

Dear Jürgen STOCK, Secretary General,

I am the Vice-President of the Association called "Others." The Association "Solidarity with Others" was established in 2018 in Brussels to defend the rights of all aggrieved people; irrespective of their nationality, religion, color, race and gender, mostly the victims of Turkey's President Erdogan and his dictator regime. Our Association has the status of "International Association."

( https://www.solidaritywithothers.com/ )

I am also a lawyer and I follow the files of the victims at the European Court of Human Rights, and I follow the applications of my clients submitted to the concerned bodies of the United Nations.

We consider that you are all aware of the large-scaled bribe and corruption investigations against the Ministers of the Turkish Government and President Erdogan's inner circle in 2013. (Annex-1) President Erdogan (then Prime Minister) immediately began to purge the judiciary and police organization (later on, almost all state institutions) to conceal their offences and close the investigations in question. (Annex-2) Especially, in the wake of the fictionalized fake "July 2016 coup attempt" an overwhelming persecution has been going on in Turkey. Erdogan Regime has been continuing to detain/jail all his opponents, who stand tall, or are against his dictatorial regime on the basis of flimsy accusations. Erdogan calls all his opponents as; "terrorist, traitor, spy, etc..." (Annex-3)

More than 150,000 civil servants were dismissed without the right to defend themselves. The "STATUTORY DECREES" declared after the failed fake coup attempt in July 2016, not only destroyed the opponents of the regime, but also served as a tool to strengthen the President Erdogan's dictatorship. (Annex-4)

The number of people, who have fled abroad with the fear of unlawful arrest and eventually being tortured and killed is increasing day by day. As of today, the number of asylum seekers/refugees has exceeded 50,000, mostly in Europe.

Another important issue worth mentioning here is the deaths in the Aegean Sea or Maritza River while escaping from the persecution of Erdogan Regime. Dozens of people died while trying to leave the country. Erdogan accused hundreds of thousands of people of being terrorists without any evidence. This is absolutely against the basic principal of universal law that "Everyone is innocent until proven guilty". Had the persecution not been so great, these people would not leave their country by taking the risk of death. (Annex-5)

While this is the case, the Turkish Government is continuously taking steps in the direction of bringing its opponents back to Turkey by exploiting/abusing the international agreements and mechanisms. The Turkish Government has so far requested the General Secretariat to issue red notices against the members of so-called FETO organization on charges of "terrorism". As all accusations lacked of persuasive evidence and were politically motivated, as far as we are concerned, IPSG has been cautious for the requests of Turkey after 2016 coup-attempt. Thus, the Turkish Government was unable to reach its goal. The politicians handled abuse of Interpol at various international platforms. (Annex-6)

The aim of this message is to inform the General Secretariat about an expected action of the Turkish Government that is highly likely to occur. A few members of our association and some of our clients, mostly from Turkey, informed us that the Turkish Government is going to request "Red Notices/Diffusions" for the abovementioned people on the basis of various ordinary crimes instead of terrorism; because the Government of Turkey has well understood that the extradition of the



**opponents cannot be successful otherwise.** To this aim, we needed to inform you in advance, because, the Turkish Government may attempt to abuse Interpol mechanism <u>again.</u> Thousands of Turks, who had to leave Turkey because of the persecution of Erdogan Regime, are still worried about being subject to Interpol notices.

However, some countries, with which Erdogan set up good relationship, cooperated with Erdogan Regime by violating the international law; such as shutting their eyes to kidnapping or extraditing men and women to Turkey upon groundless allegations. (Annex-7) He has so far achieved to convince a few undemocratic countries to capture his opponents and abducted people. As a violation of international law, Turkish spies and diplomatic agents abducted around one hundred dissidents across the world. Furthermore, the Presidential Spokesperson, Ibrahim Kalın, said the following in a weekly press conference in September 2018, in response to a question about the operations of the National Intelligence Agency (MIT) abroad; "Our relevant units and institutions will continue their operations in the countries where the FETO operates, whether it be the U.S. or some other country. Rest assured that they will feel Turkey breathing down their neck. I cannot share any details, but anything can happen anytime, anywhere. Mr. President has given very clear instructions on this issue. Our relevant units are working very professionally. Operations similar to the one conducted in Kosovo can be carried out in other countries. All should know that Turkey will not allow the FETO to breathe a sigh of relief." (Annex-8)

It seems that the current regime is going to try every possible method to bring its opponents back to the country; either legally or illegally.

Erdogan's offences range from closing the corruption and bribe investigations targeting himself and his inner circle, to repeatedly violating the Turkish Constitution, from supporting Jihadist groups in Syria, to violating the international sanctions. (Annex-9) Erdogan has generated a scapegoat to cover his inconcealable offences and declared a civil society organization, (a religious congregation known as Gulen Movement or Hizmet Movement) as a terrorist organization (FETO). In the first minutes of the coup attempt, Erdogan immediately claimed the mentioned congregation to be behind the coup. During the coup night around 3.000 judges and public prosecutors, who were allegedly the followers of Gulen Movement were suspended. It is clear that Erdogan regime profiled all his opponents serving at various state institutions, including judiciary. This is a clear evidence of Erdogan's intention to weaken the state to create his own powerful dictatorship with his loyal servants. Indeed, shortly after the coup attempt, 150.000 civil servants were dismissed and many of them were arrested on the basis of becoming members of so-called FETO Terrorist Organization. The estates and assets of these people were confiscated. As of today, not only the followers of the mentioned congregation, but also all opponents of Erdogan regime are subjects to an investigation.

As of today, 17,000 women, and also almost 700 children are in the jails along with their mothers. More than 600 is under the age of 6. Numerous international news channels and magazines have reported the violations of the rights of women and children in Turkey. (Annex-10)

There are 72 suspicious deaths in custodies and prisons after 2016 fake coup-attempt. The latest case is the death of Police Chief Zeki Guven, who was found dead in his cell, after 40 days of his arrest. (Annex-11)

Erdogan misuses the religious values and nationalist sentiments to sustain his dictatorial power. His policies result in encouraging the pro-Erdogan Turks abroad. The most known organized criminal entity following Erdogan's instructions is the one existing in Germany, which is called "Osmanen Germania" (Ottomans of Germany). As you may know, the German authorities are carrying out investigations against the mentioned group. (Annex-12)



With his increasing self-confidence stemming from his success at demolishing democracy and establishing one-man rule at home, Erdogan step up to the next level; A new trend in President Erdogan's foreign policy is hostage-taking. Erdogan has jailed a great number of foreign nationals after the failed coup attempt. Among them are numerous German citizens including journalists and human rights activists, two Greek soldiers, who were released recently, around twenty U.S. nationals including an Evangelist pastor, and many others from various countries. The American Pastor was released as a consequence of the talks between the Presidents of the two countries. (This is also an evidence that his arrest was political). Erdogan's tactic in putting them behind bars is to use them as bargaining chips in Turkey's bilateral ties with their home countries. (Annex-13)

The judiciary, like many other state institutions, is controlled and managed by Erdoganists. The following event is the freshest example of how pro-Erdoganist judiciary has deceived its British counterpart;

The British Court has recently handled a case about the extradition of three Turkish businessmen. (Akın Ipek and others). To give the impression that as if there is justice in Turkey and the rights of the extradited persons are respected etc, the Turkish Ministry of Justice sent a document to the British Court through its Counsellor serving at the Turkish Embassy in London. (Actually it was an attempt to mislead the British Court). It became apparent later on that the information provided were in contradiction with the facts in Turkey. When the issue received media coverage, the Turkish Ministry of Justice claimed that the mentioned document was prepared and sent to the British Court by the Counsellor at his own initiative and outside the Ministry's knowledge. However, the aforementioned Counsellor represents the Turkish Ministry of Justice with his current position and his actions are binding for the state. In fact, the British judge declared that this document played a role in the decision-making process. This example is significant to show the fact that the current Turkish Government does not hesitate to cheat even its international counterparts. One can think of that what such a deceptive judiciary could do to its opponents inside Turkey. The General Secretariat would consider that the corrupted Turkish Government would go to any lengths to hunt down its opponents. (Annex-14)

You may have known the following information below, because many international entities issued similar reports revealing the severe human rights violations in Turkey, however, here is the latest figures as of February 2019;

- 170.000 state servant dismissed,
- 142.000 detained,
- 81.000 arrested,
- 72 suspicious deaths reported in prisons and jails,
- 100 people were brought back to Turkey illegally from abroad my MIT,
- 22 persons abducted / missing inside Turkey, Families claim MIT kidnapped,
- 3.000 schools and universities shut down,
- 6.000 academics lost their jobs,
- 4.400 judges and prosecutors dismissed, most of them arrested,
- 17.000 women and 700 children are in the jails,
- 190 media outlets shut down,



## • 320 journalists arrested,

Source: <a href="https://turkeypurge.com/">https://turkeypurge.com/</a>

In short, all accusations of Turkish Government against the Gulen Movement is a mask to conceal the crimes committed by Erdogan and his partizans under the pretext of fight with terrorism and also with "Foreign Powers". Erdogan has no option but to sustain his dictatorship, and therefore he always needs enemies to keep the support of his fans. Most of his supporters are either with low level education or self-seekers. Knowing the respect of average Turkish people to the religion, Erdogan has been abusing religious values and demonizing the Gulenists not only in the eyes of the Turkish society, but also worldwide. It is known that Erdogan conducts lobbying activities and spends money profusely to protect his personal interests through both the state entities and also private enterprises abroad. (Annex-15)

We believe that the General Secretariat is well aware of the facts and events taking place in Turkey. We collected a bunch of news from media regarding the info we provided. (open sources) You can get thousands of them through a simple google search.

If you deem appropriate, our association also would like to visit your headquarter to provide your concerned offices with more info regarding the unlawfulness in Turkey. Please let us know if this is feasible.

We, hereby, would like to present our best wishes and regards to you and all your colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

Nurullah ALBAYRAK

V. President of Association (OTHERS)



### **ANNEXES:**

Annex-1: Turkish Media News regarding the 17 Dec. 2013 Investigations (17.12.2013)











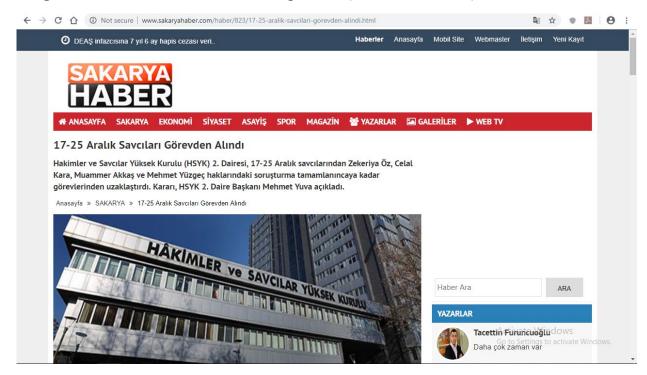
Annex-2: Police Officers carrying out the 17 Dec 2013 investigations have been detained.



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## Judges and Public Prosecutors were suspended. (Later on arrested)



http://www.sakaryahaber.com/haber/823/17-25-aralik-savcilari-gorevden-alindi.html

## Annex-3; All opponents of the Regime under arrest



**Police Officers** 



**Judges, Public Prosecutors and Lawyers** 





**Army Officers** 



**Journalists** 



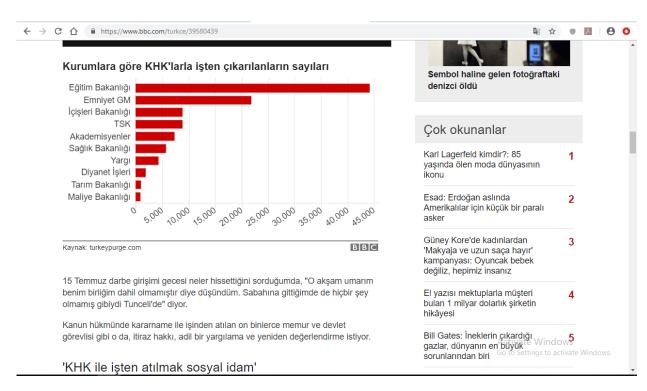
**Opposing Political Party Leaders** 

Annex-4: News about Civil Servants expelled through Statutory Decrees





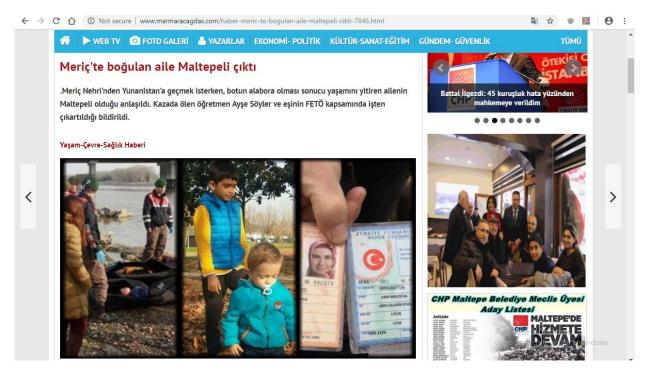
http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/son-dakika-son-ohal-khksi-yayimlandi-40889884



https://www.bbc.com/turkce/39580439



Annex-5: People died in the Aegean Sea or River Maritza while escaping from the country due to persecution of Erdogan Regime.



Family drown in Maritza while illegally leaving country.

http://www.marmaracagdas.com/haber-meric-te-bogulan-aile-maltepeli-cikti-7846.html





## Annex-6: News about misuse of INTERPOL by Turkey



http://www.radikal.com.tr/turkiye/interpolden-savcilar-icin-kirmizi-bulten-yok-feto-diye-bir-orgut-bilmiyoruz-1427853

## Merkel Criticizes Turkey; "International Organizations must not be abused!"



https://www.bbc.com/turkce/haberler-dunya-40995601

## **EU warns; Turkey misuse INTERPOL:**

https://tr.sputniknews.com/avrupa/201710051030438100-ab-interpol-kirmizi-bulten-uyari-turkiye-









### Annex-7:

**Abduction from abroad** 

Kosovo, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Malaysia, Bulgaria, Gabon, Pakistan, S. Arabia and Ukraine



OSCE: Deportation of journalist from Ukraine to

osce

purge purge

Turkey reason for concern

Turkish Men illegaly kidnapped from Kosovo by the Turkish Intelligence Agency (MIT)





Pro-Erdognist Daily Newspaper Yenişafak; "MIT makes life unbearable for traitors"

https://www.yenisafak.com/gundem/mit-hainlere-dunyayi-dar-ediyor-3395236

Annex-8: Presidential Spokesperson, Ibrahim Kalın; "MIT operations abroad for FETO members will continue"





https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/spokesperson/1696/98669/statement-by-presidential-spokesperson-ibrahim-kalin-





https://www.newenglishreview.org/custpage.cfm/frm/172908/sec id/172908



https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1057610X.2015.1119544?src=recsys&journalCode=uter20



The Leader of Al-Nusra is getting hospital treatment in Hatay (Turkey)

https://www.artigercek.com/haberler/el-nusra-lideri-hatay-da-tedavi-goruyor



#### Annex-10: Women and Children are in the Jails

17,000 women and 668 children are in the jails along with their mothers More than 600 is under the age of 6











Business Lifestyle TV Radio More :

jailed alongside their moms as part of a post-coup crackdown **60000** 



[REPORT] Violations Against Children's **Rights In Turkey** 

▲ PPJ **②** 13/04/2018

Journalist and law expert Leighann spencer has written a report for the Platfrom for Peace & Justice (PPJ) entitled "Violations Against Children's Rights in Turkey". The report highlights violations of fundemantal rights of children occuring in Turkey namely imprisoned children under the age of six, abuse of the refugee children and child marriages.



## Annex-11: Suspicious deaths in Custodies and Prisons





## Torture and Suspicious Deaths in Turkish Prisons







## Annex-12:







Advocates of Silenced Turkey Report July, 2018



## REPORT: ERDOGANS LONG ARMS ABROAD AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS

Is Turkey Turning Into a Mafia State?



#### Annex-13:



By Judith Vonberg, CNN

① Updated 1817 GMT (0217 HKT) September 11, 2018



Turkish-German journalist Deniz Yücel released from jail

ISTANBUL/BERLIN











Annex-14: The document sent to the British Court; Turkish Ministry of Justice denied the document.





# T.C. ADALET BAKANLIĞI Dış İlişkiler ve Avrupa Birliği Genel Müdürlüğü

Republic of Turkey Ministry of Justice Directorate General for Foreign Relations and European Union Affairs

République de Turquie Ministère de la Justice

Direction Générale des Relations Extérieures et des Affaires de

l'Union Européenne

Subject: Statistics in relation to the FETÖ-related investigations and cases as of October 2018

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

- "-While the number of cases where courts have sentenced under the offences of the membership and management of the FETO (Article 314/1 and 2 of the Turkish Criminal Code) is 31.400, the number of cases where courts have found no criminal offence and acquitted under the same category offences is 10.657.
- With respect to the number of court cases under the Article of the 309 of Turkish Penal Code (Crimes committed against Constitutional order), courts have penalised in 190 of them and 632 resulted with the acquittal.
- In 124.543 FETÖ related files, public prosecutors decided not to prosecute further (non-prosecution)." (This data was obtained from the National Judicial Network (UYAP/NJN).)
- According to data provided by the Court of Cassation, who is the only Chamber for appeal in the FETÖ-related cases, the said Chamber has reversed nearly 40 % (forty) of the convictions by the local criminal courts since the beginning of 2018 mainly for the violation of the following reasons/principles regarding FETÖ cases:
- 1-The convictions/sentencing based on the reason of defendant's sympathy with Fetullah Gülen and his organization (FETÖ) and their involvement in some activities in this sense cannot accept,
- 2- Bylock, an application used for communication among the FETÖ members, cannot be evaluated as an evidence unless its contents are used for carrying out some criminal and secret activities which are vital for achieving the FETÖ's disguised objectives and is used frequently for these purposes.
- 3-Any activity involving financial support to FETÖ can't on its own establish FETÖ membership.
- 4- Convictions can not only be based on obtained witnesses statements and other evidence by police, the court must also seek and hear every piece of evidence by defendants."



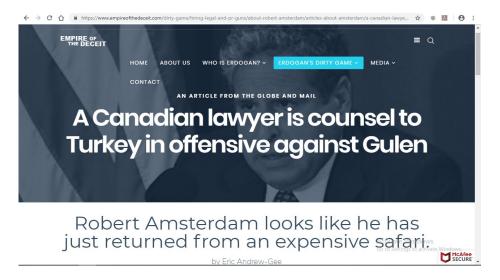




#### Annex-15:



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https://www.empireofthedeceit.com/dirty-game/hiring-legal-and-pr-guns/about-robert-amsterdam/articles-about-amsterdam/a-canadian-lawyer-is-counsel-to-turkey-in-offensive-against-gulen





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