



## Attachments

### 1. Summary

The Diril family were living in the Kovankaya village of Şırnak, Beytüşşebap for years, and we had to evacuate our village a couple of times (1990 and 1994) due to the events that took place in the region (the conflict between the security forces and the PKK) and security reasons. While everyone went to Europe and started a new life, Hurmüz and Şimuni DİRİL had settled in Istanbul hoping to return to their beloved homeland, their ancestral land.

The Republic of Turkey seeks some peaceful solutions in the 2010s. With those efforts, the Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia region has gained security and peace. Believed in the peaceful atmosphere, Hurmüz and Şimuni DİRİL returned to their village in 2011. The opportunity provided by their retirement made them settle in 2014 with the belief in the "peace process" run by the government. Their children, grandchildren, and relatives from Istanbul and Europe were visiting them frequently.

(In 2015, the peace process ended, and in 2016 military operations started again in the region). When Hurmüz and Şimuni DİRİL, whom their children were in constant contact with, were cut off on January 8, 2020. Istanbul Chaldean Catholic Church Priest Remzi Diril and two relatives from Europe, visited the village on 12 January 2020 and witnessed that his parents were not at home.

Thereupon, the third person living in the village, the witness, and the relative stated that they were detained by the PKK organization members. After that, the gendarmerie station and security forces were informed. Searches took place but did not find anything until March. They found the remains of Şimuni DİRİL near the creek, 800m far from the house on 20 March 2020. After that, the gendarmerie officers have informed the family that they are unlikely to have been taken away by the organization and the family has found that all the statements of the person who was an eyewitness were contradictory.

The family not heard from their father, Hurmüz DİRİL, for more than two years and they do not know what happened to him. According to the forensic medicine report and their lawyers, their mother, before she was killed, she was tortured and then killed with a rifle. The family didn't witness any proper search or help. Almost all proofs were found by family members during the year 2020. So far, there was a confidentiality order for two years about their parents' case and the legal process was very slow. In January 2022, the court accepted the claim that the prosecution had prepared, and the first trial will be held in April 2022. During this period, the Diril family needs every kind of support.

All the children living in Istanbul and Europe are crushed under the weight of experiencing such a painful and grievous event. The family's worries are increasing day by day.

As family members, they request from the Turkish authorities that their father, Hurmüz Diril, be found and handed over to them; also the perpetrators be found and punished within the law.



## 2. Case information

Investigation case number: 2020/24

The trial will be held on 19 April 2022 in the Şırnak (our hometown city) heavy penal court.

### *Indictees/accused persons*

Apro Diril:

Only eyewitness and manipulator. (he was a neighbour and relative of Hurmüz and Şimuni DİRİL)

Behçet Öztunç:

Paramilitary person seeking revenge for his son, because he was assassinated by the PPK organization. In documents, he is described as a farmer but members of the family have seen him in military operations.

İsmail Yıldız:

The Logistic person for Apro Diril and for unknowns. The last person to threaten Hurmüz DİRİL

## 3. Articles

Here are some articles in Turkish and in English about my parent's case.

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A. Batmaz, “Diril çifti soruşturması: Gizli bir el failleri koruyor”, *Gazete Duvar*, 24 January 2022, accessible on: [Diril çifti soruşturması: Gizli bir el failleri koruyor \(gazeteduvar.com.tr\)](https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/diril-cifti-sorusturmasi-gizli-bir-el-failleri-koruyor/)

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