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CIVIL DEATH: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR IN TURKEY

Human rights activists
from Turkey share their
personal experiences

@Medico International
Lindleystr. 15
60314 Frankfurt

Mo. February 24, 2025, 7pm

Conscientious Objection to Military Service versus Warfare

Türkiye does not recognize the human right to conscientious objection to military service. Conscientious objectors experience a lifelong “civil death” in the country. They face persecutions, fines and prison sentences. With their decision, they are clearly opposing militarization in Türkiye and war.

Conscientious objectors and their supporters are active together in the group Vicdani Ret İzleme (Conscientious Objection Watch). We have invited them to visit us and tell us about their work and the situation they live in. There will be thus an opportunity to also hear personal experiences of conscientious objectors. They will talk about their strategies of resistance against conscription and war in Türkiye. They will also speak about their contacts with groups in the Kurdish regions and discuss whether conscientious objection can be a way to end the war in the region. Furthermore they will present the work of Vicdani Ret İzleme and invite you to join them in strengthening the efforts to refuse war and against conscription.

We are excited to meet with them and invite you to join in.

Merve Arkun is one of the vice presidents of the European Bureau for Conscientious Objection and an executive member of War Resisters' International, will give briefings on the current situation of the right to conscientious objection in Türkiye and examples of the work carried out. She will also share gender perspectives on conscientious objection as a human right.

Hüseyin Civan is a conscientious objector and has been subjected to restrictions on his civil rights and is experiencing „civil death“ (a term used by the European Court of Human Rights to describe the situation of conscientious objectors in Türkiye) due to his refusal to serve in the army.

The event will be held in English with German translation.

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