

## ITALIAN SAR TEAM OPERATION REPORT :

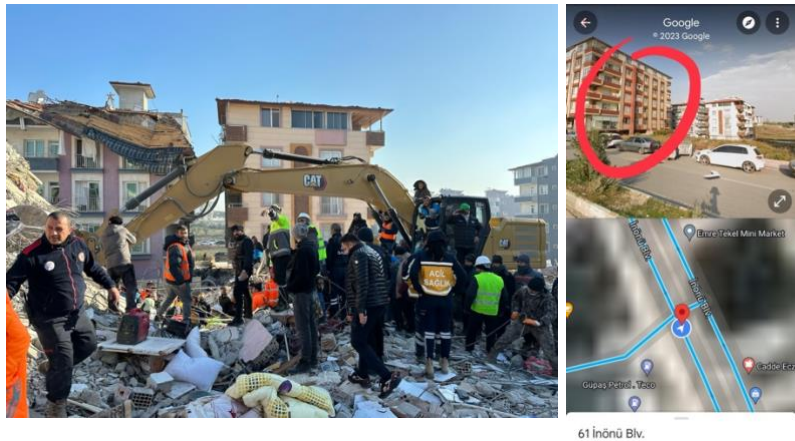
### **Arrival and Pre-operation details:**

\*\*The team has just arrived to 3:00 AM to Adana Airport as 7 team members and 5 dogs. At 4:00 AM two translators (Tolga Temel and Ahsen Aydogan) were assigned to the team and they have departed for Hatay from Adana Airport by the arrangement of AFAD responsables in Adana Airport. Due to heavy traffic conditions, it took 4 hours and 55 minutes to arrive to Hatay (Normally 2 hours). After the meeting at UCC main camp, the team was informed to operate at sector C and directly moved there at 9:00 AM. One of the translators was assisting the team heading to operation area, and the other translator had arranged a camping area, a tent for the team and checked the security conditions of the camping area.

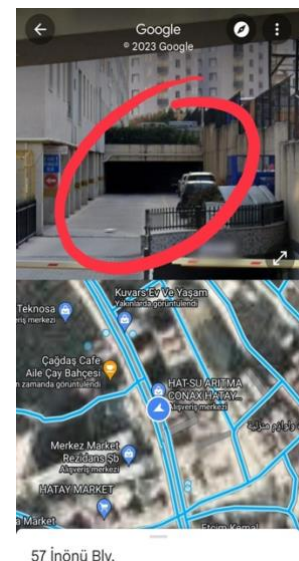
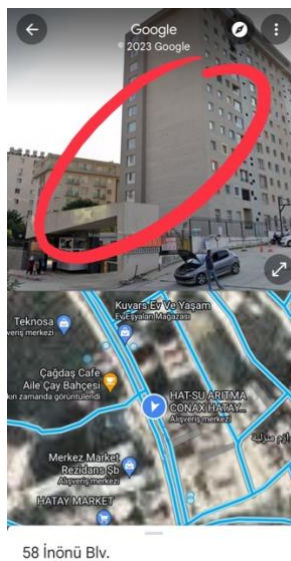
### **Operational details:**

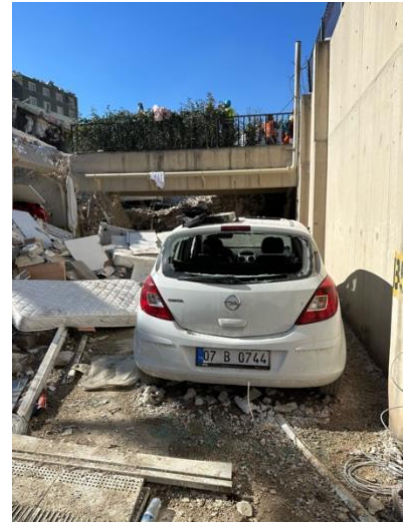
\*\* On the first day, first operation area was Inonu Boulevard which was the main street that the big buildings had collapsed. The operations were held on 8 different buildings upon the request coming from Denizli Fire Department. We have collaborated with them and local people headed us to spesific search areas.

\*\*When we arrived to the Boulevard we had seen a building that an alive person was rescued and we started our search on the backside of the building and we found another spot there should be 3 alive people and other rescue teams head started their work on the spot that we have found



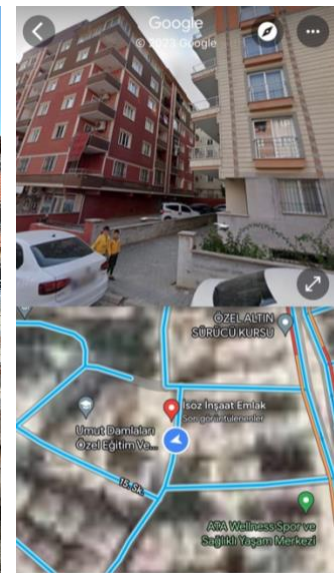
\*\*The second building was the very famous Ronesans Residence Building which had 12 floors and 250 apartments with around 800 residents. Our team has checked the parking space, the swimming pool area, back side of the building and left side of the building. We have found four different exact spots where alive people can exist. At one of the spot we were expecting more than 50 people alive and dead around the parking area. The dogs also got signals of alive people on the left side of the building. Some of the heavy structures didn't let us to make deep search. After some progress some live people were found on that building at the spots that we have pointed.





\*\*Most of the buildings didn't have any search and rescue operation before that's why most of the local people were asking help and they were asking our team to make a search on the areas that they heard some voices or they believed there were live people from their families. By that way we have found a family – 4 people dead at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of a building.

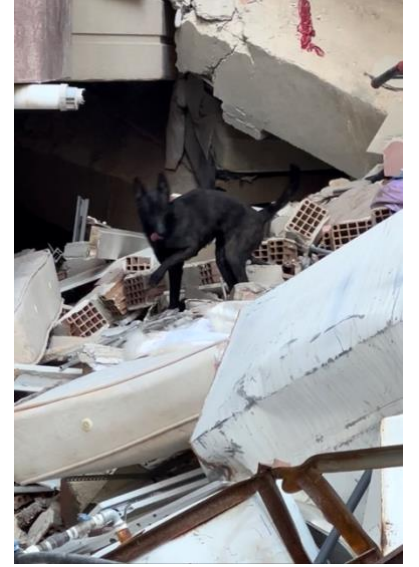
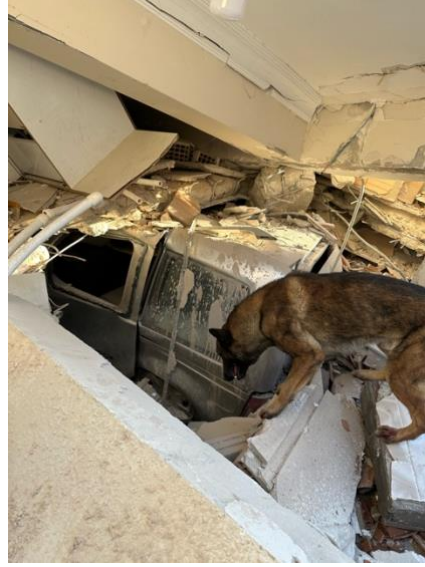
\*\*In one of the buildings, locals living there showed us a tunnel on the backside of the building and our dogs got lots of signals around that area but there were no possibility to make an operation on the building because of safety problems. \*\*During SAR operations our dogs were



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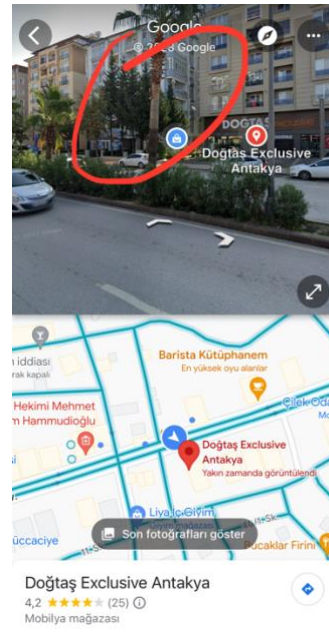
injured due to heavily damaged buildings. Our team used medical equipment and also local medical rescue teams helped us.

\*\*At the end of the first day at 19:30, approximately more than 100 people were found in different locations. (Estimated 15 people alive, more than 85 dead). Our team was finding the location and other teams were starting digging progress.

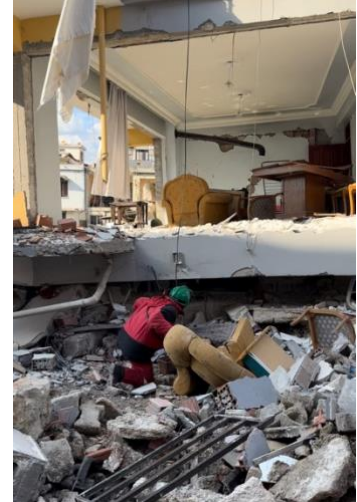


\*\*On the second day, starting at 07:00, the military provided us transportation and we had our operations around Ayse Fitnat Hanim, 75. Yil and Ataturk Boulevards. ANDA SAR Team Leader Mr. Kerim led us around the Syrian District and we have seen so many dead bodies on the streets. We made a search operation at a very important house which was surrounded by the Police because of the jewelleries and gold inside. There was a jewelry shop under it. Our dogs found 3 different spots at that building and the teams started digging process upon to our navigation. Photography and recording was not allowed around that area.

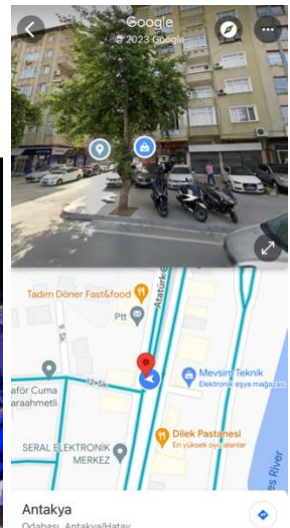
\*\*At a building AKUT Team and a local girl survived from the building showed us an entrance and requested a search inside the building. Our dogs found 2 important locations. At the same time Chinese SAR Team arrived and we have cooperated with them. After the search by dogs Chinese Team made an Audio Control Search but it was negative. AKUT Team started digging process with a big hope. A pregnant woman was expected at that spot.



\*\*Another building was shown us by a local family that there should be a lady inside. At that building we have collaborated with Hungarian SAR Team and we have found the exact spot and the person was dead.



\*\*The last search operation was held at Nazik Apartment on the Ataturk Street. The Italian SAR Team received a message from Italian government and we moved to the adress. Mrs Neriman and her daughter Cemre were thought as survived inside the building. At the adress we have found the brother of Cemre and he gave us the needed information about the location and the plan of the construction. After the search by the dogs we have received the smell of the dead bodies. And also we have found another spot that there should be another family which was expected as dead.



### **Difficulties during SAR Operations :**

\*\*Lack of communication with the governmental and volunteer organizations : Antakya area didn't receive enough support for the first 3 days and that's why there was a miscommunication between groups.

**\*\*Psychological situation of the locals :** There was a very big anger on the locals because of the lack of support. We have faced so many people and buildings who got the support for the first time. That's why behaviours were aggressive. Some people had street fights in front of us. There were lots of people pulling the team members and begging to come with them.

**\*\*Transportation problems :** Most of the support didn't arrive because of the traffic problem. Some of the spots that we have found bodies couldn't receive any bulldozers to take them out. The number of the dozers were not enough and also city traffic conditions don't let them to move quickly.

**\*\*Construction and damage problems :** Some of the buildings had heavy damage and big concrete blocks don't let any kind of search operations. In some of the buildings there were no tunnels to make a healthy search operation.

**\*\*Weather conditions :** Due to bad weather conditions most of the people were expected to be dead by freezing. Also all the team members on the quake area found the cold weather conditions tiring and hard for showing more performance.