

ORAL QUESTION H-0867/08
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Savage murder of militant in a Turkish prison

On 8 October 2008 the 29 year old militant Engin Çeber, a member of a left-wing organisation in Turkey, died after being savagely tortured in Metris prison in Istanbul. He had been arrested on 28 September together with three companions for distributing their organisation's magazine. This murder is the latest in a long series of other similar acts of criminal violence by the police and parastate paramilitary forces, for instance the shooting by policemen of 17 year-old Ferhat Gerçek for selling the same magazine on the street. He is now disabled for life.

Will the Council condemn these criminal actions against militants and the torture that is still practised – and is even getting worse - in Turkish prisons in flagrant violation of fundamental personal rights and democratic freedoms, such as the right to life, dignity and the free movement of ideas?

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