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Left-Wing Female Journalist Hatice Duman Serving Life-Time Imprisonment in Turkey

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

👤 1 Journalist in detention

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and imprisonment of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

Hatice Duman (born on 5 April 1974 in Malatya) is a female Turkish journalist and editor-in-chief of the daily Atılım (The Leap), the official newspaper of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (MLKP) in Turkey. Since 9 April 2003, she is kept in prison in Gebze, after being accused of being a member of a terrorist organisation. On 16 October 2012, Turkey's Supreme Court of Appeals upheld the life-time imprisonment sentence against her. The police raided her house on 9 April 2002 at around 4 pm. They described Hatice Duman as "the other female" they were searching for in relation with two robberies. She has been condemned in accordance with article 168/1 of the Turkish Penal Code (TCK) in connection with allegations of being a manager of a terrorist organization. Duman has been sentenced to life-time imprisonment despite all calls to release her.

UPDATES

13 Jun 2016: In October 2015, the Constitutional Court ruled in favor of Hatice Duman and sent the case back to Istanbul's 12th Court for Serious Crimes for a retrial. However, in March 2016, the lower court denied its order.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

👉 [Wikipedia page on Hatice Duman](#)

STATE REPLIES ▼



22 Oct 2015 | Response of the Turkish Government (information provided by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey)

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

JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION



Currently in detention (1):

Hatice Duman