

KESK expert arrested and KESK headquarters raided

(17 January 2012) The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) along with the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Education International (EI), the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE), Public Services International (PSI), and the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), have jointly written to the Turkish Prime Minister, the President, Labour minister and so on with a copy to the European Commissioner responsible for relations with Turkey (see below) to protest against the arrest of a colleague from KESK.

Mr İsmet Arslan, the Confederation of Civil Servants Trade Unions (KESK) legal expert, has been detained since the 13th of January along with Mr. Murat Oruç a teacher as well as a board member of the Şanlıurfa Branch of Eğitim-sen, the Teacher Trade Union.

The ITUC, the ETUC, PSI, EPSU, EI and ETUCE request an end to the harassment of trade union members. They will continue to support the struggle of the Turkish unions for democracy, human rights and trade union.

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