



Save the Kurdish Children
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Turkish violations of Convention on the Rights of the Child 116 Kurdish children face jail in Diyarbekir (Amed) - Turkey

We write as members of Save Kurdish Children in Sweden –an organisation working on behalf of undefended Kurdish Children in Kurdistan, against the cruelty, torture and imprisonment of 116 children in Diyarbekir - Turkey.

These children, aged between 10-18 face 9 -24 years in jail for alleged crimes against state and taking part in demonstration. They were participants of protest marches against the cruel behaviour of the police and military forces; detention, beating and killing of demonstrators inclusive children who were standby watcher of the crowd march in the city of Diyarbekir and surrounding areas.

Up to date 16 children and adults have been killed as police has shot in to the crowd of protestors in different cities within the Kurdish provinces in Turkey.

According to AFP, Reuters and Washington post (*for more details please see: www.afp.com, Wednesday May 10, 2006 respectively, washingtonpost.com; Tuesday, April 25, 2006*), the indictments are prepared by prosecutors in Diyarbekir where the children will be put on trial on May 31. Turkish PM, Tayyip Erdogan, affirmed the right of police to shoot the Kurdish demonstrators, inclusive the children who participate in the marches against the state terrorism, on a media conference on March 31.

We strongly condemn the imprisonment and trial of children in Diyarbekir, as well as the killing and atrocities against the other civilians in the Kurdistan and other cities of Turkey.

We would urge you as human right defenders to take appropriate measure to uncover these obvious violations of Convention on the Rights of the Child by Turkey. We need your moral support to ensure the release of imprisoned children and compensate the families who suffered the atrocity and loss of their child.

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