



# ELDH European Association of Lawyers for Democracy & World Human Rights

EJDM Europäische Vereinigung von Juristinnen & Juristen für Demokratie und Menschenrechte in der Welt  
EJDH Asociación Europea de los Juristas por la Democracia y los Derechos Humanos en el Mundo  
EJDH Association Européenne des Juristes pour la Démocratie & les Droits de l'Homme  
EGDU Associazione Europea delle Giuriste e dei Giuristi per la Democrazia e i diritti dell'Uomo nel Mondo

WITH LAWYERS  
IN 21 COUNTRIES

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## ELDH - Statement

### EBRU TIMTIK - her struggle for fair trials is not forgotten -

On the 27th of August 2020 we lost our colleague, sister and comrade EBRU TIMTIK, killed as a result of denial of justice by the Turkish regime, after 238 days on hunger strike.

We do not forget and we do not forgive her killing. We do not forget our colleagues and all the human rights activists still in prison in Turkey.

Ebru Timtik's struggle for justice has inspired the international legal community, which has instituted the International Fair Trial Day and the Ebru Timtik Prize, in recognition of her sacrifice, and in order to focus attention on the plight of those in countries around the globe who are facing prosecution in circumstances where fair trial principles are not being observed or respected.

As European Lawyers for Democracy and Human Rights (ELDH) we ask the Turkish authorities to immediately end the systematic abuse, detention and prosecution of lawyers, judges, other legal professionals, journalists, human rights defenders, opposition politicians, and academics.

We continue our fight for justice and human rights together with Turkish and Kurdish lawyers, and side by side with ÇHD and ÖHD lawyers associations, which are members of ELDH.

We continue to call on the international community to respond effectively to the deteriorating state of human rights and rule of law in Turkey, and to increase its efforts to effectively address these issues with international and multinational organisations for increased awareness and attention

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