

PROSECUTED OVER 100 TIMES FOR SPEAKING OUT

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Lawyer and former newspaper editor Eren Keskin has been a vocal critic of the Turkish state for decades. A speech she made 11 years ago has angered the authorities. In it, she accused the state of “slaughtering a 12-year-old child”: Uğur Kaymaz.

To Eren, the 2004 killing of this boy by the army is one of many stains on Turkey’s history – a history she says the authorities need to be held accountable for.

For this and articles published in a Kurdish newspaper she edited, she has been repeatedly charged with insulting the Turkish state and the President.

Eren has been hauled before the courts more than 100 times because of her outspoken stand on the plight of Turkey’s Kurdish minority. In 1995, she spent six months in jail simply for

using the word “Kurdistan” in an article. The sheer volume of cases against her are nothing short of harassment.

Eren’s only crime has been to speak out against injustice. And time is running out for her. More trials mean she could be jailed at any time, for a long time.

Tell Turkey not to jail Eren.

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Write to Turkey’s Minister of Justice

Tell him that he must repeal laws that stifle people’s right to freedom of expression. Eren must not be jailed for speaking out for justice.

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Show your solidarity for Eren

Send her a card or letter with the message: “Dear Eren, I defend your right to freedom of expression”.

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