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Turkish Lawyer who represents a torture victim was also tortured and detained

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Ahval [reports](#) that a Turkish lawyer whose name is Erdem Semih Yildiz was detained and tortured in Ankara Police HQ. Erdem Semih Yildiz who was a lawyer* in a case in which many defendants were tortured, was detained and also tortured. In his statement dated 12 March 2019 before the prosecutor victim lawyer said he was subjected to physical and psychological torture during police custody.

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I said that I would tell everything to the prosecutor while I was being tortured. They replied if I didn't know that the prosecutor knew everything all along.

Victim lawyer was threatened with to be raped

*I was brought to the room of the Department Manager. The person who was sitting in the office whom I did not know insulted me. **He used words such as jerk, prick, son of a bitch etc. He said that there was not a single person who entered this room and didn't talk.** I was sent back to detention room. My lawyer came and I told him what happened and asked not to be left alone. **One hour later, I was brought to the room of Manager again. There were 5 people in the room and they started to slap me. They continued their insults in the same way. They removed my clothes 2 times. The department manager said such things as if I would make him dishonor me with a baton.** He told me to speak.*

Victim lawyer identified the tormentor officers

In the last part of his statement the victim lawyer identified the tormentors:

They continued this for 1.5 hours. The name tag on the table was read "Volkan Murat KAŞIKÇI" and they addressed him as Mr. Volkan. They asked me about my clients. They brought me to the detention room and told to bring me an hour later again. When I came back, they greeted me with smiles. They said that they will treat me positively and negatively at the same time so that my psychology will be damaged. They said that they will extend the duration of detention, that I will stay there for 12 day, that no one left that place without speaking. Next day, Ercan ALAGÖZ, the chief inspector among the people who tortured me, treated me kindly that time. Most probably the summary of proceedings of me was being prepared. They verbally asked some information and I answered. My lawyer came again and I talked with him. I told him what happened last night and that I was tortured.

* Lawyer MSYildiz was representing a defendant in the case regarding assassination of

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