

4. There are several people who can witness that my son was killed at the Istanbul Security Directorate. I have learned of this situation only after being informed through these people. Among them Alisan DIL had made statements at the Istanbul Martial Law Military Court No 3, case number 980/388 and those are already documented in the court files.

Furthermore, several of the accused at the Metris Military Prison have witnessed the torture and death occurring as a result of it. When necessary their names will be submitted to the prosecutor.

5. If an AUTOPSY is to be performed by objective specialists, and I want an autopsy to be done in the presence of Public Prosecutor, although it has been a long time, I believe that signs of torture will still be found on my son's body.

Conclusion and request: I want all those who killed my son and others who are covering for the killers to be punished . . .

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23. Petition of Ismail YEDIGOL: To the National Security Council Secretariat

I have not heard any news of my son Nurettin YEDIGOL since 10 April 1981.

After receiving some information that my son was at the Istanbul Security Directorate I applied through my lawyer with the attached petition for legal action. It has been over a month and I had no reply from the Istanbul Martial Law Command.

Meanwhile through sources we received certain information. This information which we will submit in the following text could be confirmed by appealing to the named subjects. Furthermore it will contribute to the investigations into my son's whereabouts.

1. Statements of Aslan Sener Yildirim, documented in Erim Dikler case conducted at Istanbul Martial Law Command Military Court.

2. Statements of Muharrem Karaagil at the security and at the prosecutor's office. His statements can be found in the preparatory files of Istanbul Martial Law Command Military Prosecutor 1981/2116.
3. According to the statement of Umit Efe Butlug, prisoner at the Metris Military Prison, my son Nurettin was at the security on 12 April 1981. At that time he was unable to stand, his ribs were broken and electricity was passed through a hole on his skull. His name was not on the files and they were talking about my son as Muhammet.
4. Similar statements are being made by accused, Nese Incioglu (F), Nalan Gurates(F), Iffet Sema Oguz (F), who were present at the so-called waiting-room during the same period.

The people mentioned above are still prisoners at the Metris Military Prison.

5. I have also found out from Semsî Aydemir and Battal Ugur Hastal who are said to be either under arrest or in detention at Kars, Bulent Kucukunal in a prison at Kars, accused Bedri Yagan, Haydar Yildiz, prisoners at Sultanahmet Military Prison, Buket Oktulmus (F) at Metris Military Prison, that they have seen my son at the Istanbul Security Directorate First Branch and knew about his state.

If investigations are carried out in this line the truth will come out into light concerning my son.

The names of the people I mentioned above are personally saying that their statements about my son were not being taken seriously.

If investigations are carried out according to the statements of those people the fate of my son will come out to open. Also, the power of certain people and what they are capable of in our country will be learned. The crime of torture and killings and disappearance of people will be stopped.

I found out the code number of the team that was responsible for my son's torture. It is 860. During interrogations they were addressing each other as "soldier", "dandi" etc . . .

I want the corpse of my son who is said to have died as a result of torture. If he is alive I want to know where he is. I also want the prosecution of those responsible.

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This petition was also distributed to:

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Istanbul Public Prosecutor

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24. Statement of Harun KARTAL concerning Nurettin YEDIGOL

I am Harun Kartal. I was detained at the political branch on 29 March 1981. I was at all times kept handcuffed to a radiator in one of the waiting-rooms which was across from the interrogation room where all the tortures took place. The purpose of those rooms is to hold all the people whose interrogations would take place that day. They would bring them there from their cells downstairs and then take them one by one for torture in the room across the narrow corridor. When the doors of both rooms were open one could always see the inside of the interrogation room and hear the noises and listen to the conversations.

Some time around 9-10 April they brought Nurettin Yedigol and a few others. They pushed them into the waiting room in which I was staying. Then one by one they took them in for torture. They were mostly insisting upon Nurettin Yedigol. All through the night they took him in for interrogation every half hour and brought him back unconscious. During the times he was back in the waiting room he would constantly tremble and ask for water when he became conscious. Then they would come back and take him again.

In the fourth day his state deteriorated considerably. Some time after that Tayyar Seven came to check on Nurettin; later I found out that he was the branch director. When he saw Nurettin, covered with wounds and unconscious, he scolded the THKO-B team in front of us. He yelled at them angrily and said "you still have not learned to conduct this business properly, there should be no signs left on the people that we kill". The next day they took Nurettin away and never brought him back again.

Later on during my interrogation they constantly threatened me with death and said "talk or else your end will be like Nurettin's. There, you have seen it with your own eyes, we killed him, nobody will ask us to account for it."

When they took Nurettin he had only his underwear on. The rest of his clothes were left behind in the room. One day a policeman tried giving Nurettin's clothes to A. Sener Yildirim who was tied to the same radiator with me. A. Sener said "those clothes are Nurettin's, he might need them when he comes back". A. Sener's shirt was torn to pieces during interrogation. He wanted his own clothes back. To that the policeman's reply was "Nurettin will no longer need any clothes, you are his inheritors."

After that day I did not see Nurettin Yedigol ever again. At that time also present in the same waiting room with me were A. Sener Yildirim, Buket Oktulmus (F), Nalan Gurates (F) and a person called Muharrem.

Harun Kartal

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25. Statement of Aslan Sener Yildirim concerning Nurettin Yedigol

I am Aslan Sener Yildirim. I was detained at the political branch on 3 April 1981. I was at all times kept handcuffed to a chain on the wall in one of the waiting rooms which was across from the so-called interrogation room where all the tortures took place. The purpose of the two waiting rooms was to hold all the people whose interrogation was to be conducted that day. They would bring them all together from their cells downstairs in the morning and they would be taken one by one into the interrogation room across the narrow corridor for torture. When the doors were open both sides could see inside the other, always hearing the noises and listening to the conversations.

It was the evening of the 9 or 10 April that they brought Nurettin Yedigol and few more others. They dumped them into the room I was at. Then they started taking them in for torture one by one. They were insisting mostly on Nurettin. They brought him back unconscious after 2 - 2.5 hours. At that time he was only wearing his underwear. They laid him in the middle of the room. They were coming back and checking him at short intervals to see whether he was conscious or not. In an hour's time he was conscious; they took him again and brought him back unconscious and laid him in the middle of the room. He was trembling all the time and when he became half conscious he would ask for water.

Interrogation sessions followed this pattern for the rest of the days. It was either the third or the fourth day his health deteriorated terribly. He no longer gained consciousness. They were constantly beating his legs, arms, body and face in order to find out whether he was feeling anything. Later branch director Tayyar Seven came to see Nurettin. This man was present during my interrogation and introduced himself in that name. When he saw the state Nurettin was in, he said to the THKO-B team's leader "You do not know this business. You think you can become a man after completing school. We have been conducting this business for the past ten years. You are no longer listening to what we have been telling you. In this business you are going to fuck an ant but never injure his waist. If you are going to kill him that also has a method, it cannot be done in this manner. Give him some milk."

Nurettin's jaw did not open and they could not make him drink milk. Later they took him away and never brought him back again. His shoes and clothes were left in the room.

During my interrogation while they were propping me up they stripped my clothes off and sometimes my clothes were left behind in the interrogation room. Two days after they took Nurettin away I came back from interrogation without any clothes. When I asked for my clothes they pointed to Nurettin's and said, "Put these on." I said, "Nurettin will need them, bring mine back." To that the policeman said "Nurettin will no longer need clothes, you are his inheritors." We did not see Nurettin ever again.

At that time in the same room there was Harun Kartal handcuffed to the radiator, Buket Oktulmus (F), Nalan Gurates (F) handcuffed to the remainder of a bed and some-one called Muharrem whose soles were burst open and could not walk so they were not able to take him downstairs to his cell.

Aslan Sener Yildirim

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26. Petition of Ismail Kirkbayir

On 8 October 1980 my son Cemil KIRKBAYIR was taken from Kars detention centre to the Institute of Education by the First Branch officials. There my son was killed during torture and his corpse was burned in order to hide the traces.

In the following passages I will explain in detail where I received this information and who are the guilty.

1. A watchman who was on duty at the First Branch during those events explained what happened to me in the presence of a few others. I find it rather dangerous to name this watchman now, because he is at present, for some reason or other, under detention. I suspect that his detention might be related to this case for he said that, "I am going to bring Cemil's incident into the open even if it costs me my life". Furthermore he was detained right after we contacted another watchman to ask him to be a witness.
2. Four other people who were with my son during the time he was detained are still alive and they are outside. Two of them are lawyers at Kars; Abdurahman ALACA and Murat OZDABAK do definitely know that Cemil was killed. But I do not know whether they will state this or not, if their evidence were to be sought. Also the names of three others, who went till the torture room with my son, could be found in the files of the Kars detention centre. Those men on several occasions and in several places said that Cemil was killed during torture. I do not want to mention their names, because if anything happens to them my conscience will bother me. But I want the State to investigate their names, find them and ask for their evidence to punish those who committed the crime. If my son was guilty I would not mind him being executed.