

Minister of Justice

Dear Minister of Justice,

Biology students Melike Balkan and Özgür Gürare among a group of 19 people facing up to three years in prison for exercising their right to peaceful assembly.

On 10 May 2019, a Pride sit-in at Middle East Technical University was violently broken up by police. Melike, Özgür and 21 others were detained; they and 17 among the detained are now on trial.

As Minister of Justice, you know that participating in a peaceful gathering is not a crime. I call on you to monitor the case to ensure they are acquitted of all charges.

FACING PRISON FOR DEFENDING LGBTQI+ RIGHTS

Students Melike and Özgür were celebrating Pride in Turkey when they were met with pepper spray and tear gas from police. They face up to three years in prison, simply for participating in a peaceful sit-in protest.

Police arrested the students – including Melike and Özgür – and an academic. Some of those detained hadn't even taken part in the protest.

Despite simply exercising their right to peaceful protest, the students and the academic are on trial. If found guilty, they face up to three years in prison.

Take action and tell Turkey they must be acquitted of all charges.



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