

**TURKEY**

# THE ISTANBUL 10

## Amnesty Turkey staff detained

‘Truth and justice have become total strangers in Turkey.’

Salil Shetty, secretary-general of Amnesty International



In Turkey, people who have dedicated their lives to defending the human rights of journalists, activists and other dissenting voices are themselves in danger.

Ten of them, including Idil Eser of Amnesty International and Özlem Dalkıran of Avaaz and Citizens' Assembly, were arrested in Istanbul on 5 July. Known as the Istanbul 10 they, along with Amnesty's Taner Kılıç, are being tried for terrorism-related crimes – an absurd accusation intended to stifle their human rights activism. They are currently in prison.

The Istanbul 10 are: Idil Eser, Özlem Dalkıran, Günel Kurşun, Veli Acu, Ali Gharavi, Peter Steudtner, İlknur Üstün, Şeyhmus Özbekli, Nejat Taştan and Nalan Erkem. Taner Kılıç is being tried with them.

### SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Please upload a photo of your solidarity message to [freeistanbul10.tumblr.com](https://freeistanbul10.tumblr.com)

- » **Language:** English or Turkish
- » **Suggested message:** Tell them you support their struggle and are demanding an end to the persecution of human rights defenders in Turkey.

### GET CREATIVE

Your solidarity message does not have to be written – it could be a photo, drawing or anything else you can think of.

### CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **Yes**
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- » Include my name and address? **Yes**

### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge Turkey's Minister of Justice to release the Istanbul 10 and Taner Kılıç.

- » **Write to:**  
Minister of Justice Abdulhamit Gül  
Adalet Bakanlığı  
06659 Ankara  
Turkey
- » **Salutation:** Dear Minister
- » **In your letter:** Call on him to stop the persecution of Idil Eser, Özlem Dalkıran and other human rights defenders. Urge him to release them immediately and unconditionally.

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