

# — TAKE ACTION —

## TO FREE THE JOURNALISTS IN TURKEY ON “WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY”, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

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**TAKE ACTION** to support the **silenced media** in Turkey by;

- » Sending a **VIDEO MESSAGE** or
- » Sending a **LETTER** to one/all of the journalists in Turkish jails.

**NOTE:** If you may hold a sign saying #FreePrisonersOfConscience while shooting your video message, that would help to raise more awareness.

As **Advocates of Silenced Turkey** (AST) we will publish the video messages and letters on our social media accounts.

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**CONTACT :** [directorhg@silencedturkey.org](mailto:directorhg@silencedturkey.org) for further information and to send your messages/letters.

**P.S :** We kindly ask you to submit your messages and letters until April 25th.



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**#FreePrisonersOfConscience**  
**#WorldPressFreedom #Turkey**

*“A free press is essential for peace, justice and human rights for all. It is crucial to building transparent and democratic societies and keeping those in power accountable. It is vital for sustainable development.*

*Journalists and media workers shine a light on local and global challenges and tell the stories that need to be told. Their service to the public is invaluable.*

*Laws that protect independent journalism, freedom of expression and the right to information need to be adopted, implemented and enforced. Crimes against journalists must be prosecuted.”*

António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

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Considering the fact that silencing the media plays a significant role to silence the society as well as restricting the right to freedom of speech, we call on Turkey to free the press and urgently release the jailed journalists on the “World Press Freedom Day”, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us to send this message to the international community and stand by the advocates of the freedom of speech!

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