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We Invite You to Act in Solidarity with Human Rights Defender Eren Keskin!

Human Rights Defender Emire Eren Keskin is facing the risk of prolonged imprisonment due to more than 140 cases that were launched during her duty as Chief-Editorship of Özgür Gündem Newspaper that she undertook in order to act in solidarity with the newspaper. Many of these cases have begun to be concluded and courts decisions generally result in judicial fine. Some of these fines have been finalized. When we calculate the judicial fines, they cost around hundred of thousands of Turkish liras.

Apart from these, she is also facing a number of ongoing cases due to violation of a number of articles in Turkish Penal Code (TCK 314/2,220/6-7, 299) and Anti-Terror Law (Article 6 and 7) for being chief-editor of the newspaper, for her several articles and speeches and they will directly result in imprisonment. She is currently under international travel ban and judicial control. However, imprisonment will be inevitable for her if she does not pay these judicial fines as legal process regarding these fines is to be finalized in a short time.

As well as her activist actions as a rights defender for many years, Eren Keskin has also undertaken the duties of IHD's Executive Committee Membership and İstanbul Branch Administration, and she is currently IHD's Vice-President in accordance with our internal regulation. In fact, we call her as IHD Co-President. In addition, Eren Keskin is a decisive women's rights defender as well as being Founders' Committee Member of the Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (TİHV-HRFT).

We believe that it is essential to act in solidarity with our friend Eren Keskin in order to prevent her being imprisoned by the judicial pressure of the authoritarian system and we invite all human rights communities and friends to be in solidarity with her. The applications to be made to IHD and TİHV on this subject will be directly referred to Eren Keskin.

So glad we have you Eren Keskin...

Human Rights Association (IHD) is a non-governmental, independent and voluntary organisation. Established by 98 human rights defenders in 1986, the Association has 31 branches, 5 representation offices and 8108 members. Being the oldest and largest human rights organisation in Turkey, IHD's "sole and specific aim" is to conduct activities on human rights and freedoms.