

Brussels, June 21st 2013.

To Mister Recip ERDOGAN,  
Prime Minister of the Republic of  
Turkey,

Cc. Turkish Medical Association,  
Amnesty International,  
World Medical Association,  
Belgian press

Mister Prime Minister,  
Your Excellency,

The Belgian physicians, represented by their medical association ABSyM-BVAS and GBS-VBS obviously do not wish to intrude in the internal affairs of Turkey.

We learned that the Turkish physicians are put under pressure and treats to provide the names of all individuals they have helped and treated and who have participated to manifestations.

It is clear that if they would do so, they would breach the ethical values that are the basis of their profession.

For the Belgian medical profession taking measures against individuals performing one's duty would be totally unacceptable.

The Belgian medical profession is very proud of the courageous attitude of their Turkish colleagues and ask to the Turkish government to respect both their principles and their integrity. We are convinced that you will avoid every kind of violence towards them and hope that Turkey will again prove its attachment to the democracy and his values and that Turkey would live quickly and for a long time in a reinstalled internal peace.

We would like to express , Mr. Prime Minister, Your Excellency, the expression of our deepest respect.

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