

TAKE ACTION for Turkish author and journalist Ahmet Altan

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Mr Abdülhamit Gül Minister of Justice
Email: info@adalet.gov.tr

OR

Ambassador Serdar Kiliç
Embassy of the Republic of Turkey
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Email: embassy.washingtondc@mfa.gov.tr
Contact Form: <https://bit.ly/2HZCUZu> (translate to English if needed, click on blue “contact us”)
Twitter: [@SerdarKilic9](https://twitter.com/SerdarKilic9) [@TurkishEmbassy](https://twitter.com/TurkishEmbassy)

Dear Minister (Ambassador)

I am writing to you regarding the situation of novelist and newspaper editor Ahmet Altan.

I am extremely concerned for his wellbeing in prison at this time.

He was prosecuted for attempting to overthrow the constitutional order’ based on his journalistic work critical of the government. In February 2018 Ahmet Altan was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole

Following the Court of Cassation overturning his conviction on the grounds that ‘there wasn’t sufficient evidence to justify the conviction’, he was retried and convicted for ‘knowingly and willingly assisting a terrorist organization without being its member’ and sentenced to 10.5 years in prison in November 2019.

Ahmet Altan has spent more than four years in prison, based solely on his nonviolent dissenting opinions. Amnesty International considers him a prisoner of conscience.

I therefore urge you to release Ahmet Altan immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,



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Sample letter or email

OR - Write a note of support to Ahmet! His lawyer will deliver messages to him. Email the message to ahmetaltanmehmetaltan@gmail.com