TEM Sube Mudurlugu) on 23 July, 2016. When police entered Acikkolu's house, they called the manager of the apartment and told her to stay with them while they were searching the house. They made Acikkolu lay down and cuffed him at the back and began to ask questions like:

-Have you worked in (Gulen linked) Study Centers? -Were you a brother figure? -Do you know the names?

When he couldn't answer, they scolded him. Then Acikkolu who had diabetes went to a diabetic coma. Police tried to give him some kind of sugar but manager of the apartment warned them and by her help they made an insulin shot.

Police then found a paper that has knitting patterns like small chicks and was suspicious about it and asked whose paper it was and Acikkolu

answered it might belong to his wife or his kid. After that they began to ask questions about his wife and threatened him that they would arrest his wife too.

The manager of the apartment who intervened and warned police about their bad behavior had been warned too. She told that she is 'Alevi'¹ and very far away from this kind of issues wanted to go out but she had been rejected.

After the exercise of the search warrant, police officers didn't let Acikkolu get his medicine and clothes. In the morning of July 24, 2016 Acikkolu's wife was informed that her husband was under custody.

¹ 'Alevi' is a person who is from religious, sub-ethnic and cultural community in Turkey.

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During the search, police took Acikkolu's passport, bank receipt, a wedding photo and a SD card that belonged to his kids.

Under custody: Acikkolu's wife called the detention and tried to get information and mentioned about her husband's medical situation. They didn't give any information except telling her that he was taken care of.

Ms Acikkolu called Istanbul Bar Association and asked what she could do about her husband and they told her that she could not hire a lawyer because of the 'state of emergency law' (OHAL Kanun Hukmunde Kararnamesi). Only prosecutor could request an attorney for him. So she couldn't get any help from the Istanbul Bar Association.

On the same day in the evening she got the communication information of his lawyer (Mandatory lawyer by the Criminal Law) and called him but he hadn't replied the call and texted and said he couldn't text from WhatsApp.

On July 30, 2016 at 3:10 pm, Acikkolu's lawyer informed his wife that he saw her husband, there was secrecy on his file and he couldn't learn what he had been accused of. His lawyer added that he saw Acikkolu and

his glasses were broken and he gave them his medicines but they didn't take his clothes. Ms. Acikkolu said that her husband's glasses were a special hard to break type and told he might be beaten up and his lawyer stopped for a while and refused that.

Ms. Acikkolu called 'Istanbul Department of Terror' and confirmed his glasses were broken and send his spare glasses and clothes to the police Department by her brother. There they made him wait and told that he was under doctor control. After 15-20 minutes a group of people about 20 including Gokhan Acikkolu were brought and he saw him with the same clothes he was wearing a week ago. They didn't give the broken glasses back.

According to Ms. Acikkolu learnt from somewhere else, Acikkolu had another diabetic coma and sent to hospital and stayed there for 3-4 hours under control and sent back. Ms. Acikkolu informed his lawyer but the lawyer didn't reply most of the time.

On August 5, 2016 at 4:30 am, Acikkolu had diabetic coma once again but this time he wasn't taken to hospital. At about 5:30 people staying with him understood that he was about to die and called the officers and they took him to hospital but there they said he passed away.

Gokhan Acikkolu's father told that his son was a proud, innocent man and he didn't give harm to anybody and now he is named traitor.

And the family is being informed that they can't take their son's body from the morgue and he will be buried to the cemetery of traitors.