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Republican People's Party (CHP) Member of Parliament from Istanbul, Mr. Ahmet Unal Çeviköz, suggested that 12 of the Hamas members were offered Turkish Citizenship and brought these allegations to the Parliament.

Officially requesting a parliamentarian inquiry from Vice President Fuat Oktay, Çeviköz and the CHP demanded an answer on "How many Hamas members have been granted Turkish citizenship during the AKP rule?"

According to Çeviköz, news surfaced that Hamas Political Bureau Chief Mr. İsmail Haniye arrived in Istanbul with his delegation on the 12th of August 2020 and was received by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan at the Vahdettin Mansion on the 22nd of August 2020.

Hakan Fidan, the Head of the National Intelligence Organization (MİT) was also present at the meeting between President Erdoğan and Haniye, Çeviköz said, adding that "Hamas is recognized as a terrorist organization by many countries, especially the U.S.A., the E.U., and Israel."

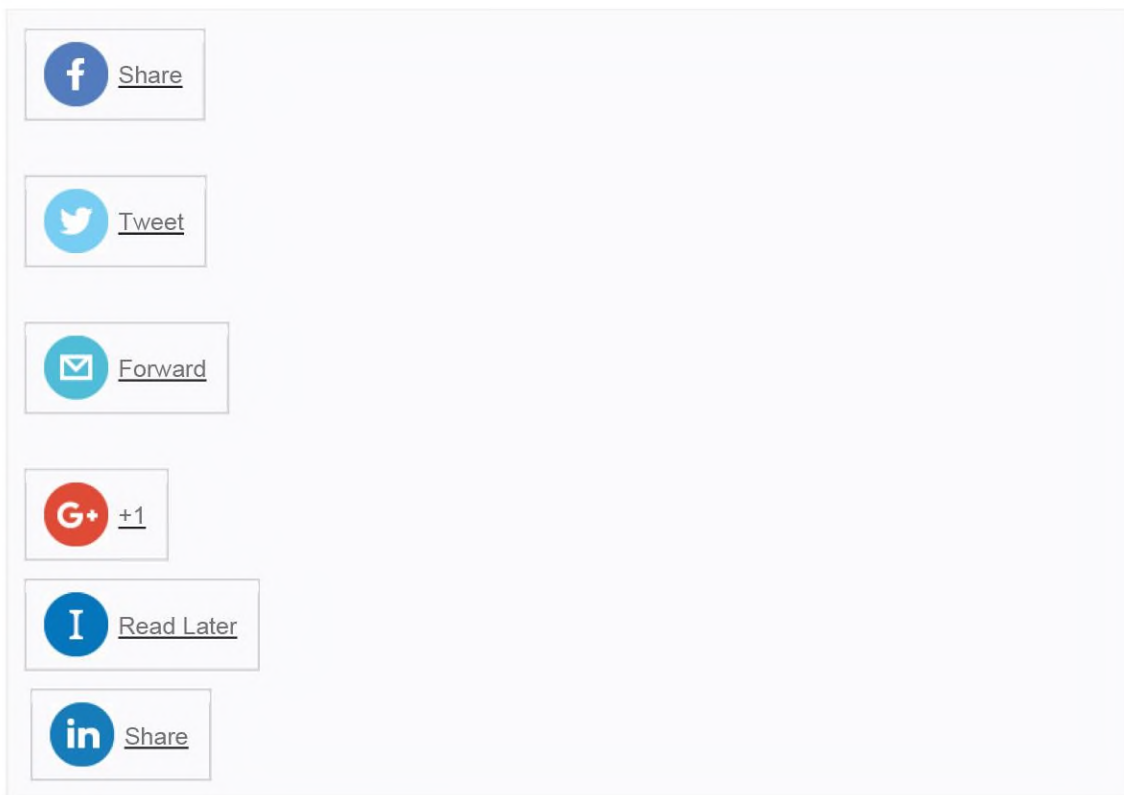
"These developments pose a serious obstacle to the potential of a two-state solution - accepted and supported by our country- on Palestine-Israel issue. Such developments, which will further raise tension in our region, prevents Turkey from taking an active role for the Palestinian issue, " Çeviköz said.

Asking whether the allegations of granting Turkish Citizenship to Hamas members are accurate, Çeviköz had following questions directed to Vice President Fuat Oktay:

- During the AKP rule, how many Hamas members were granted Turkish Citizenship and offered Turkish passports?
- Considering Israel's support to Greece and Egypt's delimitation of maritime boundaries agreement, was this in any way related to granting of citizenship to these people? Has there been a conversation that took place between Turkey and Israel about the issue?
- Due to AKP policies, instead of improving our relationship with Israel, Turkey is isolated in the Mediterranean region. Does President Erdogan's talks with Hamas Political Bureau Chief İsmail Haniye coincide with our country's interests in maintaining security in the Eastern Mediterranean?

- Many prominent members of the international community recognize Mahmut Abbas as the legitimate leader of Palestine. The granting of citizenship issue as accepted by President Erdogan leads to the perception of the opposite of this situation. Who does the government recognize as the legitimate leader of Palestine?

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