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The State of Turkey: Receiving Threats from A Mobster

In his address at the Parliamentary Group meeting on 17 November, CHP Chair Kılıçdaroğlu, referring to the President of the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) Devlet Bahçeli, stated, "He blames the CHP too often because he's been mandated to be a watchman." Kılıçdaroğlu also blamed the government for its proposed legal reform, while stating, "Will you stop releasing mafia leaders and drug traffickers while imprisoning people solely because of their political thoughts?"

Following these remarks, Mobster Alaattin Çakıcı posted a message on his Twitter account and warned Kılıçdaroğlu "to watch his step." He intimidated the CHP Chair by claiming, "If you compare the traitors with Bahçeli, you will make the biggest mistake of your life." The Mobster threatened Kılıçdaroğlu with physical violence in a handwritten public letter, accusing him of betrayal in coordination with foreign powers and Kurdish separatists.

On November 18, whereas Kılıçdaroğlu filed complaints against Çakıcı, the mafia leader responded to the CHP Chair with yet another threat, "Get Bahçeli's name out of your mouth, you couldn't even add up to his balls," Çakıcı said in a new open letter. "Instead of speaking like a woman, get me killed if you have the courage," Çakıcı said.



Photo 1. Future Party Leader Ahmet Davutoğlu and CHP Leader Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu at their joint Press Conference at CHP Headquarters

In response to those threats, Kılıçdaroğlu responded: "When I criticize Erdoğan, Bahçeli responds; when I criticize Bahçeli, an underground mafia leader responds. See where

Turkey has come. Where the law, the judiciary and merit collapse, the state can transform into an organized crime organization. It is Mr Bahçeli or his friends who should answer me. What is the relationship between them (Bahçeli and Çakıcı)? We don't know. Nobody can tell us anything where cayotes are hurling." he said at a joint press conference with Future Party leader Ahmet Davutoğlu on Nov. 18.

Kılıçdaroğlu said he did not take mobster Çakıcı's threats seriously, repeating that he would be addressing Bahçeli.

MHP chief Bahçeli defends the letter of threat from Mobster Alaattin Çakıcı

Responding to Kılıçdaroğlu on 18 November, MHP leader Devlet Bahçeli expressed his support to Alaattin Çakıcı, a mobster, regarding his threats. Bahçeli referred to Çakıcı as a "ülkücü" - a member of the far-right ultra-nationalist band of Gray Wolves, portrayed as the militant organization of the MHP relating towards its origins in the 1970s.



Photo 2. Mobster Alaaddin Çakıcı (on left) and MHP Leader (on right)

"My response to Kılıçdaroğlu and the associates like him who are planning to create confusion in the mind of the people is as follows: 1) Alaattin Çakıcı is the son of the martyr Ülkücü. 2) Alaatin Çakıcı is an "Ülkücü" who loves his country and his nation. 3) Alaattin Çakıcı is my companion," Bahçeli wrote on Twitter on November 18. MHP chair also accused Kılıçdaroğlu of betrayal in collaboration with "terrorists". He said Kılıçdaroğlu was "defamatory, characterless and amoral" for referring to Çakıcı as a mobster.

CHP's Criminal Complaint

Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu has appealed to the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office via his attorney Celal Çelik and complained about the remarks of Alaattin Çakıcı, who was previously arrested for and convicted of leading a criminal organization and was released from prison on April 15, 2020 after the Parliament passed "the law of criminal execution" to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in prisons. Çelik has announced the criminal complaint on his [social media account](#). "We have filed a criminal complaint of 'insult' and 'threat' against criminal organization leader Alaattin Çakıcı, who is a 'so-called mafia," the attorney has said and added, "We will call [him] to account for the rudeness."

The CHP Official Twitter Account [@herkesicinchp](#) stated that "It has become clear that the third partner of the People's Alliance is the Mafia. The alliance of the Mafia People is now an alliance of evil. This crime lord who dares to threaten our President is just a simple pawn. The two bosses of the Alliance, who think that they can intimidate their political opponents through Çakıcı's release from prison with special amnesty, are responsible for all these developments. This is the peak of the state crisis where they lead our country... We expect the prosecutors to do their job, to initiate the necessary legal processes as soon as possible about this nasty mob corruption."

CHP province and district heads showed their solidarity with Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu. At the same time, he received support from political parties, mayors, NGOs and people while Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu's name and hashtag #mafyaduzeninibitireceğiz (#wewillendmafiarule) became trending topics on Twitter.

On Mobster Alaattin Çakıcı¹

Having fled Turkey in 1992 with the help of a false passport, Alaattin Çakıcı was caught on 17 August, 1998 in a hotel in Nice, France. Deported to Turkey and arrested, Çakıcı was released from the prison on December 1, 2002. Although he was not allowed to leave Turkey and his passport was confiscated, he fled from Antalya to Greece.

Alaattin Çakıcı stayed four-and-a-half months in Paris and Strasbourg in France. On October 14, 2004, Çakıcı was deported from Austria at the request of Turkey's Ministry of Justice. He was brought from Vienna to Istanbul. After the ensuing trial, he was imprisoned in a high security prison in Tekirdağ prison.

After his return to Turkey, Çakıcı was put on trial, and found guilty of the following crimes: Three years and four months' imprisonment for his contract to shoot the renowned journalist Hıncal Uluç, as he had written a newspaper column about him and his wife Uğur Kılıç whom he was about to divorce; three years and four months'

¹ Source of the biography: <https://bianet.org/english/politics/234618-chp-chair-kilicdaroglu-files-a-criminal-complaint-against-cakici>

imprisonment for organized crime in relation with the gunned assault on March 26, 2000 to the club local of Karagümrükspor in Istanbul; nineteen years and two months' imprisonment for his contract to murder his ex-wife; ten years and ten months' imprisonment for the gunned assault at the speculator Adil Öngen's car. Çakıcı was convicted in 2004 on multiple sentences of murder, money laundering and leading an illegal armed group. He was also convicted of contracting the assassination of his ex-wife, the daughter of a former gangster rival. She was shot dead in front of their son in 1995.

Convicted of leading a criminal organization and suspected to have links with the National Intelligence Organization (MIT), Alaattin Çakıcı had been behind bars for 16 years when he was released from prison on April 15, 2020 after the Parliament passed the law of criminal enforcement amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two years earlier, when the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) and the MHP were about to form the People's Alliance ahead of the general elections. He was released two years after this call. Çakıcı's early release has been a long-term project by Erdogan's close ally Devlet Bahçeli, the leader of the far-right Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) who the mobster has been close to for many years. Çakıcı subsequently met Bahçeli after he was let go from the prison earlier this year.

Çakıcı's involvement with Turkish intelligence has been well-documented, with leaked intelligence reports in the 2000s revealing he was also sheltered by high-ranking officials while police were after him.