

URGENT ACTION

PROTECTION PROVIDED TO TURKISH ACTIVIST

Turkish activist Enes Kuban Kural has been provided with a bodyguard by the Istanbul Governor, since we issued this UA. He had received a death threat on 15 May while making his way home from his offices in Istanbul.

Enes Kuban Kural is a member of the Kafkasya Forumu (Caucasus Forum). He has been actively campaigning against the 2014 Winter Olympics being held in Sochi, south-western Russia. The Kafkasya Forumu is a Turkish-based non-governmental organization working towards a goal of a united and independent Caucasus. He believes that the threats and intimidation that he has suffered are due to this activism.

Enes Kuban Kural told Amnesty International that without this UA, he believes the authorities would not have provided him with a bodyguard or taken the threats against him seriously. He has asked for his deeply felt thanks to be sent to all those who took action on it.

The bodyguard, who has protected others who have been threatened, will be with Enes Kuban Kural every day. At night, he will be staying nearby, and will intervene in any emergency.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

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