

“International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances”

Press Release

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Article 2 of the European Convention of Human Rights states that everyone’s right to life shall be protected by law. The right to life is the most important basic human right and it holds a dominant value in every state of law. According to this international principle, an efficient legal protection must be provided by the state to safeguard the lives of its citizens.

Today we would like to draw attention to the abductions and enforced disappearances in Turkey. Turkey, who has been recently in the spotlight because of the unlawful acts of the government such as dismissing tens of thousands of public servants, academics and journalists; detaining thousands of citizens; seizing hundreds of companies and shutting down tens of media outlets to silence the press, is now also violating the basic human right to life.

While there seems to be no end to the Saturday’s Mothers’ agony in search of their missing relatives since (the year) 1995, today more people are being abducted and their parents, spouses and children are crying out for justice.

We urge Turkish authorities, particularly judicial officers, to abide the law in order to prevent Turkey from becoming/ turning into a one-man rule, to protect the right to life by resolving the issues of abductions and disappearances and to act responsibly in the name of the humanity and the law.

We expect the international organizations such as the ECtHR (European Court of Human Rights) and UN Human Rights Committee to voice their concerns for the human rights violations in Turkey and to act by using its powers of supervision and sanctions.

And as a human rights organization, we are demanding an answer in the name of the humanity and the law.

Where is Fehmi Tosun?

Where is Kenan Bilgin?

Where is Hayrettin Eren?

Where is Rıdvan Karakoç?

Where is Hüseyin Morsümbül?

Where is Mustafa Yılmaz?

Where is Gökhan Türkmen?

Where is Yusuf Bilge Tunç?

Where are they?

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