

URGENT ACTION

TURKISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION LEADERS RELEASED

All 11 doctors who are members of the Turkish Medical Association's Central Council, detained on 30 January following the association's statement calling for an end to Turkey's military operation in Afrin, northern Syria, have been released.

The 11 members of the Turkish Medical Association's Central Council who had been detained since 30 January have been released from police detention after being questioned by a prosecutor. Their release is subject to judicial controls which consists of a monthly signing on at a police station.

Their detention was part of an investigation, initiated at the behest of the Minister of Interior, for 'making propaganda for a terrorist organization' and 'inciting the public to hatred or hostility' following the Turkish Medical Association's call for an end to Turkey's military operation in Afrin, northern Syria.

On 2 February, three doctors were first released, followed by the remaining eight being released on 5 February.

An investigation against them is still ongoing. Amnesty International is calling for the investigation to be dropped.

Many thanks to those who sent appeals. No further action is required at this stage from the UA network.

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