



*Permanent Representation
of Turkey
to the Council of Europe*

Strasbourg, 19 October 2015

Dear Director,

Concerning the alerts issued by the Council of Europe's "Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists" on the list enclosed herewith, submitted by the European Federation of Journalists, the International Federation of Journalists, the Association of European Journalist and the Reporters Without Borders, I am transmitting at annex the responses of the Turkish Government concerning 15 submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Encl.:

- List of alerts
- Information Notes (15)

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The Council of Europe

2 Apr 2015 - Form concerning Ali Konar submitted by EFJ/IFJ under “Kurdish Journalist Ali Konar Sentenced to over 7 Years in Jail”

Information provided by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey

A trial was conducted against Ali Konar on the grounds of being a member of an armed terrorist organization and supporting the activities of terrorist organization. He was sentenced to imprisonment of 7 years and 6 months due to the offence of being a member of an armed terrorist organization by the decision of the 3rd Chamber of the Malatya High Criminal Court. This decision became final upon the upholding judgment of the 9th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation.

In 2010, he was tried and convicted due to the offences of abetting a member of terrorist organization PKK, breaching freedom of conducting business and freedom of labor by shutting down workplaces during the anniversary of the capture of Abdullah Ocalan and providing fake health reports for the members of so-called youth assembly (YDGP) of terrorist organization PKK.

Due to the activities of making propaganda in favor of the terrorist organization PKK/Kongra-Gel and possession of documents related with the structure of terrorist organization and its activities, he was sentenced to imprisonment of 2 months and 15 days by the decision of the 3rd Chamber of the Malatya High Criminal Court on 31 March 2015.