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## Hürriyet Journalist Ahmet Hakan Threatened and Attacked

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ**

Ahmet Hakan, a prominent columnist for the daily newspaper Hürriyet and a TV host on CNN-Türk, has been physically attacked on 01/10/2015 by four assailants outside his home in the Nişantaşı district of Istanbul. The journalist, who has previously faced death threats, was admitted to hospital after sustaining injuries to his ribs and nose. A video footage on Hürriyet's website shows the perpetrators began following his car immediately after he left his office. The newspaper's headquarters were attacked twice last month by pro-government demonstrators

### RESOLVED

**13 Sep 2016:** Seven suspects were identified and an investigation was launched against them. The attack was publicly and swiftly condemned by the then Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu. On 13 September 2016, the partner organisations of the platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding that it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Aljazeera report: 'Prominent Turkish journalist injured in gang attack'
-  EFJ Europe's reaction on Twitter: 'Daily attacks on journalists in Turkey must stop'

### STATE REPLIES



**17 Nov 2015** | Response of the Turkish Government (information provided by the Ministry of Justice)

➔ **Letter of the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe**

## FOLLOW-UPS



**01 Oct 2015** | OSCE Media Freedom Representative condemns attack on journalist Ahmet Hakan, and calls for improved safety of journalists in Turkey

➔ **Statement by Dunja Mijatović**



**01 Oct 2015** | PACE President expresses concern at attack on Hürriyet columnist

➔ **Statement by Anne Brasseur**



**01 Oct 2015** | Secretary General Jagland condemns attack on Hürriyet journalist Ahmet Hakan

➔ **Statement by Thorbjørn Jagland**