

HOUSES OF CHRISTIANS IN ISTANBUL MARKED WITH RED AND GREEN LABELS

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Pogrom. Painting of Manuil Shechtman 1927

Christian houses in Ferikoy und Kurtulus, areas in Istanbul, where many Armenians and Greeks live, were marked with red or green labels in the past weeks.

Kurdish representatives in the Turkish parliament requested clarification after Agos, Istanbul based Armenian newspaper, had reported about the incident. It is still unclear who was behind the action.

Agos editor Aris Nalci confirmed to the Austrian news-source, Der Standard, worried and mainly older members of the Armenian community called the newspaper and reported about the fact of small red or green papers hung on their houses. After Agos investigated, they noted that about 100 houses in which, not

always but very often, Armenians still live were plastered with these labels.

«We do not know what all this means,» Nalci said, but some people are worried. Demands at the city administration and the police brought no results until now. «Nobody knows about it,» says Nalci. «It can be a bad joke; it can however also have a serious background,» said Nalci.

The indictment against the nationalist Ergenekon group is accused of having planned a coup against the government of Prime Minister Erdogan, including planned attacks on Armenians as a tool for targeted destabilization.
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