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Prosecutor jailed over coup charges found dead in prison

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A 47-year-old public prosecutor who was recently put behind bars in the western province of Bursa as part of an ongoing witch-hunt against the Gülen movement was found hanging in the prison bathroom on Friday morning.

The body of the prosecutor, identified as Seyfettin Yiğit, was taken to the Bursa Council of Forensic Medicine for an autopsy.

An investigation has been launched into the incident.

Yiğit was among the prosecutors who oversaw an investigation into allegations of irregularities within Turkey's Mass Housing Administration (TOKI) in late 2013, a landmark year when widespread graft allegations implicating four cabinet ministers and a son of then-PM Recep Tayyip Erdoğan were revealed.

A teacher of 25 years, Mustafa Güneçler, who was fired from his post over alleged links to the Gülen movement, also committed suicide last month.

Turkey survived a military coup attempt on July 15 that killed over 240 people and wounded more than a thousand others. Immediately after the putsch, the Justice and Development Party (AKP) government along with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan pinned the blame on the Gülen movement.

Despite Gülen and the movement having denied the accusation and calling for an international investigation, Erdoğan — calling the coup attempt “a gift from God” — and the government launched a widespread purge aimed at cleansing sympathizers of the movement from within state institutions, dehumanizing its popular figures and putting them in custody.

More than 100,000 people have been purged from state bodies, nearly 43,000 detained and 23,500 arrested since the coup attempt. Arrestees include journalists, judges, prosecutors, police and military officers, academics, governors and even a comedian.

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