

Gaziantep Regional High Court

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Turkey

Honourable Court,

I has come to my attention that Dr. Serdar Küni, MD, who is well known for his good conduct as a medical practitioner, has been sentenced to four years two months imprisonment by the Sirkap Heavy Penal Court on 16 November 2020. As far as we can see, this case was not based on any concrete evidence of wrongdoing.

As well as exerting pressure on Dr. Küni himself, it would appear that the purpose of this case is to intimidate physicians and health professionals in Turkey. It is my belief that this trial targets national and international law and conventions, universal ethical principles of best medical practice and human rights. Dr. Küni's case has become exemplary for the need to defend the independence of medical practice in Turkey and throughout the world, particularly in conflict regions.

I thereby request the following:

- + an end to all forms of harassment, including at judicial level, against Dr. Serdar Küni, MD, and that he be acquitted of the charges against him.
- + a guarantee to protect the physical and psychological integrity of Dr. Serdar Küni.
- + compliance with all provisions of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights in particular with its Articles 1, 6 (a), 9, 11, 12.2

Yours sincerely,

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