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Journalist Zehra Doğan Arrested and Charged with "Membership of an Illegal Organisation"

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Zehra Doğan, JINHA editor (women's news agency) and a painter, was arrested by the police in Mardin, south-east of Turkey, on 22 July. She was taken to the Nusaybin police office the day after. According to reports, the authorities accused her of "being a member of the terrorist organisation PKK". The police presented Doğan 's paintings, along with her news reports and her social media posts, as evidence of this membership. The reason cited for the decision to detain her was a testimony by a confidential witness who reportedly claimed that Zehra had worked alongside DİHA reporter Bilal Gülden, also reporting from Nusaybin. Doğan was sent to the court which ordered her pre-trial detention and was transferred to Mardin Women's Prison.

UPDATES

25 Feb 2019: On 24 February 2019, Zehra Doğan was released after serving her full sentence.

14 Jun 2017: After losing her final appeal (2 June 2017), Zehra Doğan was arrested on 12 June 2017 and sent to Diyarbakır Prison.

02 Mar 2017: In March 2017, the court ruled that Ms Doğan be acquitted of the crime of "being a member of a terrorist organisation" but sentenced her for "propagandising for a terrorist organization" to 2 years, 9 months and 22 days in prison for her social media postings.

06 Dec 2016: On 6 December 2016, Zehra Doğan was released pending trial.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- [➔ Article on JINHA website “JINHA editor Zehra Doğan jailed for her journalism”](#)
- [➔ News on Bianet website](#)