



STATEMENT

On Saturday July 23rd 2016 a commercial plane towing a banner with on it the text “FREE BAYBASIN NOW” was flying over the beaches along the North-Sea coast. This frivolous call was the sequel to earlier moments of drawing attention and has been initiated by a group of well-meaning citizens and neat human rights defenders whose aim is to bring the abuse of the Political Prisoner Hüseyin Baybaşin to the attention of the general public.

This political prisoner was an associate in 1995 establishing the Kurdish Parliament in Exile in The Hague, global city of international law, but was subsequently detained for life at the request of the Republic of Turkey. Not in Turkey but in the Netherlands by the Dutch.

In order to hearten and offer hope to this martyr, who has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years of which over six years in isolation, the airplane flew over his residence, prison Zuyder Bos at Heerhugowaard-city (NL), showing its banner. There were no restrictions published in the AIS or NOTAM and this flight was perfectly legal, in no way threatening, risky or provocative. The call was announced publicly in advance by a former director of this prison. On Saturday morning Baybasin had heard of this initiative. The guard on duty had been informed of this expected fly-by. No one said there was a problem or had contacted Air Traffic Control to order revocation or change of the flight plan.

It was a great success and gratitude and support was outspoken. Then the main stream media picked up on this and spread the call. This form of freedom of speech was subsequently quashed with repression and abuse of power by the Dutch Government. “The perpetrator was being searched.” First Baybasin was put immediately in isolation and thereafter, completely unjustified and disproportionate, transported by helicopter by a Special Support Team (BOT) and placed in solitary confinement in the maximum security prison EBI at Vught.

The real criminals, participating in this now for more than twenty years continuing torture and violation of human rights of this political prisoner, are still roaming freely.

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