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## 'Today's Zaman' Journalist Bülent Keneş Arrested

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

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**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ**

Bülent Keneş, journalist and editor-in-chief of the Turkish daily newspaper 'Today's Zaman', has been arrested on 9 October 2015 by the police on charges of insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Twitter, an online networking service. The short messages sent on Twitter by the defendant journalist were not quoting any name.

### UPDATES

**28 Mar 2016:** On 24 March 2016, the Istanbul's 44th Court of First Instance sentenced Bülent Keneş in absentia to two years and seven months in prison on charges he insulted Erdoğan.

**14 Oct 2015:** Following his lawyer's appeal, on 14 October 2015, the Istanbul Criminal Court ordered the release of Bülent Keneş, pending trial.

➡ Article published on 'Today's Zaman': 'Today's Zaman editor-in-chief released pending trial'

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

➡ Article published by The Telegraph: 'Turkish police arrest newspaper editor for 'insulting president Recep Tayyip Erdogan' on Twitter'

➡ Article published by 'Today's Zaman': 'Today's Zaman Editor-in-Chief Keneş arrested for 'insulting' Erdoğan'

## STATE REPLIES



11 Jan 2016 | Response of the Turkish Government

➔ Letter from the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe

## FOLLOW-UPS



14 Oct 2015 | Statement by CoE Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland

➔ Tweet by CoE Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland