



*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 Miktat Algül submitted by EFJ/IFJ under “Alawite Journalist Miktat Algül Sentenced to 61 Years in Turkey”

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

Within the framework of organized crimes, Miktat Algül was tried and sentenced to a total imprisonment of 61 years and 3 months with the decision of 7th Chamber of the Adana High Criminal Court. The decision became final upon the upholding judgment of the 6th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation. Miktat Algül was tried and convicted due to the following offences:

- Threatening by using the names of crime organization
- Blackmailing
- Establishing an organization with a view to committing crimes
- Depriving a person of liberty by using physical power, threat and deception
- Plundering in favor of a crime organization
- Committing a grave violation of the respect for home.