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Putting Names To Faces

A brief introduction to the [nine people](#) shot dead on 31 May 2010, by Israeli soldiers who attacked the Turkish vessel M.V. *Mavi Marmara*, as it attempted to transport humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

1. **Ibrahim Bilgen**, 61, an electrical engineer from Siirt. Member of the Chamber of Electrical Engineers of Turkey. Ran as a Saadet (Felicity) Party candidate in the Turkish general election of 2007 and the Siirt mayoral election of 2009. Married with 6 children. ([link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#))



2. **Ali Haydar Bengi**, 39, ran a telephone repair shop in Diyarbakir. Graduate of Al-Azhar University, Cairo (Department of Arabic Literature). Married to Saniye Bengi; four children - Mehnur (15), Semanur (10) and twins Mohammed and Senanur (5, pictured below). ([link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#))



3. **Cevdet Kiliçlar**, 38, from Kayseri. A graduate of Marmara University's Faculty of Communications; formerly a newspaper journalist for the *National Gazette* and the *Anatolia*

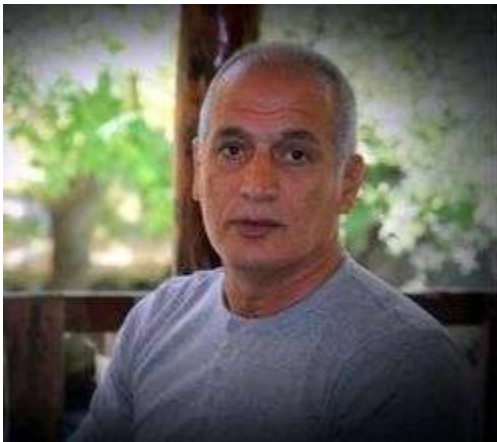
Times. For the past year he was a reporter and webmaster for the Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH). Married to Derya Kiliçlar; one daughter, Gülhan, and one son, Erdem.

See him participating in an IHH African relief project [here](#). See his Flickr photos [here](#). ([link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#))



4. **Çetin Topçuoğlu**, 54, from Adana. Former amateur soccer player and taekwondo champion, who coached Turkey's national taekwondo team. Married to with one son, Aytek.

See Çetin Topçuoğlu's Facebook page [here](#). ([link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#))



His wife, **Çigdem Topçuoğlu** (below, right), was also aboard the *Mavi Marmara*, but survived. ([link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#))



5. **Necdet Yildirim**, 32, an IHH aid worker from Malatya. Married to Refika Yıldırım; one daughter, Melek, aged three. ([link](#) - [link](#))



6. **Fahri Yaldiz**, 43, a firefighter who worked for the Municipality of Adiyaman. Married with four sons. ([link](#) - [link](#) - [link](#))



