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Request for the immediate release of Eğitim Sen members and guests

Sirs,

Education International, the global union of teachers and educational staff condemns the arrests of Eğitim Sen members and guests on 25 July 2015 following the terrible attack of ISIS which caused the deaths of 32 young people on 22 July in Suruç, including an Eğitim Sen member.

In the framework of our 7th World Congress in Ottawa, Education International wishes to renew and to emphasize its expression of solidarity with Eğitim Sen and all its members in Turkey during these times of almost unbearable difficulties and pressures on the strength, boldness and endurance of the union.

We fully support the actions of Eğitim Sen which called on the government to take necessary steps to prevent further attacks and actions by ISIS in Turkey, to find the perpetrators and to share the details of this attack with the population.

Teacher trade unions all over the world are deeply concerned about the actions of the Turkish Government against Eğitim Sen members following the attack. On 25 July 2015 the police conducted an operation at the union's headquarters and arrested guests staying at the union hotel who came from Kobane with permission from the government to receive health care. Additionally, three members of Eğitim Sen were arrested in other cities.

Education International and member organizations protest against this treatment of the Turkish government and supports Eğitim Sen, the only union which has always demanded peace.

Additionally, we demand that the President, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of Turkey stop the pressure on Eğitim Sen and turn their actions to take the necessary steps without delay to construct peace in Turkey.

Education International and its member organizations will keep monitoring the situation and support Eğitim Sen members in their efforts to establish justice and a balanced civil society in Turkey.

In solidarity,

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