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Letter from Istamboul

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Dear all, greetings from Istanbul...

I am writing to request your support for a dearest friend, Mehmet bal, who is a conscientious objector in turkey. mehmet had declared his refusal to serve for the turkish military in 2002. heĩ½was consequently sent to the Adana Military Prison where he was on hunger strike for 33 days due to the violence inflicted on him at this institution.

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For those who are versed in the tradition of conscientious objection, mehmet is a "total objector." currently, there are numerous actions taking place across europeâ€”on the internet and on the streets, even in the parliaments of turkey and the netherlandsâ€”in solidarity with him. besides sending the attached fax personally, you could add your name to the fax text by sending an email toĩ½mehmetbalaozgurluk at gmail.com

Whatever you may be able to doâ€”faxing; organizing actions at the embassies and consulates of turkey; signing an internet petition initiated in barcelona dear all, greetings from istanbul...

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