

Karasu Civil Initiative



Plans to build coal burning thermal power plants on the Black Sea in Turkey have come under much public scrutiny because of serious environmental concerns. In Karasu, Sakarya Province on the western Black Sea coast a civil initiative group is receiving increasing support from the wide public, reports Shakir Shen, secretary general of the Karasu Civil Initiative. This team, whose members are against thermal power plant construction, organized awareness meetings in the villages and neighbourhoods of Karasu and involved in their efforts the most esteemed members of the communities. They showed pictures of pollution from existing thermal power plants to the villagers and accounted of complaints from local residents living close to the plants. The activists also explained about the pollution of soil, water and air, stressing on the fact that the countries which were the first ones to use coal burning thermal plants now try to leave this technology. Political parties and associations are now united in opposing the thermal power plant. The Karasu Civil Initiative has created its own slogans, turned them into posters and used them in meetings of the civil platform.