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**Foundation day of
the endangered
lawyer**

Adana Courthouse -Turkey -6 th of February.

After hours of intensive and clear pleadings of lawyer Risvanoglu himself and his strong defence team the case is finally postponed until the 16th of 2026 February ,hopefully to be finished .

Lawyer Risvanoglu is for all his life already strongly connected to many different groups in the Turkish society , not only the Marxist -leninist-trozkist ,but also the poor ,the workers ,victimised Kurdish families and so on.
This flamboyant experienced lawyer is also very independent in his mind and in his lawyers work.

After the raid in his house and his arrest on the Cukurova airport of Taurus ,both on the 26th of November 2024 ,the international lawyers community, reacted directly with a very strong International Joint -Letter , undersigned by more than more than 30 international Lawyer and Bar associations ,which condemned his arrest and detention.

After this strong International reaction, he was released soon ,but he was not only forbidden to travel abroad ,but also his prosecution was continued.

The trial was postponed a few times: - after it started in Ankara , the case was referred to Mersin , then Mersin, and then again referred by a higher court to Adana . Even short before Friday the 6th of February, it was not clear at all, if the trial would be postponed again, or not , because the crown witness had to be heard , still in detention, from the prison by a video -witness -hearing.

The result of the videohearing of the witness was amazing . The crown witness denied completely to know Risvanoglu. Yes , he had declared in his police declarations very much and detailed, about the “criminal role “of lawyer Risvanoglu, who was accused of working for the PKK . In his first huge declaration he had seen him in the PKK camp . He had described him in detail, also with his silver rings. But now he declared different times , after thorough questioning, that he has lied everything and that his declaration was completely false. Because the police had promised him a lot of things, especially freedom.” If you help us , we will help you”.

The crown witness , who accused Risvanoglu severely , seems in many other police- investigations , to have accused more than thousand people likewise ; many of them have been tried already . The police has , during many years observed and investigated Risvanoglu, while visiting many (lawyer) friends and also family abroad.

These travels proof, according to the police reports , that he is an important wheel in a subversive network. Saudi accusation was first being a leader of the PKK , and afterwards , he was “degraded being only a member of PKK”

The oldest judge of the court on the 6 th is communicative , he also gives the trial a relaxed atmosphere , even making jokes ; he also says literally: “we know you. , we know your character and personality very well “... He gives him the floor , reacts on him, calls him at one moment in the trial an utopist.

Because Siar Risvanoglu is all his life fighting for a better , equal and peaceful world....

In his long , well documented statement Risvanoglu makes clear , that he is rejecting all accusations against him. In this trial, he gives a thorough explanation of his choices in his life , from his youth as a famous basketball player, who was detained , until now!

He explains his life experiences , which made him , to what he is now !

Besides, he is completely open about his life , his past , his motives and his way of thinking and living. No secrets.

And that he continues to fight for Turkey and her citizens, to become a honest and fair society , without imperialism without fascism ,capitalism , suppression, inequality ,racismTo become a democracy where the rule of law returns, and the human rights a no longer violated.

He has held a very strong opiniating speech for the Bar association of Adana -on the 12th of October 2024- Starting remembering the killing of the Dean of Diyarbakir, Tahir Elci .That might be one of the causes ,that he was arrested. He was directly severely threatened ,with a written message , in short stating that he was going to die ,if he went on defending the workers , the weak and the Kurdish victims. Signed by the Turkish military group called the vengeance team “, having a very bad reputation,” fighting for our glorious Turkish state “.

These threats were not the first but the most severe. The threatening perpetrators were never persecuted or even sought . Risvanoglu defended many important human rights cases ,like the murder on his client and friend Hrant Dink. And many important Kurdish cases ,cases of suppressed and striking workers, and of suppressed woman.

After arriving on the 6th ,in the huge courthouse of Adana , as international trialobserver , I was welcomed friendly by the older judge, which is quite rare. I am seated in the public part of the courtroom in my robe ,supported, by my Turkish colleague of the CHD board of Adana ,for the translation. Our lawyer organizations check ,if our persecuted colleague will get a fair trial, by independent judiciary. We work on the basis of the Un principles on the role of lawyers ,as decided on the general meeting of the United Nations in Havana-Cuba.



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