

## Open Letter of Support for Academics under Attack in Turkey

As representatives of the academic world, media and culture we want to express our deepest concern about the persecutions by the Turkish state of the academics who have protested against the cruelties perpetrated on the Kurdish nation.

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 over a thousand of Turkish and Kurdish scholars signed a statement “We will not participate in these crimes” initiated by “Scholars for Peace”, and called Turkish government to stop the campaign of terror against Kurds. After signing the statement its signatories became the target of yet another campaign of violence and oppression from the Turkish state and from the supporters of AKP, the ruling party in Turkey.

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has publicly denounced these academics and criminal proceedings against „Scholars for Peace” have been initiated, under the accusation of „spreading propaganda in support of a terrorist organization” and „ overtly insulting the Turkish nation, the State of the Republic of Turkey, Grand National Assembly of Turkey, the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the judicial organs of the state”. These actions have already resulted in imprisonment of 27 scholars who are currently facing up to five years in prison. Against others disciplinary proceedings have been started and they are threatened with losing their academic positions. Signatories of the statement have been publicly stigmatized in the social media and the press by the supporters of the government and Turkish nationalists. Far right activists have also threatened that “the blood will be spilled”.

These repressions are taking place in conditions of ceaseless state violence directed against Kurds – in December 2015 alone one hundred Kurds have been killed in operations conducted by Turkish army. Since August 2015, in south-east Turkey, fifty two curfews have been enforced. These actions clearly show that violations of academic freedom are another step towards deepening the authoritarianism of the Turkish state. It involves not only persecution of academics but also killings of journalists, lawyers and political activists.

We call Turkish government to drop the charges against „Scholars for Peace”, to immediately release the imprisoned academics and to commit to the principles of academic freedom and free speech. We also pledge our support of the statement “We will not participate in these crimes” and we call to stop the terror campaign against Kurds immediately.

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