



*Permanent Representation  
of Turkey  
to the Council of Europe*

Strasbourg, 13 November 2015

Dear Director,

In response to the alerts submitted by the European Federation of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists, I am transmitting at annex the responses of the Turkish Government concerning these two submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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**List of Submissions**

- On 4 October 2015 under the title of “Hürriyet Journalist Ahmet Hakan Threatened and Attacked”,
- On 4 October 2015 under the title of “Continuing Detention of the Vice News Fixer Mohammed Ismael Rasool”.

**4 Oct 2015 – Form concerning Ahmet Hakan submitted by EFJ/IFJ under “Hürriyet Journalist Ahmet Hakan Threatened and Attacked”**

**Information provided by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey**

With regard to the attack on 1 October 2015 against Ahmet Hakan Coşkun, a columnist of the Hürriyet newspaper and a moderator of a television program on CNN Turk, in front of his house, an investigation was launched against seven suspects for the offences of “establishing an organization with the purpose of committing a crime”, “membership of this organization”, “inflicting intentional injury with the aim of causing bone fractures”, “threatening a person with firearms in collaboration with others”, “defamation” and “destruction of property”.

The identified suspects were taken into custody upon the order of the Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office pursuant to Article 91 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

At the end of the investigation procedure, the Court ordered the detention of one these suspects and conditional bail measures for three others.

Attacks against journalists and media groups are unacceptable. The attacks against Ahmet Hakan was strongly condemned by Turkish authorities at the highest level in Turkey. Necessary measures have been taken to bring swiftly the perpetrators of the attack to justice.

The investigation is still pending before the Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office. The judicial process is underway as stipulated by the law in conformity with the relevant articles of the European Convention on Human Rights.