

Dear Mr. Paul Scully – 10 Nov 2020

I am writing to express my deep concern at the ongoing full-frontal attacks on democracy in Turkey. Many of the attacks are focused on democratically elected Kurdish MPs and Mayors, which has resulted in 2000 of these representatives, including seven MPs, being in prison without a fair trial. I believe that this mass incarceration of Kurdish politicians amounts to a violation of fundamental rights including the rights to political association, political participation and freedom of expression. It is also deeply worrying that this undermines the rights of the Turkish people to have their democratic will upheld.

Meanwhile the UK continues to do business almost as usual with Turkey including selling arms and equipment that could be used for the repression of peaceful protest. I strongly object to this policy.

Please sign EDM 1014:

That this House notes that the Turkish authorities have issued arrest warrants for 82 members of the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP), including current and former democratically elected mayors, and the party's current Central Executive Board; further notes that the HDP is the third largest political party in Turkey; notes that in 2019 the HDP won 65 municipalities in local elections and that the Turkish State has arbitrarily taken control of 51 of those municipalities; is deeply concerned that at least 200 democratically elected HDP representatives including seven MPs are imprisoned; believes that this mass incarceration amounts to a violation of fundamental rights including the rights to political association, political participation and freedom of expression; is further deeply concerned that this undermines the rights of the Turkish people to have their democratic will upheld; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to express these concerns to his Turkish counterpart as a matter of utmost urgency.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Siroosht Mihanparist

Tuesday 10 November 2020

Dear Siroosht , - 11 Nov 2020 – 16:00

Thank you for contacting me about democracy and political prisoners in Turkey.

I appreciate your concerns about the situation you have described in Turkey. It is imperative that Turkey, like all countries, lives up to its human rights obligations to all citizens.

Turkey is a vital partner for the UK and a long-term NATO ally, and the UK works with Turkey on many issues, including counter-terrorism and building prosperity and stability in the region.

That being said, it is precisely because of the UK's close relationship with Turkey that we can raise concerns where we have them. The UK regularly raises human rights concerns with the Turkish authorities at the highest level, particularly around detentions, freedom of expression and association, and continues to urge the authorities to ensure that all detainees are treated in accordance with relevant international human rights standards, including access to legal representation and medical care.

The removal of parliamentary status for opposition members is ultimately a matter for the Turkish Parliament, however I am told that the UK is following developments closely. As a modern democracy, we all expect Turkey to undertake any subsequent legal processes transparently and to fully respect the rule of law.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Best wishes

Paul Scully

11 Nov 2020 – 16:00

Dear Mr. Paul Scully,

Thank you for responding to me on 11th November 2021 about democracy and political prisoners in Turkey.

Thanks for not hiding a few of your merciless deals with the Turkish regime.

Turkey is your vital partner of being the most racist, fascist and terrorist regime ever in the world and history.

Yes, it is more than a hundred years that you still help and support that regime to deny Kurdish and Kurdistan, even as only two words whatever by verbally, typing and handwritten, because the regime's racist temperature moves up rapidly.

More than 5 years ago, a woman journalist (Jacqueline Sutton, 50) was found dead at Istanbul's Ataturk airport due to using one of these two words verbally, but the Medias in Britain particularly BBC made a fake story to cover the fact history. A day the real history of her killing will be leaked clearly such as Sven Olof Joachim Palme the assassinated previous prime minister.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/19/jacqueline-sutton-foreign-office-died-istanbul-airport>

During your being honour of long-term with your close fascist relationship regime, the Turkish regime has genocide, oppressed, changing demography of the Kurdish areas, not only in Turkey but even in RojAva of Kurdistan, where this regime invaded Afrin, Sare Kani, Gre Spi and many other small towns and thousands of villages have been ruined.

Since the invading the Kurdish areas by merciless regime hundreds of thousands of Kurdish people have been killed, fled, tortured, homeless, displaced, raped, emigrated...Etc.

Your honourable regime resided and immigrated hundreds of thousand terrorists from throughout the world in Afrin, Sare Kani, Gre Spi including Syrian Arabic, Turkmen and many other terrorists from many other different countries around the world.

With your support and helping, the merciless regime to confront terrorism is exactly reversed. The Turkish regime is one of the biggest fathers of terrorism around the world with the Islamic republic of Iran, Syrian regime and many others. Therefore, you have supported and helped terrorism rather than being opposite.

It is a shame that you help and support that regime to deny, genocide, kill, displace, torture, imprison, forbidden the Kurdish, Las, Charkas, Armenian, Greek people, countries, cultures, languages etc. Your government actually supports that regime against all Turkey' neighbours such as Armenia, Greece, Kurdistan and Cyprus, and even not, only its neighbours, but much further than neighbours such as Libya, Yemen, Kashmir, Afghanistan and Sudan...etc.

In Turkey, thousands of Kurdish people and other liberalisms have been imprisoned, including the Kurdish leaders such as [Salahadin Demirtash](#), Kurdish MPs, Kurdish Mayors, Kurdish activists, journalists, authors, children, women...etc.

Many of them have been elected in public elections, but election in Turkey is just a scenario to cover the eyes of the world, illustrate, and describe that country as democratic country, which are shameful dogmatic liars that you do so.

I am definite that even you personally do not trust yourself to describe that fascist regime as a democratic regime rather than convincing Kurdish people and any other liberalism.

A young Kurdish boy was killed in June of last year in Ankara just because was listening Kurdish music, but neither your government nor the media have condemned.

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/death-young-kurdish-man-sparks-hate-crime-debate-turkey#:~:text=Baris%20Cakan%2C%2020%2C%20was%20fatally,over%20listening%20to%20Kurdish%20music.>

According to Declassified UK, the British government supports and helps 64 repressive regimes in the world including the Turkish regime.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-03-11-britain-backs-most-of-the-worlds-repressive-regimes-new-analysis-shows/>

The Turkish regime assassinated three Kurdish women in Paris, but your regime and most other regimes are still silent.

By donating and selling military weapons to the merciless regime, you directly kill the Kurdish people everywhere around the world.

That regime cannot confront strong and powerful countries or forces, but only some oppressed civil people, unarmed and innocent people such as Kurdish, Armenian, Charkas, Las, and Greeks etc.

Therefore, that is very clear that you support and help that merciless regime to oppress, genocide, terror... etc. more the civil and innocence people such as Kurdish, Armenian, Greek, Charkas, Las...etc..

The most criminal presidents of that regime, who are your most relationship, have never hidden their abhorrence thoughts of “a good Kurdish is a dead Kurdish”, “we are against any Kurdish government not only in Argentina even on the moon”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ro_2TT-ORgQ&ab_channel=IsraelNewsTalkRadio

I know very well that you support the invader regimes of Kurdistan, even the Iranian Islamic terrorist regime against Kurdish, which even it is not in your good relationship repressive regimes lists for wishing forever because you want to hide your cruelty and merciless dealing against innocent Kurdish people since more than a hundred years ago.

You were supporting Saddam Hussain even when he destroyed over tens cities, towns and 4500 villages, displaced hundreds of thousands of Kurdish demographically, killed hundreds of thousands including 5000 Kurdish people in Halabja by chemistry, which the merciless and capitalist, socialist and communist regimes sold to him.

The British government was one of the governments that overthrew Saddam's regime not of his criminals, but because he invaded a country, which was more popular and beneficial economically than Saddam's regime for you and also to hide the selling their weapon chemistry to him forever.

You can genocide, kill, imprison, torture us change demography of our land and whatever else, fake describing Kurdish people to accomplice the injustice policy against Kurdish people and their land, but you can never ever convince us to believe your being two faced by supporting and helping the most racist, fascist and terrorist regime ever in the world and history.

You and many other regimes in the world accused Kurdish people of assassinating Sven Olof Joachim Palme the previous Swedish prime minister on 28th February 1986 for more than thirty years unethically and shamelessly for supporting and helping the most racist, fascist and terrorist regime, which is the Turkish regime.

Last year in early June, the judges of Palme's case made a final decision, that Stig Engstrom killed Palme, who was a Skandia man and killed himself in 2000.

After this final declaration, nor any of the fake history makers of accusing Kurdish people has not apologised to the Kurdish people, including the British government and in particular the Swedish government. The shameless accusers should compensate the Kurdish people in all kinds of suffering, widely.

The fake history makers have falsely shown the world, Kurdish people as describing them as terrorists, but in fact, it is clear now by the justice that the fake history makers are terrorists, racist and fascist not the innocent Kurdish people. The terrorist, fascist and racist regimes cannot hide their reality wolf's face in the sheep's clothes forever.

Shame on and damn to the fake history makers.

For getting back our legitimate rights, we never and ever capitulate to the merciless repressive regimes. Therefore, we keep struggling until then.

Yours sincerely

Siroosht Mihanparist

16 March 2021 (The Remembrance Day of Halabja)

Not received any response from him yet!

Dear Mr. Paul Scully, 8th April 2021

I am writing to raise my concerns about the crackdown on the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), the third largest party in Turkey, and on democracy and freedom of speech in Turkey more widely. I am concerned by the imprisonment of thousands of HDP members, including former MPs and mayors and party leaders, by the removal of democratically elected mayors, by the forthcoming court case against 108 leading party members on the basis of a tweet (which could see people incarcerated for life), by moves to ban the HDP altogether and prevent 687 party members from taking further part in politics, and by Turkey's refusal to comply with the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights and release former HDP leader, Selahattin Demirtaş. I am concerned by Turkey's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention on Prevention of Violence Against Women, and by the frequent accounts of detentions of activists and journalists. And I am concerned that despite all this, other governments, including the government of the UK, are doing nothing to put real pressure on Turkey.

I am writing now to ask you to add your name to two EDMs condemning Turkey's attack on the HDP and on democracy, EGM 58292 and EDM 58334.

I am also asking you, as my representative in parliament, to speak out on this issue inside and outside parliament and to call on the UK Government to:

Be more critical of Turkey's human rights abuses and not appease Turkey by acting as though this was of no importance.

Support the use of firm measures (not just words) by the Council of Europe to put pressure on Turkey to comply with the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights and release Selahattin Demirtaş immediately.

Put on hold the trade deal with Turkey and not allow preferential treatment in trade deals unless and until there is real improvement in human rights.

End all arms sales to Turkey, including replacement parts for servicing earlier sales.

Use targeted sanctions to hit political leaders and companies complicit in human rights abuses.

Take seriously applications for refugee status by people from Turkey seeking political asylum, and reject any Turkish demands for extradition.

Yours sincerely

Siroosht Mihanparist

Dear Siroosht

Thank you for contacting me about democracy and political prisoners in Turkey.

Members of the Government do not, by convention, sign any Early Day Motions formally support such campaigns , as doing so is likely to breach the Ministerial Code's rules on collective responsibility.

However, I appreciate your concerns about the situation you have described in Turkey. It is imperative that Turkey, like all countries, lives up to its human rights obligations to all citizens.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Best wishes

Paul
Paul Scully MP

Mon, 26 Apr 14:50

SCULLY, Paul

17:20 (3 minutes ago)

to Siroosht

Good Evening,

Thank you for contacting me about political prisoners in Turkey.

I appreciate how strongly you feel on this subject and I would like to thank you for taking the time to outline your views.

My previous reply set out my own perspective and the Government's position on this matter. While I always carefully consider the views of my constituents, in this instance, my views have not changed. However, I will continue to follow developments carefully, and I know that the relevant Ministers will do likewise.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

With best wishes,

Paul

Paul Scully MP

20-May-2021