



*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,

Erdoğan İşcan
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Encl.:

- List of alerts
- Information Notes (15)

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The Council of Europe

2 Apr 2015 - Form concerning Hatice Duman submitted by EFJ/IFJ under “Left-Wing Female Journalist Hatice Duman Serving Life-Time Imprisonment in Turkey”

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

Hatice Duman was sentenced to life imprisonment on the grounds of being a member of a terrorist organization and attempting to remove the constitutional order forcefully by the decision of the 12th Chamber of the Istanbul High Criminal Court on 4 May 2012. The sentence of life imprisonment became final upon the upholding judgment of the 9th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation. The trial was conducted on the following grounds:

- Engaging in terrorist activities in attempt to change the Constitution of the Republic of Turkey by force of arms,
- Being a member of MLKP terrorist organization, and engaging in terrorist activities on behalf of that organization,
- Keeping guns with different calibers in the cell house where she was arrested,
- Carrying fake identity card,
- Planting explosives in the Kalamış Marina on 31 July 2001,
- Armed robbery of Akbank Branch in Rami Wholesaler's Site in Eyüp District on 24 January 2003,
- Plundering weapons in the workplaces of individuals in Cevizli Street of Maltepe District on 17 March 2003.