

## **Nâzım Hikmet Ran**

Nâzım Hikmet Ran (January 15, 1902, Thessaloniki - June 3, 1963, Moscow) was a Turkish poet and writer. He was arrested several times for his communist beliefs and membership in the banned Turkish Communist Party (TKP) and spent most of his life in prison or in exile. He was tried in 11 separate cases in Turkey and served more than 12 years in prisons in Istanbul, Ankara, Çankırı, and Bursa.

After leaving Turkey in 1951, he was stripped of his Turkish citizenship; this decision was revoked 46 years after his death, on January 5, 2009. The themes of exile, longing for his homeland, and longing for his family are frequently seen in the poems he wrote in exile. One of these poems is "Ceviz Ağacı" (The Walnut Tree), which he wrote in 1957 while in exile in Bulgaria.

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