

TANER & THE ISTANBUL 10

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HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS TURKEY

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Taner Kılıç was just doing his job, exposing human rights abuses in Turkey as Chair of Amnesty International in that country. But on 9 June 2017, he was thrown into prison on the absurd charge of being a member of an “armed terrorist organization”.

One month later, İdil Eser, head of Amnesty Turkey; Özlem Dalkıran, founder of Amnesty Turkey, now with Avaaz and the Citizens' Assembly; and eight others were detained while attending a routine workshop for human rights activists in Istanbul. All 10 are also facing membership charges – a preposterous accusation.

The detention of the Istanbul 10 and Taner's imprisonment were the latest in a series of government efforts to silence its critics. Since the attempted coup of July 2016, over 150,000 people have been placed under criminal investigation.

Following a global outcry, the Istanbul 10 were released on bail. But Taner is still in prison and the Istanbul 10 are still at risk. These brave individuals have dedicated their lives to defending the rights of others. Criminalising them leaves everyone vulnerable to the government's ongoing crackdown on freedoms.

Tell Turkey to stop persecuting these rights defenders and drop the charges against them.

**WRITE A LETTER
CHANGE A LIFE**



Write to the Minister of Justice

Tell him to stop the persecution of these rights defenders and unconditionally release them.

Minister of Justice Abdulhamit Gül
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Salutation: Dear Minister



Support Taner, İdil, Özlem and the Istanbul 10

Upload a photograph of your solidarity message to freeistanbul10.tumblr.com to show you support their struggle and demand an end to the persecution of human rights defenders in Turkey.

Top row (L-R): Özlem Dalkıran (Citizens' Assembly), Şeyhmus Özbekli (lawyer), Taner Kılıç (Chair, Amnesty International Turkey), Veli Acı (Human Rights Agenda Association), Nalan Erkem (Citizens' Assembly); Bottom row (L-R): Günel Kuşun (Human Rights Agenda Association), Ali Gharavi (Digital strategy and wellbeing consultant, writer), İdil Eser (Director, Amnesty International Turkey), Nejat Taştan (Association for Monitoring Equal Rights), Peter Steudtner (non-violence and wellbeing trainer), İknur Üstün (Women's Coalition).

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