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Statement of solidarity and in support of the Turkish Medical Association

The European Junior Doctors Association sends support and solidarity to Turkish colleagues and in particular Council members of the Turkish Medical Association (TMA) who were arrested on 30th January 2018. Physicians, like other citizens, have the fundamental right to freedom of speech and to alert Governments and other decision makers of the long-term health consequences of war. Indeed as physicians our duty is to protect public health, and war is a major public health hazard.

We strongly condemn the arrests of TMA Council members and the threats of physical violence against the TMA and we call on the Turkish government to release the physicians held captive, and end its campaign of fear and intimidation. We join our colleagues in the international medical community to strongly advocate for the humanitarian and human rights of all citizens to be honoured by the Turkish Government, including the right to health and freedom of association and expression.

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