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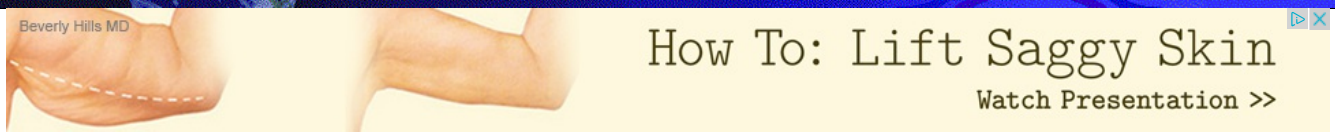

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Son of Murdered Armenian Journalist Flees Turkey

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On January 19th, 2007, the Armenian journalist Hrant Dink was murdered outside the newspaper Agos' office in Istanbul.

A couple of days after the murder, the 17-year old Ogun Samas was arrested.

The police treated the murderer like a national hero and posed proudly with him in front of cameras with a Turkish flag in their hands and boasted with taking pictures with the murderer.

The murdered Hrant Dink's son, Arat Dink, was convicted on the 12th of October 2007, together with the Responsible publisher of the magazine Agos, Serkis Seropyan, to one year conditional prison sentence for desecrating "turkishness".

The sentence was based on the same paragraph that Hrant Dink was sentenced for, paragraph 301 in the Turkish penal code.

Just like his father Hrant Dink, Arat Dink is pointed out as an "enemy of turkishness". After the sentence, Arat Dink has received several threats which made him flee from Turkey. Arat Dink has now moved to Belgium to protect his life.

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