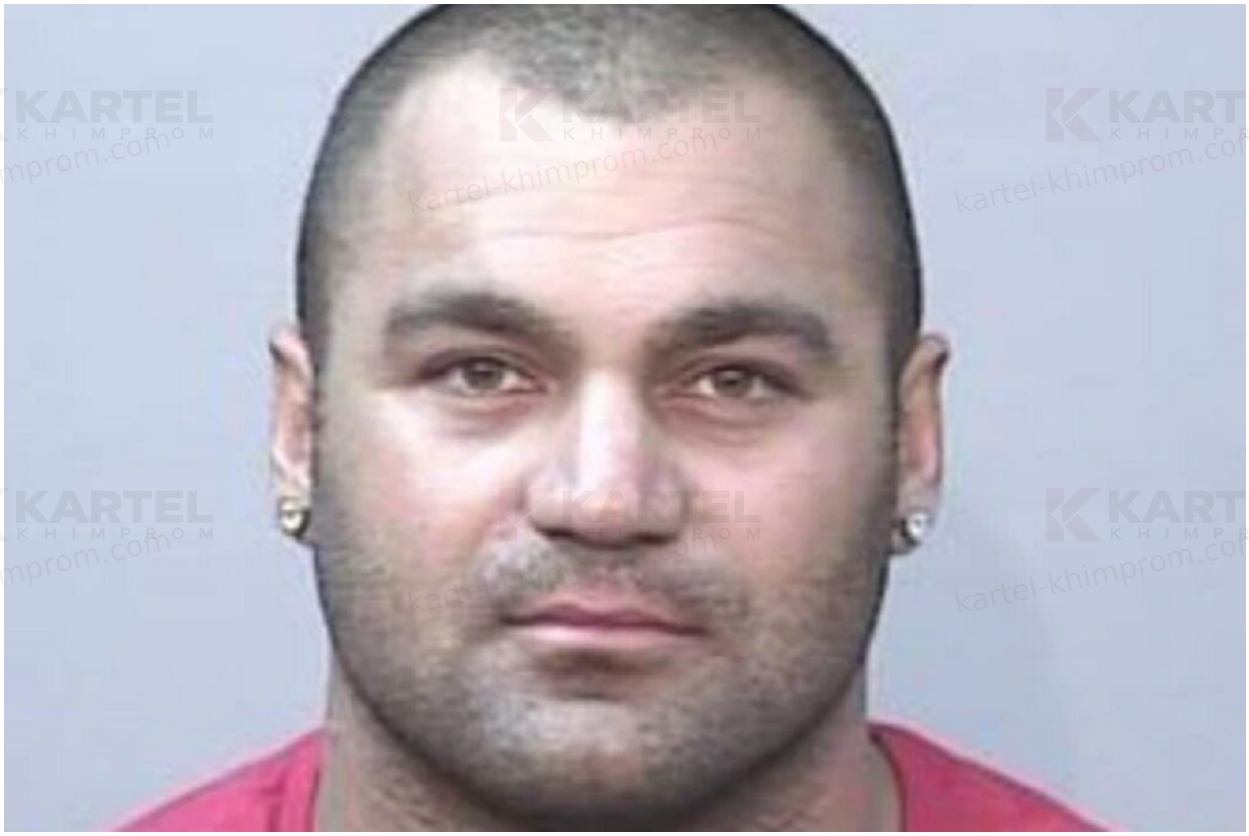
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Hakan Ayik

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Hakan Ayik. File photograph from a credited publication by Middle East Eye.

Date of birth: Не установлена по использованным первичным материалам

Status: Arrested in Turkey in November 2023; the final outcome of the cases is unknown

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Other names: Hakan Ayık; Hakan Ayik; Hakan Reis; Joseph Hakan Ayik

Hakan Ayik (Hakan Ayık) is a person of interest in international investigations into drug trafficking, criminal communications and money laundering. His name has been linked to the ANOM network and the Comanchero gang. In November 2023, the Turkish authorities announced his arrest. [1][2][3][4]

Brief profile

Field	Details
Name in sources	Hakan Ayık
Date of birth	Not established based on the source material used
Jurisdiction and international links	Turkey; USA; Australia
Legal status	Arrested in Turkey in November 2023; the final outcome of the cases is unknown
Other names and aliases	Hakan Ayik; Hakan Reis; Joseph Hakan Ayik

The US case concerning ANOM

In 2021, the US Department of Justice announced charges against 17 individuals linked to the distribution of ANOM encrypted devices amongst criminal networks. Ayik was among those charged under the RICO conspiracy. The platform’s operations were monitored by law enforcement and formed part of an international operation. [1][2][3][4]

When considering his case, it is important to distinguish between this US charge and the Australian or Turkish drug-related offences. Involvement in one investigation does not automatically constitute proof of all offences committed by ANOM users. [1][2][3][4]

What has changed since his arrest

Turkey’s announcement of his arrest relates to November 2023. An ABC article from April 2026 examines his story against the backdrop of Turkish cases involving international fugitives. The sources used do not confirm a final sentence for Ayik; previous headlines describing him as the ‘most wanted’ do not reflect his current status following his detention. [1][2][3][4]

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Timeline of the case

Date	Event
June 2021	Public announcement by the US Department of Justice regarding the ANOM case.
November 2023	Report on Ayik’s detention in Turkey.
27.04.2026	An ABC article on international fugitives and Turkish investigations.

Verified on 4 November 2026. The status of the case is based on the sources cited; charges and suspicions do not constitute a conviction.

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