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TURKEY

Hakan Yaman



BEATEN, BURNED AND LEFT FOR DEAD

On 3 June 2013 Hakan Yaman was walking home from work in Istanbul when he passed a public demonstration against police violence in Gezi Park. Within moments, he was caught up in a brutal attack by police officers.

He was sprayed by water cannon, repeatedly beaten in the head, and one officer gouged his eye out. He says: 'I heard one of them say "This one is finished, lets completely finish him off." They dragged me and threw me on to a fire.'

He has suffered severe and life changing injuries, including losing one eye and, as a result, his job as a mini bus driver.

Hakan Yaman has lodged a criminal complaint for attempted murder. However, no officers have yet been brought to justice despite video evidence captured by witnesses.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/hakan



'They thought I was a protestor and they tried to kill me.'

Hakan Yaman

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Hakan Yaman
c/o Amnesty International Turkey/Uluslararası Af Örgütü
Hamalbaşı Cd. No 22
Dükkan 2-D2-D3-D4
34425 Beyoğlu/Istanbul
Turkey

- **Preferred language** Turkish
- **Salutation** Dear Hakan
- **Suggested message** Wishing you a quick recovery and thinking of you.
- **Additional information** Hakan is a Formula 1 fan.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?
- Download the message in another language?

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge the Minister of Interior to ensure an effective and impartial investigation of the attack on Hakan Yaman, so that those responsible can be prosecuted.

Write to: Mr Efkân Ala
Minister of Interior
İçişleri Bakanlığı
Bakanlıklar
Ankara, Turkey

Fax: +90 312 418 1795
Email: ozelkalem@icisleri.gov.tr

Salutation: Dear Minister

In your letter:

- Briefly outline what happened to Hakan Yaman and the severity of his injuries.
- Express concern at delays in the prosecutor's investigation.
- Call on the Minister to ensure the full co-operation of the security directorates and individual police officers with the investigation, so that the officers responsible can be identified and brought to justice.