



WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS ACTIONS OF TURKISH AUTHORITIES AND CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF PHYSICIAN LEADERS

Statement from the President of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and Chairperson of the WPA Standing Committee on Ethics and Review

The World Psychiatric Association (WPA) joins the World Medical Association (WMA) in condemning the arrests, threats of physical violence, and the criminal complaint that has been made against the Turkish Medical Association (TMA).

We strongly denounce these attacks on the freedom of expression of our colleagues, freedoms that are enshrined in article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ratified by Turkey in 2003.

We call on the Turkish authorities to immediately release the eleven physician leaders we understand are being held, and urge them to end the campaign of intimidation.

We offer our unequivocal support to the WMA and TMA in their efforts to secure the release of the eleven physicians currently being held without just cause.

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