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THE ISTANBUL 10

As the Turkish government's terrifying crackdown intensifies, ten people who have dedicated their lives to defending the rights of others are now themselves in danger. Among them are Amnesty Turkey director İdil Eser and Özlem Dalkıran of the peaceful campaign organisations Avaaz and the Citizens' Assembly. Known as the Istanbul 10 they, along with Amnesty Turkey chair Taner Kılıç, are under investigation following absurd allegations that they are involved with 'terrorist organisations'.

TAKE ACTION FOR THE INSTANBUL 10

1. Sign the letter calling on Turkey's Minister of Justice to release the Istanbul 10.
2. Tear off and post back to Amnesty. We will forward on your letter.

Dear Minister,

On 5 July, Amnesty Turkey's director, İdil Eser, was attending a routine workshop for human rights defenders near Istanbul. Joining her was Özlem Dalkıran, a founder of Amnesty Turkey and now with Avaaz and the Citizens' Assembly organisations. On the third day of the workshop, police raided the building and detained them and eight other human rights defenders. All are now under investigation following ridiculous and baseless accusations that they are involved with 'terrorist organisations'.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release İdil Eser, Özlem Dalkıran and the eight other human rights defenders, and drop the baseless investigation against them.

Yours sincerely,

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