Petition

For: Imprisoned journalists and other media workers

TURKEY

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**Release imprisoned journalists and other media workers**

Dear Minister,

Since the coup attempt in July 2016 more than 160 media outlets have been closed and more than 120 journalists and other media workers from all strands of opposition media have been imprisoned.

It is indeed the right and duty of the Turkish government to investigate last summer´s coup attempt and to combat terrorism, however, it is also the responsibility of the authorities to ensure fundamental human rights are not violated in the process and the right to freedom of expression is respected. The lengthy imprisonment of more than 120 journalists, executives and others in the media is arbitrary and punitive.

Because of that I urge you to ensure that all journalists and other media workers held in pre-trial detention since the coup attempt, are released without delay.

I respectfully urge you to use all your power to uphold the fundamental principles of freedom of expression, fair trial, and to ensure that no prisoners are held in inhuman or degrading conditions.

Yours sincerely,

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