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Journalist and Former MP Eren Erdem Detained for his Work as Editor-in-chief

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

📍 1 Journalist in detention

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and
imprisonment of journalists

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PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

A former Republican People's Party (CHP) lawmaker and professional journalist Eren Erdem was arrested on June 29, 2018 over terrorism charges. Mr Erdem was detained in Ankara after the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant. He was brought to Istanbul by the police where he was arrested by the 35th Heavy Penal Court. The journalist and former member of the parliament was on trial over his work during his time as the editor-in-chief of Karşı newspaper. The prosecutor accused Erdem in the indictment for "aiding a terrorist organization without being a member," "revealing the identity of a secret witness," and "violating the confidentiality of a criminal investigation." Erdem, who is charged with links to the Fethullahist Terrorist Organization (FETÖ), could be jailed from 9.5 years to 22 years, the indictment says. Turkish media reported on June 29 that Erdem was detained over suspicions that he would flee the country, a claim denied multiple times by Mr Erdem and reported by media outlets.

UPDATES

28 Jan 2019: In a letter dated 27 January 2019, Eren Erdem announced that he will go on a hunger strike as of 29 January.

📍 Bianet report : "Eren Erdem to Begin Hunger Strike in Prison"

08 Jan 2019: On 7 January 2019, Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office objected to the verdict of release given for Eren Erdem on the same day by the İstanbul 23rd Heavy Penal Court. Following a Court decision, Eren Erdem was re-arrested on 8 January.

07 Jan 2019: On 7 January 2019, a Turkish court released former CHP lawmaker and journalist Eren Erdem pending trial.

📍 Article publishe dby Cumhuriyet : "Eren Erdem tahliye edildi"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- ➔ Article published by Cumhuriyet: "Eren Erdem'in tutuklanması önlenebilir miydi?"
- ➔ Article published by Daily Sabah: "Former CHP lawmaker Eren Erdem arrested for aiding FETÖ terror group"
- ➔ Article published by BBC: "Turkey arrests former opposition MP on terrorism charges"
- ➔ Article published by Hurriyet Daily News: "Former CHP deputy Eren Erdem arrested on terrorism charges"

JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION



Currently in detention (1):

Eren Erdem