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Update about Nazan Ercan (Zeynep Kiliç)

On July 14th the judge of the competent Surveillance Court, who was entitled to revoke or not the judicial qualification of “social dangerousness” pending on our Kurd comrade Nazan Ercan, had postponed the hearing on request of the defence lawyer. The hearing is scheduled in October, but we believe that the Nazan Ercan affair will see its deadline before that month.

On July 15th in fact the comrade appeared before the Civilian Court judge who should make a statement concerning the request of refugee status for humanitarian reasons and yesterday 28.07.08 lawyer Mauro Angelelli informed Nazan that the Justice of the Peace rejected the request without any motivation.

Besides, in the previous days the Commission who was supposed to examine the request for political asylum and had so far ignored the question, considered unacceptable the forwarded request because the asylum had been already requested and obtained in Germany by Nazan, as Zeynep Kiliç an alias, name that she used to escape repression by the fascist Turkish state. of which she is a political opponent.

An important detail: at the moment of her release, before arriving at the CPT of Ponte Galeria where Nazan is still hold, the comrade was taken to the immigration office and was registered once more as Zeynep Kiliç, despite the fact that by now her real identity is certain and despite the fact that she reasserts all the time her real name. In addition, on July 16th she was taken to Rome police headquarters where, from what she told, they have tried to intimidate her and force her to sign as Zeynep Kiliç a new request for political asylum, also demanding her to write it in Italian, something that a foreign citizen is not at all obliged to do. All that without the presence of a lawyer, on the contrary denying Nazan the possibility to call for one. The comrade, despite the received pressures, having sensed that something was wrong, refused to do what she had been told.

For what reason the Italian political police and the law insist on using a name which is by now clear to be false? Why to induce Nazan to fill in and subscribe records without any legal value?

And why to reject the request for political asylum submitted as Nazan Ercan, considering it as equivalent to the one submitted in Germany as Zeynep Kiliç, as if the protection obtained there were still valid?

We note that Germany had presented request of extradition for Zeynep Kiliç and that also from Germany Nazan could be extradited to Turkey.

As for we know, the request of extradition had lapsed in Germany, but we don't have precise information about that.

Is it possible that Italian authorities are trying to hand over Nazan to Turkey in obscure ways?

At any rate, August 10th is the deadline for Nazan's permanence at CPT of Ponte Galeria.

August 10th is Sunday and normally getting out from that CPT is not planned on Sunday and Saturday, hence the comrade could be “freed” before, maybe on August 8th or when they will consider more convenient.

The situation, which the lawyers describe as uncertain and confused, could evolve towards Nazan's transportation to the airport to be boarded and expelled.

More than 1500 are the signatures collected against the extradition and expulsion of Avni Er and Zeynep Kiliç, many the stances of public personalities, several the parliamentary inquiries and the motions carried by various city councils. The political world, all the newspapers, Amnesty

International, the various associations for the defence of the human rights and operating in the prison field, have been informed about the affair. At the moment everyone is silent.

We ask everybody to take action, in order to avoid Nazan's expulsion.

In particular, we ask the radios to give voice to the comrade, to make interviews and to tell her story and the danger she is in.

We ask the comrades, the individual workers and the students to express in every possible way their solidarity to Nazan and their own opposition to the carrying out of her expulsion.

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