

European Doctors condemn the arrest of Şebnem Korur Fincancı and call for her immediate release

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CPME condemns the detention and judicial harassment of Şebnem Korur Fincancı, the President of the Turkish Medical Association, and joins the World Medical Association in calling for her immediate release.

The arrest follows a media interview calling for an investigation of the possible use of chemical weapons in Kurdish regions. We support the call for independent investigation into the reported use of such weapons and, as in previous cases, we appeal to the Turkish authorities to respect their obligations under international law.

European doctors demand that the Turkish authorities release Şebnem Korur Fincancı immediately and unconditionally, as her detention only aims to sanction her legitimate human rights activities.

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