

Letter on WOMEN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS in Turkey

Hello,

My name isI am a young American Turkish woman who has concerns about women rights in Turkey and it's effects on me and my family. I would like to call your attention to this issue. Journalists and Writer's foundation located in New York has prepared a detailed report exemplifying these women with pictures. There is also a small summary version of it for 4 pages. As you may have been following the world media, the Turkish President has taken an inhumane action towards the followers of Hizmet movement. For the past year, he has detained and prisoned thousands of people including women and children. Currently there are 17,000 women and 560 children jailed. Not only are they prisoned but they are also being psychologically and physically tortured and threatened. Unfortunately my immediate and extended family is part of this and my mom's cousin is prisoned with her four children left by themselves. A lot of women are seperated from their children and if they can't find a relative to take care of them they are placed in orphanage. Many women are prisoned while pregnant and/or right after labor. My mom's other cousin has been kept in a cell with her two children while being 8.5 months pregnant with insufficient amount of food. Currently, my aunt has prepared her bag just so she is ready to leave when they come to take her because of her immediate kinship to my father who is being falsely accused. These are just examples of my family but there are many others out there being mistreated. I, as a US citizen who have been raised here with rights and freedom am very concerned about these women. I have researched about your organization and have seen the actions you take locally, domestically and internationally. I would like to call your attention to the current issues regarding women in Turkey and kindly ask for you to take some kind of action. No matter how small or big it is, I think it will create a butterfly effect if we all make our voices heard.

I will be attaching both the full report and the summary. I would love to hear back from you in your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
Yours Sincerely,