

THE DAY OF THE ENDANGERED LAWYER – 24 JANUARY 2012

Lawyers have protested all over Europe –
in Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Bern, Bilbao, Brussels, Düsseldorf, The Hague,
Hamburg, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Rome, Seville, and other cities –
against unfounded and unlawful arrests and obstruction of lawyers in Turkey.

Summeryzed report on the activities

Athens

Protest of 9 lawyers of the in front of **Alternative Intervention of Athens Lawyers** the Embassy. All of them were arrested for about one hour and taken to the police station. No reason was given for the arrest. ELDH has sent a letter to the Greek government, protesting against the arrest of their members. The Greek lawyers association will seize all possible legal steps.



Barcelona

Around 35 lawyers demonstrated outside the Turkish consulate. The consul refused to receive a delegation and to accept the petition. Therefore it was read in public in front of the consulate.



Berlin

50 people protested outside the Turkish Embassy. The vice president of the Berlin Bar Association handed over a protest letter to an envoy of the Turkish embassy during a personal meeting.



Bern

Lawyers handed out the Petition to the Turkish Embassy staff. The day after there was a short article in the local press.

Bilbao

An open letter was sent to the Turkish consul, which was published in the newspaper.

Brussels

Demonstration of lawyers in front of the Turkish embassy.



Düsseldorf

15 demonstrators, most of them lawyers from Düsseldorf and surrounding cities demonstrated opposite the Turkish consulate. The petition was handed over to the personnel of the consulate. The consul refused to receive us.

The biggest regional newspaper published an article about the protest.



The Hague

40 people were demonstrating and 40 people were participating at the discussion later this day with 20 new faces) (altogether 60 people participating at the activities)

The protesters were not allowed by the police to hand over the petition to the Turkish Embassy.



Hamburg:

Demonstration of lawyer outside the Turkish consulate.

London:

Seven lawyers and other human rights activists were protesting outside the Turkish Embassy. The petition and letter by the Endangered Lawyers initiative which Jeremy Corbyn MP tried to hand in on behalf of the organisation was refused by the Turkish Embassy.



Madrid

16 lawyers have been protesting outside the Turkish embassy. The embassy refused to receive the petition.



Milan

About 10 lawyers and 30 Kurds demonstrated outside the Turkish consulate. The consul refused to receive a delegation.



Paris

Around 20 lawyers protested in Paris at the Turkish embassy. A delegation of 3 lawyers was received by the secretary of the Turkish embassy. They assured to forward it to their government and promised to try to receive a reply which would be forwarded to the French lawyers.



Rome

About 20 lawyers and 50 Kurds were demonstration outside the Turkish embassy. The ambassador refused to receive a delegation.



Sevilla

No report