

Dear Minister of Justice

Biology students Melike Balkan and Özgür Gür are among a group of 19 people facing up to three years in prison for exercising their right to peaceful assembly.

On 10 May 2019, a Pride sit-in at Middle East Technical University was violently broken up by police. Melike, Özgür and 21 others were detained; they and 17 among the detained are now on trial.

As Minister of Justice, you know that participating in a peaceful gathering is not a crime. I call on you to monitor the case to ensure they are acquitted of all charges.

Yours sincerely

親愛的司法部長：

包含生物學系學生梅莉凱·巴爾甘 (Melike Balkan) 與歐茲古爾·古爾 (Özgür Gür) 在內的 19 人因行使和平集會權而面臨長達三年的刑期。

2019 年 5 月 10 日，中東科技大學的驕傲 (Pride) 靜坐活動被警察暴力驅散。梅莉凱、歐茲古爾和其他 21 人被拘留，他們兩人和其中的 17 人現正面臨審判。

作為司法部長，您了解參加和平集會並非犯罪。我呼籲您監督此案，以確保他們所有的指控都被撤銷。

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