

Letters of Six Prisoners

INTRODUCTION

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Wishing you a pleasant reading

bizdenbize Prisoners Line

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Closed Women's Prison, BÜNYAN / KAYSERI

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Hello,

The so-called plenty of heaven are the realities we have in our souls, in our essence. We fill our thoughts with peace, harmony, honesty, honor, compassion and kindness. Then we create our heaven in this life. Heaven is not a material thing, but a dimension of consciousness.

We do not build a house in a day. We build it every day with a wall we erect, a nail we hammer, a parquet we lay. We can also call life a self-catering restaurant. We build our tomorrow with our thoughts, preferences and behaviors today. So wouldn't it be for our own good if we took a little more care to make each of our choices consciously and worked hard to develop our consciousness?

Knowing ourselves is of great importance. Knowing yourself is being able to see ourselves through the eyes of others and being able to evaluate ourselves objectively. Knowing ourselves is the absence of a difference between how others see us and how we see ourselves.

When we really want something and what we want is in harmony with the frequency of our soul, we naturally take action to make our dreams come true, right?

Living an honest and honorable life will give you happiness a second time when you look back when you are old. Living honorably and honestly means living a life that will inspire others.

We are all the carpenters of our own lives. Whether we live our lives diligently or enduringly is our own choice, and building a quality or poor quality life is our own choice.

We build our own lives day by day. Most of the time, instead of doing the best we do, we do it as if it were a duty to be dismissed, so we do not like the results we get and start blaming our environment.

Our talents determine what we can do, our motivation determines what we do, and our attitude determines how well we do it.

No one can stop a person with a healthy perspective. But no power can help someone with an unhealthy perspective. There is a type of addiction called unhappiness addiction. Unfortunately, there are many addicts to this addiction in the human family.

Destructiveness is a negative way of creating an insatiable life reality that harms oneself and others. The level of consciousness below 200 is a necrophilic reality, as Erich Fromm puts it. Necrophilic reality is a dimension of consciousness where the person is self-focused and does not hesitate to harm others for the sake of his/her own interests.

Necrophilic reality is also a reality that glorifies death. It glorifies dying by fighting for a belief or an ideology with concepts such as "being a martyr". It defends the death penalty. The culture of martyrdom sanctifies death. In necrophilic reality, the sanctity of institutions is more

important than the right to life of individuals and the sanctity of life.

Religious fanaticism, rigid conservatism, reactionary sects; nationalism, racism, mafia, gangs; those who sell their souls for money and power; professionals who use their positions, titles, and diplomas for their own interests; doctors who perform unnecessary surgeries for money and prescribe the same medicine to every patient they come across for the bribes of pharmaceutical companies; people from every profession who abuse their profession; politicians who drag the world into war for economic interests and power. People who think the world owes them money; family members who fall out with each other by plotting every possible trick for the sake of inheritance, those who are feuding, those who commit honor killings that used to be committed, those who celebrate their victory by shooting into the air, those who kill their spouses and lovers. Those who fight over rents, those who are focused on revenge and pride, and those who are unhappy, selfish and fearful are all in this dimension.

What people are taught in Akido, Judo and Taekwondo martial arts is honesty, kindness, patience, love and respect. When we look at it now, there is no honesty, love, patience or kindness left. People are eating each other up.

Floods, earthquakes, fires, economic crises are rampant in our world. People are paying the price for their choices. The emotions that a person who does not feel happy experiences are mostly negative emotions. What are these emotions? Jealousy, feeling inadequate, feeling unimportant and worthless, loneliness, not feeling loved, not being able to love, feeling helpless, arrogance, comparing oneself with others, and other low-frequency emotions. Since the energy of these low-frequency emotions is low, they cannot meet our body's energy needs. We feel tired, weak, bored and exhausted. As negative emotions gain weight and continuity in daily life, we begin to feel hatred and anger towards ourselves, other people and life. Jealousy reaches its peak. The end of this process is depression. Depression is hatred directed inward. The frequency of this emotion is so low that we cannot find the strength within ourselves to lift a finger. Laziness and chronic depression are indicators of unhappiness. Unhappy people often say, "I don't feel like doing anything." The emotions he experiences do not give him the energy to do anything, which is to be offended by life.

Small people talk about people, ordinary people talk about events, and big people talk about ideas and emotions.

Master is a status that is needed wherever more than one person is together. In this regard, the person who takes responsibility should be aware that no matter how many people he masters, he should train himself to the level of a master and look at events with the eyes of a master. For this purpose, he should make an effort and develop himself to be able to reach a sufficient level. First of all, his being a master should be accepted by those who follow him. Unless he has the knowledge, skills and talents appropriate for the requirements of the union, how he reflects those talents to the community is also important. For this reason, being a master and maintaining his mastery is no longer a random job that everyone can do.

A master should have a broad horizon, be creative, look at events flexibly, give importance to change and development, value people, care about even the smallest details of the events he encounters, inspire confidence with his life and knowledge infrastructure, have a high level of performance, be brave, enterprising and have a common sense personality.

From ancient times to the present, people have always been interested in mastery and ideas about mastery. Groups, communities and institutional environments have always revealed the need for masters. In the failures encountered, the inadequacy of masters has generally been complained about. People all over the world long for a master who can make credible, reliable and constructive changes and want to have a master at their side in every difficult situation. The phenomenon of mastery is one of the most frequently studied subjects that preserves its mystery in managerial literature and social sciences. The comprehensiveness and multitude of research, examinations and similar studies on mastery and mastery are concrete indicators of the importance given to the subject.

Although mastery is one of the common study subjects of social sciences such as psychology, sociology, political science and management science, there is no common perception base among social scientists on what leadership means. Accordingly, mastery is a subject of management science and a concept related to business life as well as a phenomenon that can be addressed and analyzed from psychological, sociological, political, military, philosophical and historical perspectives.

The extent to which a person can use and develop their free will in their daily lives is measured by their personal integrity. Integrity is basically the value a person places on themselves. It is their ability to keep their promises to themselves. It can be said that it is their respect for themselves. Personal integrity is the balance between maturity, courage and thoughtfulness. While courage is focused on reaching the goal, thoughtfulness is concerned with the long-term well-being of other stakeholders. The main task of mastery with personal integrity is to increase the standards and quality of life of all stakeholders.

Delegating responsibility to trained masters allows them to direct their energy to other powerful activities. Delegating authority fuels development. The effective way to delegate authority to others should be based on the idea of appreciating their free will, conscience, imagination and self-awareness. After the necessary training is given to the person/persons who delegate authority, it is necessary to wait for the appropriate time and be patient. Trust maximizes motivation.

The definitions of mastery made in the course of approximately a century have varied due to the effects of changes and transformations in the world. Despite this, in the definitions; Some common points can be found in the form of structural authority, the ability to influence members of a person, structure or group with certain characteristics, and helping members of the organization or group achieve their goals. It can be said that social, structural, individual differences, the current time period, approaches to leadership developed in this period and findings differentiate definitions.

L The dictionary meaning comes from the French noun "Leader". It is explained as a leader, chief, the person responsible for the highest level of management of an organization or the leading competitor in a competition. In English, the verb is "lead". Its meaning is to show the way, to guide, to lead, to guide. The word "Leader" carries the meanings of guide, guide, leader, chairman, leader, chief.

A master is usually composed of motivating, impressive, good examples and guiding people, as well as having the ability to reach the goal thanks to his/her power of influence and communication.

All these definitions have accepted mastery as a power of influence. While people are social creatures living in groups, they are also beings that need masters who will manage the groups they form and take them to their goals. For this reason, people need to be with other people to fulfill their desires and needs, to reach their goals, and they think that difficulties can be overcome if they act as a group.

I am generally fine. Time flies when I read newspapers, books, letters, cleaning, sports, chatting, TV series, movies, competitions, and news.

I send my regards to the people who will read the letter. I don't say anything. Do you see a change in people when you read it? Therefore, I leave it to you to decide whether to read it or not. ...

The weather has started to cool down here. As you can see, we are slowly traveling towards winter. The count will come now. It is 5 to 8 in the evening. I send my regards to my friends here. I had a long chat. I cannot control myself when I get into other topics. I think they are hurt.

It is counting time in prison. I got my tea during our tea time and came. We can drink outside with you now. Take care. I send my regards to everyone. I embrace you with love and friendship. Stay healthy, hoping to see you one day. With love,

Arzu

Burhan Güneş

S Type Closed Prison/ANTALYA

08.08.2023

Hello Osman Hevalim;

I greet you and all your friends who are with you-in the region or on the "net" with all my sincerity and present my respects. I hope you are well-well in every way.

EXILE ADVENTURE

On January 30, 2023, at 7 a.m., I was exiled from Bolu F Type Closed Prison to another prison. I was sick when I set off. I later realized that I had Corona. I and a friend named Hamza Doğrul set off on the road. Since there was no room left in the ring (transport vehicle), I was able to take 2-3 of my belongings with me. We set off without being told where we were going.

In fact, we were taken to the institution's infirmary before we set off. I stated that I had a meniscus tear in my knee and that I needed to keep at least my right foot straight and that I needed to be taken in a suitable ring for exile. I also asked for a pill for nausea on long journeys. The doctor said she would give the medicine to the officers and that she would inform the soldiers that I had a meniscus tear. When we set off, there was no medicine around. There was no way I could stretch my leg. From time to time, I would stretch my leg across Hamza Heval's lap. We had a journey of about 12-13 hours, during which it was difficult to even breathe. We were taken to the toilet only once. Other than that, we reached Antalya around 20:00 in the evening, with no air, dirty and sick. I was semi-conscious due to high fever and muscle and skeletal pain. I informed the officers about the situation. Frankly, they could not do much. I was given a temporary room. Yes, I was taken to Antalya S Type Closed Penal Institution (Döşemealtı), and Hamza Heval was taken to Antalya High Security Penal Institution on the same campus. As soon as I got to the temporary room, I fell asleep, unconscious and with a fever. In the morning, I wrote a petition summarizing my condition. If I am not mistaken, I was taken to the infirmary on the 4th day. I stayed like this for 4 days and my medication arrived on the 6th day. Then I was taken from the temporary room. It must have been the 6th day (it could have been the 5th day) I was brought to cell A-98 where I am now. I was alone in the temporary room and had no contact with anyone. When I got to the cell, I learned that there were 8 of us in total. 8 aggravated life sentence PKK hevals in 8 separate cells. Then they brought Kadir Yıldız heval, a member of the MKP, to these cells. And finally, they brought a life sentenced heval named Suat İncedere (a member of the DKP) to one of these cells. I was exiled on January 30. My belongings remained in Bolu. My bed, pillow, blanket, clothes, books, notebooks, etc. 90% of my belongings were in Bolu. The Bolu F Type Closed Prison administration sent my belongings to Antalya Manavgat S Type Closed Prison on March 28, 2023. Just think, my belongings are being sent exactly 2 months later. However, the address they sent was the wrong

address! I am in Döşemealtı S Type Prison. These items are being returned! Of course, the shipping time, arrival and return took months. I was only able to receive these items in May! That is, 4 months later... This alone is an indication of how a prisoner is victimized. I had to live with the clothes I had on me for 4 months. Again, I bought many of my basic needs from the canteen again. Yes, there were 7 friends from our case. Zübeyir, Taylan, Ömer Karataş, Mehmet Ziriğ hevaler (from Nusaybin Self-Government Resistance), Salih Gökalp (Cizre...), Avhat Özkan (Kobani case), Ali Karakurt (Kobani protests), Zaim Hişman Ali (from Rojava Sere Kaniye), Kadir heval (MKP) and Suat heval, we are 10 people... We never see Suat heval. We can hear his voice when he screams at the top of his lungs...

CONDITIONS OF S TYPE PRISON

Yes, we only have 1.5 hours of ventilation per day here. Again, we only have 1 hour of sports activity per week. These are all our rights. Oh, and we can breathe! In other words, the right to live!

3 of us can go out to the ventilation. In other words, me, Ali Karakurt and Kadir Yıldız can walk in a shared ventilation for 1.5 hours per day. Other than that, we can talk to our followers by shouting from the windows of the cell.

9 of us can go out to the sports field for 1 hour. Only 1 hour per week!

We applied for at least 3 hours of ventilation, but we did not receive a response. We also wanted courses or different activities to be held for us. Of course, we stayed with what we wanted. There is no development.

Yes, we are in our cells right now.

No political magazines are allowed inside. Only Bir Gün and Havuz media newspapers are available as newspapers. We follow the world from Bir Gün. And also from Havuz media on TV.

We are in Antalya. My family is in Batman. I am in a place far away from my family. The family's travel fee here is equal to my father's monthly retirement salary! You can look at the salary of those who retired from Bağkur in Turkey. I haven't seen my mother and father for years. Let's leave aside the financial situation. The fact that they are old and sick and we are in such a far place! ... The last time I saw my mother and father was in 2020. I have been applying for a transfer to any prison in the region for years. They are not accepted. My father is 75. My mother is 70. The current path is risky for them.

My sister, who is a nurse, came to see me once. The return and return fee of flying from Batman to Antalya is at least 3,000 to 5,000 TL.

The return from the airport by taxi is 300, the return is 300... A total of 600 TL! They have to arrive a day before to be there for the meeting. Think about the hotel and food costs! In short, my sister has to pay at least 6-7 thousand TL for a meeting that takes only 50-60 minutes. Her monthly salary is 15 thousand TL! That is half of her salary. Think about the rent being 4 thousand! This is

the situation of a civil servant who is normally well off in my country!

Now think about the situation of a prisoner in prison. How can someone whose family works for minimum wage in the "Region" come to the meeting? They have no chance of coming. Even coming once every few years is a chance.

In other words, we should not approach the events solely in terms of the prison. Families are also being punished in the current situation. However, there are High Security Prisons in Amed and Batman. They can be transferred there. However, this is not done.

Let's come to the price increases. The only means of communication for prisoners is letters. We can no longer reach the increases. APS (Express Mail Service) fee is 62.50, Registered letter is 42, normal letter is 15, fax is 25.50 TL. We witness that normal letters never reach their recipients.

Fruits and vegetables are at unbelievable prices! Right now, 5 to 7 kg watermelons are on sale at the canteen for 116 TL! Pepper is 37.50 per kilo, peach is 37.75. Grapes are 29.95, melon (3-5 kilos) is 64 TL. These are official figures. I am writing by reading from the administration channel. 1 kg of cheese (mostly water) is 110 TL. ... We have already stopped eating cheese. Most of our friends have stopped drinking tea due to the electricity bill and the high cost of tea.

I do not smoke. But those who smoke are ruined. A pack of cigarettes has become 43 TL. The cheapest one is 1300 TL per month if you drink 1 pack per day. A piece of hand soap is 20 TL! Toothpaste, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, bath soap, electricity fee... Normally, the state should have met these basic needs. However, it is not.

The monthly subscription fee for the newspaper (Birgün) is 200 TL! I am not counting the fee for paper, pens, and books. Books have become very expensive. You know the situation of publishing houses.

Now, families who want to help the prisoners here are being sued. Dozens of families have been sued on the grounds that they only invested money in poor prisoners.

We do not have the opportunity to give any belongings to any of our friends here. It is a crime! An investigation was launched because we shared a birthday cake made in a room with ventilation. In other words, each prisoner is practically abandoned to their own fate. The main purpose is to separate them from their family, society, and fellow citizens. To imprison them in a place under absolute isolation conditions.

The prison conditions of the new era are not like the rough-physical tortures of the 80s. Yes, I have not come across such a situation here, at least in this block. Because in the current cell system, you don't know exactly what is going on in the prison.

For example: We read in Bir Gün newspaper. Burhan Barut, a prisoner staying here, "claimed" through his lawyer that he was tortured. We heard from the press. Burhan Barut is an aggravated life sentence prisoner. He is someone who is not related to our case but is not related to us. His lawyer has made the necessary applications.

In addition, we have 60-64 normal (not aggravated) friends in the area (in this dungeon). We have no communication whatsoever. We correspond by letter. They stay in 3-room rooms like in F's. Being separated from them is bad in every way.

Now, in a "general" sense, the fact that there is no rough torture in the dungeons like in the 80s and 90s does not mean that everything is normal. In fact, the aim of all these new types of dungeons is to achieve absolute results on political prisoners.

Of course, I do not claim that there is no physical torture anywhere. We can follow such situations from the bulletins and statements of institutions and organizations such as IHD, CİSS, etc., and also from the socialist press. You know these too. However, it should not be overlooked that the current new type of dungeons are not much inferior to the current practices of the 80s. Absolute isolation is an attempt to completely rot the person; to drag them into social, psychological, political and ideological destruction. Stefan Zweig explained in his book "Chess"; "They did nothing to us, they placed us completely in nothingness, because as is known, nothing on earth can oppress the human soul as much as nothingness."

When I sent that letter, APS was 41 TL. Now it is 62.50 TL. :) But APS (urgent mail!!) still couldn't go out. My poor letter, every line of which has been censored :)

What I mean is that our letters, which are the only means of communication, are also being blocked. In a strange way. If you want, I can send you the decisions.

Another problem here is hospital referrals. For example, I still haven't been taken to the hospital for my referral to the dental hospital 7 months ago. Again, about 3 months ago, I was supposed to go for an MRI to check the status of my meniscus tear. I'm still waiting.

Think of a tooth repair! While I was in Bolu F Type Prison, my referral procedures for prosthesis were made to the dental hospital on 02.03.2022.! I waited exactly 10 months and my referral didn't happen! As soon as I came to this institution, I explained that my treatment from Bolu F Type Closed Prison had not happened! My referral was made again. Still no response. I've been waiting for a total of 17 months. No joke. Think of a tooth. You have been waiting 17 months for a prosthesis. You have no teeth. You can't chew well! You have been waiting 17 months. This is something that can only happen in Turkey. ... Maybe one day my teeth will be made. In any case, our punishment is until death. We are in no hurry. I have no intention of dying.

NOW I WILL TELL YOU THE STORY OF A FRIEND WHO IS HARD TO BELIEVE AND VERY STRANGE: ZAİM HİŞMAN ALI

Zaim Hişman Ali; He was born in a village affiliated to Kobani on 24.12.2001. While he was still a child, he lived in the war that broke out in Rojava and watched the current formation of Rojava from afar. When the village he was in came under the control of the YPG, he was drafted for compulsory military service there. He is an Arab. He actually has no connection to the YPG. However, he was recruited for compulsory military service. He was also sent back to service because he was too young. He was just doing the job of bringing food to the YPG.

During Turkey's cross-border operation towards Tel-Abyat, Zaim Hisman Ali was detained on 13.10.2019, at the age of 17, 2 months and 11 days before he turned 18, just because of the clothes he was wearing, despite not engaging in any conflict, and was taken from his own land and brought to Turkey.

The statements he made at the prosecutor's office were given through an interpreter. He did not know the language and laws of the country he came from. He had not committed any crime against this country. Despite this, an indictment was immediately prepared. A lawyer from the bar association was appointed. The bar association lawyer was a completely show and puppet lawyer who only followed the case. He only used one sentence in court and said "my client is participating".

In just one hearing, Zaim Hisman Ali received an AGGRESSIVE LIFE SENTENCE.

Since there was no death or injury at the scene where Zaim Hisman Ali was caught, the court ACQUITTED Zaim Hisman Ali of the charges of "murder and attempted murder". However, it gives this sentence on the grounds of disrupting the unity of the country due to his being a YPG member (mandatory duty). Just think, the sentence is given so quickly! In a single hearing!

Zaim Hisman Ali was detained in Sülük (affiliated to Tel-Abyat) on 13.10.2019. He was brought to the Turkish Police Department on 08.11.2019. He was thrown into prison on 13.11.2019. Exactly 7 months later, on 26.09.2020, the appeals court approved the sentence. Do you see the speed? The Court of Cassation approved it on 16.02.2022.

Zaim Hisman Ali's only birth year is in the case file. However, he gives his exact date of birth in custody and at the prosecutor's office. However, this detail is deliberately ignored. Because if the month and day were written, it would have been understood that he was 17 years old. Zaim is held in Urfa Prison for this period. Then he learns that there are PKK prisoners. And he goes to them. His sentence is approved during that process and he is held in solitary confinement in Urfa. And he is away from his friends. And then he is put in solitary confinement here in Antalya S Type Prison. This is his short story!

When I got here, I spoke to him from his cell. It is interesting that he was caught and arrested. He has just learned Kurdish. His Turkish is also very bad. He still does not know the laws of the Republic of Turkey. He did not sound convincing to me when he explained his situation. I asked for his file. The case he was tried in. A single hearing consisting entirely of 7-8 pages!! The first thing that caught my attention was his date of birth. Only the year was written! The exact date of his capture was written. When calculated normally, his birth year was 2001 and his capture was 2019, it seems he was 18 years old. Only the writing of his birth year seemed suspicious to me. I asked for the day and month, and when he told me, I told him that he was 17 and had not yet turned 18. Zaim Hisman Ali heval. He did not even understand what I said. All he said was "so what?" I told him that they could not give him this sentence when he was 17. Although he had been in prison for years, this was the FIRST TIME HE HEARING IT!

His family has never been able to visit him. Due to the severance of relations between Syria and Turkey, he does not have any phone documents and he cannot call his family. He has an uncle

who fled Turkey due to the war. However, he only speaks to his uncle on the phone. According to his uncle, his father could not stand the capture of his son and passed away. He has not been able to see his mother or hear her voice for years. After I told him about this situation, I asked for a photocopy of his ID in Syria. His uncle contacted his family. As you know, since there is no letter or postal service between Turkey and Rojava, the family sent his ID on the Internet. He has an official birth certificate. As I said, he was given the DEATH PENALTY when he was 17. Just like Erdal Eren. And his age was increased! If there was a DEATH PENALTY, he would have been executed, but since there was no death penalty, he was given an aggravated life sentence...

I have been in prison for many years. However, I have not seen such a strange trial and such a severe sentence. Imagine an Arab living in his own land, doing his compulsory military service in his own land. Another country is carrying out an operation against his own country, and since he is a child, he does not enter the conflict. In fact, he surrenders himself to the soldiers! Because everything is normal from his point of view! There is no conflict in the Sülük in question anyway. There are no deaths, injuries or conflict. So what's the result?! Suddenly he finds himself in a Kafka-s place and a Kafka-s case! There is no accusation in the trial! Only the basic aims and formations of the YPG and PKK are explained. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT Zaim Hisman Ali IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE YPG. THE AIM OF THE YPG IS TO DIVIDE THE COUNTRY! So Zaim Hisman Ali should have been tried under this article and he was given an aggravated sentence directly under this article.

A child who he does not know, has not seen, has no knowledge of the laws, does not speak the language, and has never even left his own district, suddenly finds himself inside! He is sentenced to aggravated life imprisonment at the age of 17. The lawyer appointed by the bar association never comes to him. He does not defend him in court. He does not explain the laws of the Republic of Turkey to him. Aggravated lifers only have the right to see their mother-father, spouse, siblings and children. Zaim is single, has no children, his father passed away from the pain of death. His mother and siblings are in Rojava. The Republic of Turkey does not recognize Rojava. There are no relations with Syria. There is no postal service with Syria and Rojava. Zaim cannot call his family on the phone. His uncle, who is in Turkey, is not on good terms with his family. His uncle does not have the right to visit anyway. He can only talk on the phone. His uncle is also a migrant. He has no financial means. Who will help Zaim Hisman Ali Heval? The families who want to help are detained and lawsuits are filed against them. So what will happen? How will the law take its place?

According to the laws of the Republic of Turkey, a 17-year-old child cannot be given the death penalty, that is, the aggravated life sentence that replaces the death penalty, for any reason. However, the law is being trampled underfoot in this situation. As if they were trying to save something from a fire, a prisoner was given an aggravated life sentence in a single hearing. This is the situation that requires serious legal assistance for a retrial. I am writing this to you for the first time. Perhaps through you, our other institutions (İHD, CİSS, etc.) will also be informed about this situation. All of Zaim Heval's trial documents do not exceed 9-10 pages. Even an ordinary person can see the current lawlessness and absurdity when they read these 9-10 pages. We expect public awareness and legal support on this issue. There is a trial full of lawlessness at every stage. The deplorable state of my country's legal system is obvious. I hope this letter makes Zaim Hisman Ali

Heval's current situation and legal system visible, even if only a little.

This is the general situation of Zaim Hisman Ali Heval.

My dear Osman Heval; Greetings from me and from us to all comrades. The hearts of those who resist beat in a different color. I hug them with longing.

Burhan

Cemal Bozkurt

TEKİRDAĞ No. 2 F Type Prison
August 20, 2023

Dear Osman Abi...

I bit my tongue... I was about to start with the wish of “warm contacts”. But this heat is unbearable, right? :)

When the heat limited my activities, I took this opportunity and devoted myself to the novels I had neglected for a long time. Let me briefly mention two of them. Maybe you have already read them and you will be surprised by saying “haven’t you read these yet?” :) Jose M. Vasconcelos’s “Orange of Sugar” and “Let’s Wake Up the Sun” books. We read the devilish mischief, sadness and joy of Zeze (i.e. the author), who is the child of a very poor family, in his own language. I found it strange that I had not read it until now. In fact, I wish I had read it when I was a child! We would probably add a lot of color to the mischief of our own gang by taking inspiration from Zeze. I think it should be recommended to all children. I think any advice that provokes children to violate their own boundaries is a revolutionary duty :)).

And of course, I fit a few more “snack” books into this cruel heat. My mind was at peace. On the other hand, there is also the restlessness of not being able to produce something. Although the “heat” excuse is reasonable, the belief in the necessity of production perceives evasions as a waste of time :). Consciousness and soul are aware. Drawing ideas waiting to be reflected on paper, subjects that could not be written down are looking at me with critical and frowned eyes :). It seems like they will wait a little longer :).

You mentioned it for the first time in your last letter. Your Tempelhof “field” came to my mind as a wonderful activity area. Is it something like Central Park in New York that we are familiar with from movies? Although they did not do anything that required effort there other than lying on the greenery :)). ...

Bicycle hockey is interesting. It should be like the bicycle version of “polo”. As an animal lover, I congratulate the use of bicycles instead of horses. There is no tension in the matches, right? Otherwise, those mallets that I guess they hit the ball with might be treated as “maces” by some people :). We invented a sport here, Osman abi. (Here is a little story for you): The name of the sport is “uçarya”; only two people play it yet and the audience is the guards. We haven’t patented the name of the game yet, we will establish the federation first :). It is played like this: It is something like “Frisbee”. There are round, plastic olive can lids with a diameter of 15 cm. Two people pass lengthwise across each other in the ventilation. The distance between them is about 9 m. There are goals we have drawn on the wall behind us. The aim is to hit the Frisbees in our hands into these goals. Each person has a Frisbee and they try to throw it into each other’s goals at the same time. Each goal is worth 1 point. But: Let’s say the Frisbees collide in the air and you catch the Frisbee that came to you in the air, you get 2 points. If you score a goal at this point, you win 5 points in total...

Ours was invented to give the body movement. I also love football, but both the balls are expensive and they explode quickly (there is no “object” in this world that can withstand concrete and wires more than we do :)). We really enjoy it. Reach out, jump, throw, bend and stand up... It is an active game and our federation will give “founding membership” status to those who will contribute to the development of this game :). Prison is quite suitable for making up such things. I am grateful to the jailers... If only they knew what else the foxes in our heads are up to... :) Anyway...

Osman abi, you mentioned that individual, unorganized individuals are attempting an association on democracy watch. I think it will be an association that will mainly focus on what is happening in Turkey, am I wrong? It is hard to predict how it will be responded to in practice, but even intending to do so is valuable and meaningful. Yes, events aimed at exposing fascism in a few crowded centers in Europe will contribute to the current struggle.

I don't know if they are being done there, but I think the activities that fascism is most concerned about are the ones that call for a boycott of tourists. While they are constantly looking for foreign currency, calculating the 1 dollar/euro that will come from tourists, such an activity may touch a nerve in fascism :). Although, I have a hard time understanding how people abroad show interest in these places when so many negative elements regarding the country and the powerful are so obvious. Because we are breathing such a hellish conjuncture that one would think that there would be no need to explain its heat and temperature in detail.

WE ARE WAITING FOR A “BASTILLE” PERFORMANCE

You asked if there was anything we wanted to say to those outside, brother. Believe me, there are so many things... a lot... First: We are expecting a “Bastille” performance from those outside, brother, let them know that :). We wasted too much time inside. To be honest, I hadn't anticipated such a long “guest”; otherwise, I wouldn't have even taken a step :). Of course, this is the joke. Şafak Tamer says in one of his poems, “It fell to us”, exactly. We try to remain loyal to the reality we have marked by giving the same answer and saying “It is the share of history, it is inevitable”. Our endless dreams of freedom are subject to this loyalty. Freedom where there is no loyalty to the fight is actually nothing but the make-up of submission. First of all, we expect those outside to know that we understand the issue in this way.

There are truly books full of things that can be told about life, feelings, thoughts here. When viewed from the outside, it may seem that we have a boringly monotonous, mechanical, routine life. Fortunately, this is just appearance :). Behind the scenes, the situation is different. I think our unique dream world is quite colorful; we also have various areas of interest. There is probably no subject that we cannot comment on and express our opinions on, whether good or bad. For example, we are not only interested in the course of politics, which international powers are kicking around. We definitely have bright ideas that we can sell to someone, from why Fenerbahçe Football Club's transfer policies cannot bring "success" to what the animal reliefs found in Göbeklitepe could mean. We talk about such things on various occasions during the day. For example, during the running leg of our daily sports activity, we discuss either a movie or a philosophical proposition among ourselves, it never goes idle. Sometimes, without even getting into those topics, we invent a running

track for ourselves, saying "where should we run today?" :). I usually dream of running on the Bostancı-Kartal coast with the view of the Prince Islands. Despite the smell of exhaust coming from the asphalt, the smell of salt carried by the sea is more dominant. The "gundi" friends, on the other hand, relate the conversation to the well-known "let it be somewhere in the countryside, no matter where it is". During our airing runs, we sometimes chase gangs in a slum, sometimes we run away from a pirate :).

As they say, "Curiosity kills the cat", we have a curiosity that is intense and voracious enough to get a whole flock of cats into trouble. As if it were possible, we want nothing to remain unknown. I think this is partly the result of hunger caused by deprivation. However, if we were to enjoy lazily lying in the safe and comfortable area of lack of information, we would die :).

Speaking of "Curiosity", there is a subject that we, as the cell population, are almost bursting with curiosity these days. The issue is about ants :). There is a tiny species of ant that has woken up from hibernation and is looking for food under the cell. They come out of the hole on the edge of the downstairs window. We have been socializing with them for a while :)). When spring comes, we leave their caravans in front of the window. They work magnificently, it is impossible not to be amazed. They tear off tiny pieces of every food and carry them to their nests. However, while doing this, interestingly, they constantly take sand out of their nests and carry the food in front of the thing. We could not understand the reason for this. Likewise, we could not figure out the reason why they carry the lettuce pieces to where they will get oil and meat. If we knew an "entomologist", we would grab him and ask him, but we do not have the opportunity :). Of course, we have an interpretation for everything, as we have guesses about this. They probably use the sand for some kind of road construction :). Since the lettuce pieces contain "water", they may use it when they are thirsty while working :). These are small but beautiful things.

Life itself is so rich that when you realize this, you understand that there are macro worlds within the micro world and that you can produce life in these places as well, and that you can break the isolation by establishing a connection with life from these places. But of course, at the center of this awareness, at its core, there must be the perception-feeling of "resistance". Otherwise, those areas of interest, curiosity, will not mean much more than "satisfaction" tools surrounded by personal boundaries. The powerful also desire this completely. That is exactly why they are trying to reduce the execution regime and contact (sharing) between prisoners to the minimum possible level. They know that sharing is the reference point of our communal ideals and qualities. They think that if we cannot put this into practice in our daily lives, it will erode our values; this is their prediction.

This was actually the main purpose of the transition from the "mass" prison system to the "F-Type" prison system. They thought they would end the insistence on collective behavior and communal value judgments with a strict isolation. The revolutionaries somehow managed to preserve these qualities. Then they saw that it was not working and tried to prevent sharing by putting "wire cages" on the ventilations. The revolutionaries failed this in many places. This time, they switched to the prison system called "Y and S" type, which consists entirely of single cells and where heavy isolation is applied. Now they are trying to get the revolutionaries used to this with a few exiles. I don't know if they will understand that the issue is not about architecture, but we will

not wait for them to learn this. We will continue to show loyalty to the motto “it is a share of history, it cannot be escaped”. This is what is certain :). Please take care of yourselves and convey our sincere greetings to all friends in those lands. Don't forget that we love you. I embrace you with friendship...

With Communard Enthusiasm, Hope and Resistance...

Cemal

Necmiye Boz

Elazığ T Type Closed Prison
20.08.2023

Hello dear brother, comrade

You are right, we have truly gone through an incredible process and it is still continuing. They started with the slogan “What we have done is the guarantee of what we will do” and they continue this incredibly. Of course, especially to us.

Let me tell you about the blessings of the 100th year of Turkey (Republic) that have been reflected on us. In other words, what fell to our share. Of course, what I will write is limited to this place. For example, our friend Fatoş was caught by the prison board. Fatoş was supposed to be released on March 26. But she was not released arbitrarily. There was no disciplinary punishment. Her score was also good in the “term evaluation report”. Since she did not say she regretted it, her score was also reduced, she was not released with the determination that she was “not in good shape”. She has a 6-year-old son, her father-in-law and mother-in-law are disabled. She cannot work because her husband is taking care of the child and the elderly. He makes a living by doing jobs in the village for daily wages. He will be on the board for the third time in October. Of course, we have no expectations.

Osman abi, these boards are really weird. Why? I could almost hear you say. Let me write down how weird it is. Now, we went to a painting course from the courses that were opened. First charcoal, then oil painting. We somehow sent our charcoal works home. We couldn't get our oil paintings either. We said since they don't give us our pictures, let's take photos with the pictures we made so that we have those. We took the photos with single person pictures and two person pictures. Wait, wait, they didn't come. Then they said it would be given after the board's decision. First the ones we were worried about were given, then some of the two people. But there were also some who were not given the two people. I don't know what reason they will find for that. But my friend (Fatoş) and I hugged. I think it could be hers. Of course, we can't foresee the negative situations that may arise from those pictures. :) Otherwise, why would the whole board meet?

The doctor said that sunscreen is essential and prescribed sunscreen. I wrote a petition to get it from the outside canteen. But the board that thinks about us will make a decision about this too. What if there are harmful substances in that cream. What if it poses a danger to me? I mean, we are in a prison with such a sensitive board. :)

We watch on TV every day that femicides and murderers are constantly being released. Abuse, theft, barons, etc. are still being released. As if that wasn't enough, impunity is applied almost like a reward. We also watch press releases and protests. We are astonished.

Now let me write about the minor changes in our ward. Our mother Besra Erol, whom you probably know from the press. She lost her son (Evrım Erol) in the Suruç massacre. She is sick and old. She had an operation with us (her uterus was removed). Since the veins in her eye are closed,

she will also have an operation on her eye and she had a herniated disc operation before she went to prison (2012). They said she would have another operation. But she doesn't want to have an operation under prison conditions. She also has blood pressure, cholesterol, and heart diseases.

You know Songül is her friend, she graduated from Hacettepe but it is not enough for her. She wants to spend her free time getting a diploma. She graduated from the social services department. She was studying in three departments together. Now she is continuing with sociology and child development and health. While Songül is busy with her diploma, her daughter Roza is also getting closer to nature as she grows up. She makes friends with animals. For example, she tamed the fox. :) She also named it "dilber". The fox does not leave their home. :)

Sidar also went to prison at the age of 16. He was tried under the article "child dragged into crime". He was given an aggravated life sentence and then his file was overturned. His sentence was reduced to 20 years.

Emine and Remziye took the university exams. Emine got into the Zaza language and literature department. Remziye's is not yet known. Emine was sentenced to 1 year and 15 days. If my brother asks why, I will tell you. As you know, sometimes our families cannot come for months because the conditions are not suitable or they are far away. Emine's family is also in Şırnak. Her mother and father are old. It had been 5-6 months since Emine had been visited. When they arrived, her nephew also put his grandmother's (Emine's mother) headscarf on his head. He wanted to bring both his grandmother's and his own scent. Towards the end of the visit, he put the headscarf around Emine's neck. Instead of saying "it's forbidden, they won't give it to me", Emine remained silent and didn't say anything. "If I hadn't accepted it at that moment, the child wouldn't have understood it and would have been very upset. That's why I kept quiet," she told us later. Anyway, when the visit was over, one of the guards noticed and immediately jumped when we left the room. "It wasn't around his neck when he came in," she said. There was tension there. It was a small argument, but we couldn't explain it to them. Time passed. It turns out that a file had been opened. The guards had been wiretapped. Emine wanted to use us as witnesses and told us. But what's the point? She was sentenced to 1 year and 15 days in prison as a result of this court case. She also thanked us very much for what you wrote about her book. When the book you are working on is finished and reaches us, he/she will write to you about it. Who knows, maybe we will meet soon. You can give it to us yourself :) You never know, right?

Emine is waiting for her Kurdish studies preference to come. Hülya Heval's son also won. She is waiting for medicine. Now we have a doctor. :) Hülya herself took the Ales exam today. I also took the exam just to see what score I would get years later. I ranked. Of course I ranked from the bottom. :)

We have Pınar Heval from Dersim with us. She has been here for 5-6 months. Neither we nor the lawyers understand the reason for her arrest. Apparently the court is also looking for "why is she a prisoner" so her indictment has not arrived yet. :)

Dilan is there. She was also arrested when she was a student. Since her execution was burned, she will serve the full sentence.

Leyla (Güven) Heval also requested a transfer to Ankara Sincan. Her family lives in Konya and abroad. Coming and going here was a strain for them. She had to request a transfer. Now we are under her stress. Apart from these, we make jewelry with olive, peach and cherry pits in our free time. We try to read as much as possible. There are friends who have started writing. Emine is writing again. I think she will share it when it is finished or close to being finished. Because she keeps it a secret. :) Songül wrote a story for children. She sent it home with a letter. Her sister and husband also shared it somewhere. Since we don't know where it is, I didn't write the address. It was published there and they wanted to print it.

I will call you Osman abi as we call it in our country. Friends have written before, but let me repeat it. It is good that we met you and had a valuable abi like you. Your interest and sensitivity really make us happy. Thank you, may you exist. It is said that small cares create great friendships, and you approached it with great care and devotion from the very beginning. Bless your heart and your efforts.

Wishing to see you in beautiful and free times.

Necmiye

Orhan açan

S Type Prison Döşemealtı /ANTALYA

07/18/2023

Hello Osman Heval,

The letters you wrote on June 1 and 17 arrived. It was the first letter I received from you in the S-Type prison in the Mediterranean climate. Of course, your letter was sad. You wrote about the untimely farewells of both your daughter and Kamil Turanlıođlu heval. My condolences to both of them, dear heval. I did not have the chance to meet Kamil heval, but I had heard of him by name. We are tired of receiving such painful news from prisons in recent years. What else can I say but hope it will end. And it can only end when the prisons are emptied, and that seems difficult now. Of course, it is difficult for us politicians. Otherwise, a regulation is made to the judiciary every two years, you know. Now they are releasing another package, they will separate those with five years left in prison for probation. Do you know Osman heval, when I wrote these lines to you, I also had exactly five years left. I will be below five years after tomorrow. If this law was applied to us, this time instead of writing, I would come to you personally and start a very long conversation with you. Unfortunately, they are keeping us out again, heval. I don't/don't care anymore. However, many friends are now completing their sentences and getting out. We also sent our friend İdris alıřkan away from us the other day after completing his thirty years :) It's easy to say, thirty years. Even the republic that is a pain to everyone is only a hundred years old, but we political prisoners have completed thirty years of it in dungeons. What kind of a republic is it now?

Dear heval, S Type prisons have been functional for the last couple of years. We were also very curious, but we came here and got to know this place. Its architectural structure resembles F Types. However, while there are only three rooms in a corridor in F Types, there can be 9-11 rooms in a corridor in S Types. That's why there are three times more rooms than Type F. There were 103 triple rooms in Type F, there are nearly 300 triple rooms here. So I confessed that the rooms are also for three people :) We are staying in one room with three people, my dear friend. Of course, I would have loved to stay in the same room with Nusret and Namet here. It was a place just for us, but it didn't happen.

The room and ventilation are a little larger than Type F. Since it is a newly opened prison, there are not many social activities. Right now, we can only go out to the gym once a week with our friends from the same block. We can also visit with our friends from the same block. There are no chats, courses, etc. right now. I guess it will be solved in time, let's see.

This place was good for me. It is exactly what I want in terms of reading, writing and concentrating. When there are fewer people, people can read, write and concentrate more easily. I have longed for this for years. T-Types did not provide much opportunity in this regard, now I have this and I will make the most of it. But I have longed for this for years. I have already set up my system accordingly. I will soon switch to work mode.

Oh by the way, these places are a-socializing, heval Osman. They are too quiet and

introverted. Sometimes we talk to the neighboring rooms by shouting to overcome this :) It is also good, our vocal cords work thanks to this.

I have not yet gotten used to the Mediterranean air. When you stay on the Aegean coast in Şakran for twelve years, you can't get used to it easily, heval. There was also the Aegean's imbat, the wind prevented the humidity. There is not much wind here. Therefore, we feel the humidity more burning. But we will get used to this in time. The beauty of this place is that it has very beautiful singing birds. Sometimes there are also crowing roosters and braying donkeys. Thus, I have satisfied my longing for the village :)

Oh by the way, there are also friends from DHKP and MLKP here. They stay in Block A. Our friends are in Block A. They are generally friends with aggravated life sentences. Our friends from the file are in almost every block (A, B, C). We got together again here with many friends we used to stay with from many prisons. We meet up every now and then, reminisce about the old times, and hang out nostalgically. Since we have been in prisons for a long time, we now meet many friends from inside rather than outside :) It is strange but true.

They have installed sensitive wires on our ventilations to prevent us from interacting with other wards here. When something small touches it, it breaks and notifies the center. Its beeping is also very annoying. Of course, when it breaks, they give you a fine for it. I also came across it for the first time here. There are cameras in the ventilations, in the rooms, and everywhere. Sometimes people are even embarrassed to go in and out of the bathroom. As you can see, new prisons are interesting places, my friend.

Let me be brief. Take care of yourself. I am glad you exist and are in solidarity with us. My two friends who are staying with me send their regards. You also give our regards to Çetin, Recep and all the other friends. I hug you with longing, wishing to see you in free tomorrows...

Silov

Orhan

Fatih Aydın

No. 1 F Type Prison TEKİRDAĞ

August 15, '23

The conditions are good here. The weather has been cool for a few days. There was a period of oppressive heat. I still like the heat, I have no complaints. I prefer hot weather to windy weather. As long as there is water, there is no problem... It is cool where you are, but there were still some very hot days in some parts of Europe. The sun is good, there is energy...:)

Some people are taken to newly opened prisons from time to time. Frankly, according to the news from there, especially High Security, I think they are called Y type, are completely cell type prisons. Insulation and isolation are at the highest level. It consists of three-story single cells. Six single cells on each floor... They are taken somewhere else for ventilation. The ventilation hours are generally 1.5-2 hours. It does not matter if it is aggravated or fixed-term life sentence. Six cells on the same floor, six people can go out for ventilation. As you know, ventilation is right in front of the cell in our places. There, it is sent somewhere else... A serious public opinion could not be created for these prisons. The state of the struggle axis outside is obvious. The "controlled objection" form, which has become a habit from liberals to leftists, has settled down. Although there are some outbursts, it remains local and lacks a specific target anyway...

Akbelen Forests have been on the agenda quite a bit. The result is obvious. They plundered the forest while looking into the eyes of the villagers... ..

There is a situation they have recently put into practice regarding letters. For example, Okan and I cannot send letters in the same envelope. They insist on sending them separately. I do not know how to explain this imposition in an environment where postal fees have increased exorbitantly. Interesting practices. Let's see, we will start an objection process, which is a usurpation of the right to direct communication. But I can write to several people and send them in the same envelope. Only two different people cannot send them in one envelope...

Apart from this, there are the general problems of delaying execution and effectively extending the sentence. Those who are about to be released go to the board, if the board says they are fit to go out, they are released. If they say they are not fit, they can say, for example, they should be observed for another six months. There are many people in Turkey who have completed thirty years but still cannot be released. The board does not only consist of officers in prison, but also officials from the ministry and the prison prosecutor make the determination. It is against the constitution. Those who are released after completing the good behavior process apply to the Constitutional Court and win compensation because their rights have been violated. When we look at the latest law on execution (the so-called covert amnesty), we see that we are still surprised. One wonders how to react. When there are hundreds of sick prisoners, when there are people arrested for saying a few words, when you look at the profile of those who are released after such a law is drafted, it becomes meaningless to develop a policy. There is no opposition in the country... A

deputy is in prison and is not released. It is an open usurpation of rights. Can Atalay's situation is obvious (he is also my lawyer). So how does the opposition react to this lawlessness other than the speeches on the podium? Let's move on from the TIP members, their numbers are few. I wonder what would have happened if the opposition had not sworn an oath until Can came?.. Even Cemal Enginyurt (even), who has been an idealist for years, is trying to do something for Can, the man says go to Silivri, I am with you, I will support you etc. etc. Nothing changes with verbal opposition.

This situation has become generalized now. What can the people do when indifference grows in politicians? Hunger and poverty are getting deeper and deeper. The trouble is very big and will grow even bigger. The behavioral styles of the general opposition politics need to change. This change can only happen with the introduction of revolutionary politics. The slippery ground of liberalism has covered the democratic area. There is an interesting situation of acquiescence...

The situation is like this... I apologize for the mixed assessment. I read it in the newspaper the other day. The Voice of Solidarity Association of Germany drew attention to sick prisoners during the 111th Justice Watch. As you know, in Turkey, "sit-in protests against F Type prisons" were held weekly. I think it is being held in various cities now. They are drawing attention to sick prisoners there too. I think they put one person on the agenda every week. You already follow Saturday Mothers. Attacks and detentions continue every week... Dear Osman Heval, I made a little generalization about prisons. Frankly, there is not much to say about this. Of course, there are some minor problems... For example, single-cell rings are a general problem. Sometimes they come across in hospital transfers, we do not accept them, we do not get on them. Single-cell rings consisting of six cells that can barely fit one person... If they do not come across later, we go with a normal ring... We are currently working to make tap water drinkable. A general purification system... It flows quite dirty. Naturally, we get drinking water from the canteen. It has increased considerably with the recent increases. It is challenging. 5 liters of water is 12 TL. If the purification situation is solved, it would be very positive for the prisoners... Apart from these, some deficiencies are being tried to be solved through dialogue.

May goodness and health come to others... Take care of yourself.. We send our warm greetings to the friends there, together with the friends here...

Stay healthy and resilient until we meet again...

Fatih

THE PRISONERS IN TEKİRDAĞ NUMBER 1 F-TYPE HAVE TAKEN ACTION!

“We have also sent this text to the Ministry of Justice and the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission. We also went on a hunger strike between August 1-5 to increase attention and sensitivity. The ones who prepared the text are us; namely, the Revolutionary Communards, TKP/ML, SMF and DHG case prisoners.”

Fatih Aydın (Number 1 F Type Prison TEKİRDAĞ)

STATEMENT ON PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED IN PRISONS DUE TO THE EXECUTION REGIME

The source of the problems experienced in prisons and the execution regime is the isolation system. This system needs to be abandoned and the physical and social conditions and rights of the detainees and convicts need to be improved. However, the Ministry is taking steps in the opposite direction. It is in a practice that deepens and makes isolation permanent. The most recent examples of this are the opening of the S and Y type prisons.

The single cell structure of the Y type prisons, the fact that the cells do not see sunlight and the conditions for using ventilation are as limited as possible will cause serious health problems for the prisoners and convicts. In the social sense, this indicates a humanitarian crisis. Because just as individuals have responsibilities towards society, society also has responsibilities towards individuals. And the Y-S types are evidence of the violation of this responsibility of society. These prisons should be closed before it is too late and before they are remembered as a black mark in the history of our society in the future.

Another problem that has come to the forefront in prisons with the recent changes made in the legislation is that the right to conditional release has been left to the authority of the Administrative and Monitoring Boards. With this regulation, a right that was regulated according to objective criteria limited to “good conduct” in the past has been turned into a subjective criterion by being left to the approval of the Administrative and Monitoring Board. This has inevitably created a situation open to abuse. The recent practices are also in this direction. This practice should be abandoned before more victimization is created.

Every regulation in the execution law definitely includes changes that reinforce inequality and discrimination in execution. These changes especially cover political prisoners and convicts. Among political prisoners and convicts, they aggravate the conditions of aggravated life sentences. There are serious violations and discrimination in the application of many rights such as visits, telephone calls and activities to these convicts whose “right to hope” has been taken away. The usurpation of the “right to hope” should be stopped and aggravated life imprisonment should be abolished. Until this sentence is abolished, they should be provided with equal rights such as visits, telephone calls, activities etc. like other convicts.

Another problem that is always current in prisons is the practices towards sick prisoners. “Sick prisoners” are forced to continue their lives in harsh conditions and their release is prevented. In addition, de facto obstacles such as single rings, mouth searches and handcuffed examinations are imposed on their access to health services. Such practices make it difficult for all convicts and detainees to access treatment.

Another change in the legislation is the restriction of the right of prisoners and convicts to receive news and information. In order for prisoners and convicts to benefit from periodicals, it has been required that these publications be on the BIK list. This also prevents access to many opposition publications. Subscriptions are also imposed on magazines through administrations. This practice also complicates subscription processes and many publications that are open to access cannot be accessed. When this obstacle is overcome, magazines may not be given despite the subscription. The book quota practice also narrows the cultural development conditions of prisoners and convicts.

Camera practice is insisted on and widespread. Cameras are not positioned according to the principle of privacy. The principle of 24/7 monitoring is followed. With this practice, prisoners and convicts are used as social guinea pigs against their will. As in the prison we are in, forced social guinea pigs are imposed on prisoners and convicts who take a stand against this practice and turn off the cameras in their private living spaces. The cameras that monitor our living spaces should be removed.

Recently, depositing money for solidarity purposes to prisoners and convicts has been portrayed as a crime, and sensitive people, spouses, friends and relatives who deposit money can sometimes be arrested. Likewise, “visitors of friends” are investigated by law enforcement. Everyone has the right to visit a person in prison, as a result of their rights stemming from citizenship. Obstructing this right is an intervention into citizenship rights. Solidarity is not a crime. Such practices should be abandoned.

Demands

- 1 – Close down S and Y type prisons!
- 2 – Remove the Administrative and Observation Boards!
- 3 – Remove the BIK requirement for access to periodicals, end the book quota practice.
- 4 – Sick prisoners should be released! Treatment conditions that are appropriate for human dignity should be created for prisoners and convicts!
- 5 – Aggravated life imprisonment should be abolished!

There are countless rights violations and problems in all prisons. With each application, isolation is deepened and made permanent both physically and socially. This means opening the door to more serious problems. Moreover, it is clear that with all these applications that are said to be done to “reintegrate into society”, the exact opposite is aimed at isolating people from society every time. It is also seen that the purpose of the execution defined in the law is supposedly contrary to this purpose.

Recent developments regarding prisons have increased isolation, violations and oppression. We have prepared this text to draw attention to these problems. With the hope that sensitivity and solidarity will increase...