

Minister of Justice

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Dear Minister,

I call on you to ensure the criminal justice system is not misused to harass forensic medicine expert, **Şebnem Korur Fincancı**, and no other charges are brought against her for defending human rights.

Şebnem has been subjected to baseless criminal investigations, detention, and prosecutions for years, in a bid to silence her and stop her important work. In January 2023, she was convicted for allegedly “making propaganda for a terrorist organization” after she had called for an investigation into allegations that the Turkish military was using chemical weapons in Iraq.

Calling for the eradication of torture should never be criminalized.

Yours sincerely,

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