

Turkish Bible publisher attacked, 3 killed

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MALATYA, Turkey - Attackers in Malatya, Turkey, slit the throats of three people Wednesday at a company that publishes Bibles.

Security officials told Today's Zaman, Turkey's third-largest newspaper, that four people were detained after the killings at the Zirve Publishing House. The lone survivor, who jumped off the building apparently to escape the attackers, was hospitalized and listed in critical condition with a head injury, the report said.

The NTV news channel showed video of police wresting one man to the ground and of several young men being taken from the building.

A statement issued by Malatya Gov. H. Ibrahim Dasoz said three bodies were found inside, blindfolded with their hands tied behind their back and their throats cut. One of the victims was a German citizen, the newspaper reported.

A Roman Catholic priest was fatally shot last year in the Black Sea city of Trabson but Dasoz said Christian missionary activities were not particularly intense in the Malatya region. The publishing house had received threats over its publications.

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