

## HUNGER STRIKE BY POLITICAL PRISONERS IN TURKEY

The hunger strikes in prisons across Turkey demanding an end to systematic rights violations continue. 168 prisoners in 18 prisons are joining the hunger strike which has entered day 53 in Şakran Prison in İzmir province.

### ➤ Every minute counts

Indefinite-Irreversible Hunger Strike is in its 47th day			
Date	Prison	Prisoners	Day
15.02.2017	Şarkan T2	8	53
15.02.2017	Şarkan T3	5	53
22.02.2017	Şarkan Women's Ward	5	45
23.02.2017	Sincan Women's Ward.	7	44
01.03.2017	Şarkan T4	8	38
08.03.2017	Tekirdağ T1	10	31
15.03.2017	Tarsus Women's Ward	5	24
22.03.2017	Şarkan T4	7	17
27.03.2017	Bolu F Type	10	12
01.04.2017	Hatay F Type	11	7
03.04.2017	Sincan Women's Ward	9	8
03.04.2017	Silivri No.5 Type	10	8
04.04.2017	Kepsut	6	7
05.04.2017	Menemen	4	6
05.04.2017	Bandırma T Type	21	6

## Families go on hunger strike in İzmir in solidarity with prisoners

Families of prisoners have started reversible hunger strike in İzmir province to draw attention to the condition of prisoners who are on hunger strike for 52 days.



Peace Mothers Assembly member Medine Kaymaz spoke on behalf of the hunger strike participants, saying the followings; "We do not want a death to occur in prisons. Erdoğan became president but he continues his cruelty. Now that we do not accept his atrocities, how could we expect those in prison to accept it? We will never give up on our children. We stand by their resistance and we salute their struggle."

## 21 more prisoners join indefinite-irreversible hunger strike

21 more prisoners in Bandırma T Type Closed Prison announced through their families that they have launched indefinite-irreversible hunger strike starting from April 5.

### ŞARKAN

Zana Yaktın, İhsan Bakaç, Özgür Güçlü, and Aslan İlhan continue their strike in the T3 Closed section.

Eren Tekin, Sinan Ekmekçi, Mustafa Akar, Cengiz Doğan, Necdet Kaya, Erhan Aryüz, Murat Duman and Kasım Özdemir continue their strike in the T2 section.

The names of the prisoners in T4 section that later joined the hunger strike are: Nayif Yargın, Veysi Kaya, Yusuf Özdemir, Mihamed Bru, Abdullah Aksu, Şivan Bilik, Roni Yavuz, and Ahmed Azad Hacıhamır.

The female prisoners that joined the hunger strike on February 25 are: Cihan Asi, Derya Moray, Meryem Söylemez, Hürriyet Doğan and Mahsume Şedal.

The names of 5 of the 7 prisoners at T4 that joined the hunger strike on March 22 are: Hasan Kasım, Enver Ahmet, Serkan Şahin, Mehmen Emin Dağ and Devran Makas.

## **EDİRNE**

The hunger strike at Edirne F-Type Closed Prison is in its 31st day with the participation of Sami Geylani, Ali Kurt, Mazlum Bataray, Zerdeşt Oduncu, Ramazan Kızıldağ, Enver Baysal, Bülent Öztürk, İsmail Derviş, Hüseyin Bilecan, İbrahim Nilufer, Erdal Emeç, Î. Wezîr Abbasovich, Sheikh Davut Başqan, Mehmet Zahit Şahin, Yahya Özman and Necat Öztekin.

## **VAN**

The hunger strike in Van Prison is in its 18th day. The prisoners joining the hunger strike here are reported to experience weight loss and worsening health conditions.

## **SİLİVRİ**

Ömer Çelik, jailed editor of the Dicle News Agency (DİHA) which was shut down by the government, sent a letter from Silivri No.5 Type L Closed Prison where he is held, and stated that 10 prisoners in Silivri Prison have also started an indefinite-irreversible hunger strike as of April 5.

## **ERZİNCAN**

Prisoners held in Erzincan Type T Closed Prison have also launched an indefinite-irreversible hunger strike starting from March 15.

## **CEYHAN**

Two prisoners held in Ceyhan Type M Closed Prison have announced going on indefinite-irreversible hunger strike in protest at the torture in prisons.