

Dear Minister;

I am writing to express my grave concern on three Turkish men who had been arbitrarily arrested and detained in Malaysia between 2 and 4 May under anti-terrorism legislation and were extradited to Turkey on 11 May. They are currently detained in Turkey and are at risk of further human rights violations.

They are school principal Turgay Karaman, businessman İhsan Aslan and academic İsmet Özçelik . was detained on 4 May. They were held in the police headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. They were extradited to Turkey as they were wanted by the Turkish government for suspected involvement with the Gülen movement.

Amnesty International and other human rights organizations have documented instances of arbitrary detention, unfair trial and torture of detainees suspected of belonging to the Gülen movement.

I am therefore urging the Turkish authorities to ensure that the three men are protected from torture and other ill-treatment and to release them, unless there is evidence of internationally recognizable criminal acts and that any proceedings brought against them comply with international fair trial standards. All in all please ensure safety of three extradited men.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,