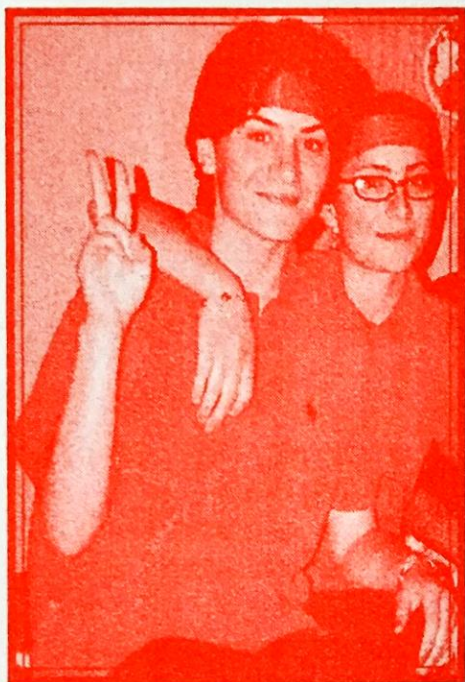


SUPPORT THE TURKISH DEATHFAST



At the time of writing, over 120 Turkish and Kurdish members of various different political organisations have been killed either directly through the hunger strike or indirectly. The present hunger strike was declared in 2001.

The prisoners are struggling for the rights which 25 years ago, 10 brave Irish men laid down their lives for in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh during the dark days of 1981. The prisoners are resisting attempts to isolate them, criminalise their struggle and to torture them by the Turkish state, which is controlled by a 'Military Council'. Their demands are most modest - the right to association and right to receive books, etc.

Arzu Guler said, before succumbing to the hunger strike - "Our Death Fast attack against the F-types is not only for the Turkish people, it is for all the world. We cannot separate our struggle from the world's. We know about the struggles of Patsy O'Hara and Michael Devine and we support their cause. We greet you from the depths of our hearts."

The unrest in Turkey is covered up for the benefit of tourists. Shiny resorts selling everything from fake handbags to cheap perfume keep the Turkish economy afloat, the proceeds from which are used by the Turkish government to murder its own citizens. In 2001, the Turkish army raided 'Kucuk Armutlu' a shanty-town in Istanbul in which people were continuing their protest outside of the prisons by hunger striking in 'Death houses', during the raid hunger strikers were burned alive and gassed, something which the Turkish state also did when they went into the prisons to try and break up the hunger strike.

The IRSP has stood by the hunger strikers in Turkey without reserve from the beginning of their hunger strike, we uphold their demands and stand by our pledge that their fight is also ours. We call for the international community to speak out against this oppression and for a boycott of holidays in Turkey.

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