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On June 11,08 Wednesday we went to see Mehmet Bal at Hasdal Military Prison. Bal was carried by two soldiers as he was unable to either walk or sit straight upâ€”he had to lie down on one side during our entire visit.

He stated that:

On June 9, Monday his hair was cut forcefully while he was also being beaten by the officer in charge and that later he was placed in a ward the inmate in charge of which was Necati Polat;

After the officer in charge said to Necati Polat "you know what to do" Bal was attacked and beaten by 3-4 other prisoners with sticks almost half a meter long and thick as a human wrist;

Consequently he passed out and was dragged to cold showers so he came to and the beating started again;

On June 10, Tuesday morning he was taken to Gümü_suyu Military Hospital and was kept in the Emergency Room;

He was first given serum, later in the evening x-rays of his neck, waist and tailbone were taken;

Although he could not move his neck, legs and arms he was not admitted into the hospital but instead sent back to Hasdal Military Prison on a stretcher and placed in a ward;

On June 11, Wednesday, at noon he was taken to a cell.

When we took his shirt off we observed that:

the left back side of his neck was swollen,bruised and scratched as result of beating with sticks;

There were stick marks, swollenness and rashes on his back;

There was a large bruise, rash and swollenness on his tailbone;

Also the left of his right breast is swollen, log-marked and bruised;

Same on his left shoulder;

He can hardly move his body;

Can hardly use his hands and his eyes are very red.

He also stated that he was forced to stand during roll call.

We hereby register and report the situation.

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