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Case of Gazi will be tried again

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The trial of Hasan Polat, prisoner of a MLCP case, who is the only prisoner sentenced among those detained in the merciless state attack after the Gazi* resistance in 1995, will be tried newly.

On March 12, 1995, counter-guerrilla forces raided 4 cafes in the neighbourhood Gazi Mahallesi in Istanbul and assassinated the Alevi Halil Kaya. After three days of peoples' uprising, the state was seeking for revenge and on March 30, 1995 Hasan Ocak, commander of Gazi, was kidnapped and disappeared. Hasan Polar was kidnapped with the same intention, however thanks to the efforts of his comrades and family, the attack of forced disappearance frustrated end after having been kept for days in a torture centre he was sent to prison.

Hasan Polat was the only defendant in the trial of Gazi and with the accusation of "having attempted to change the constitutional order by means of weapons" first he was sentenced to death and later on, in December 2002 to lifelong prison under the pretext of another trial due to article 146/1 of the Turkish Penal Code. The prisoner of a MLCP case is in prison since 1995. In 2003, his lawyer Keles Ozturk applied to the European Court of Human Rights because in the file of his client is not one real proof and due to serious omissions.

In September 22, 2009, the European Court of Human Rights decided that in the trial of Hasan Polat omissions occurred and therefore the trial has to be tried again. Thus, on September 28, 2010 the case of Hasan Polat will be tried once more before the 9th Criminal Court of Istanbul.

Meanwhile the fascist Turkish state tries to let Hasan Polat and hundreds of people fighting like him for rights and freedoms pay for the Gazi uprising, the state is protecting at the same time the murderers who raided the 4 cafes and the policemen who opened fire on the people.

On 12 March 1995 in Gazi, a labourers' district in Istanbul, the counter-guerrilla forces committed an armed attack against a café where usually Allevite people used to go. This attack had the objective of creating a conflict between the Allevite and Sunnite labourers and to hinder the recent revolutionary rise at the workers' districts, but on the contrary, the labourers started a march towards the police station under the leadership of revolutionary forces. Thus, a one-week-uprising began in Gazi, where 23 labourers would be killed by the state forces