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Dear Minister,

I am appalled to hear about the detention of the second Amnesty International Turkey leader within the space of a month. Yesterday morning, police arrested Idil Eser along with 7 other human rights defenders and 2 trainers, who were simply attending a workshop in Istanbul. For more than 24 hours, they weren't allowed to contact their families or see a lawyer - and no one even knew where they were.

They were doing nothing wrong. Some are being questioned on suspicion of "membership of an armed terrorist organisation", a baseless and ridiculous accusation. It has not escaped the world's notice that this kind of attack on Human Rights Defenders is becoming more frequent in Turkey.

You must immediately and unconditionally release all ten detainees.

Yours sincerely,