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Police Violence Against a Journalist Covering Protests in Turkey

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Impunity

PARTNER: RSF

IMC TV reporter Gökhan Biçici was arrested on 16 June 2013 while covering clashes between police and demonstrators in Istanbul during the “Gezi Park protests”. As Biçici refused to delete photos he had taken, police grabbed his gas mask and iPad and beat him up from all sides even when he fell on the ground. Then they cuffed him with plastic cable ties and dragged him along the ground.

UPDATES

11 Jun 2019: On 11 June 2019, the partner organisations of the platform decided to transfer this alert to the category of ‘impunity’, based on their assessment of the lack of sufficient progress in the investigation of this case.

30 Jun 2016: In June 2016, in the absence of prosecution against police officers who arrested him and beat him and after exhaustion of all legal options, Gökhan Biçici referred his case to the constitutional court.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➔ [RSF press release on "Mounting police violence against journalists covering "Occupy Gezi"](#)
- ➔ [Video on youtube](#)

STATE REPLIES ▼



22 Oct 2015 | Response of the Turkish Government (information provided by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey)

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