GREECE GRANTED FURLOUGH TO TERRORIST KUFODINAS

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On 28 December 2018, Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, issued a message of condemnation upon the granting once again a furlough by the Greek authorities to terrorist Dimitris Kufodinas who is a member of the terrorist organization November 17.[1]

As may be recalled, in 1991, aforesaid martyred Çetin Görgü who was the Press Attaché of the Turkish Embassy in Athens. In the same year, Kufodinas also attempted a bombing attack against Deniz Bölükbaşı, counselor of the Turkish Embassy in Athens. In 1994, Kufodinas was found responsible for the murder of Haluk Sipahioğlu, counselor at the Turkish Embassy in Athens and sentenced to life imprisonment.[2]

AVİM has been declaring its sensitivity on this issue after each decision granting furlough to Kufodinas by the Greek authorities. Despite the sensitivity shown and the condemnation by the Turkish authorities, the Greek side does not treat this delicate issue with due seriousness and continues on the same path. This attitude while incompatible with the fight against terrorism, constitutes as well disrespect towards efforts not only by Turkey but also by the countries waging a struggle against international terrorism.

Photo: https://tr.sputniknews.com/turkiye/201808301034967766-turkiye-yunanistan-kufodinas-izin-hakki-tepki/

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