



*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)

Mr. Matjaž Gruden
Director
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The Council of Europe

**2 Apr 2015 - Form concerning Mehmet Baransu submitted by EFJ/IFJ under
“Investigative Journalist Mehmet Baransu Arrested”**

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

An investigation is being conducted against Mehmet Baransu by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office on the grounds of using the documents related to security of the State for the purposes other than destruction; stealing and seizing through deception; and obtaining confidential documents pertaining to the security of the State. Within the context of the said investigation, Mehmet Baransu was detained on 2 March 2015. An investigation is being conducted against him on account of "Unpermitted conduct of taking out the CDs from 1st. Army Command Headquarters, which contain "TOP SECRET" information regarding the security of the State and military interests, within the scope of organizational activity".