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### Turkey: Taner Kılıç re-arrested

On 31 January 2018, Istanbul's 35<sup>th</sup> High Criminal Court ordered the release of [Taner Kılıç](#), the Section Chair of **Amnesty International** Turkey. The prosecutor then lodged an appeal to contest this decision and on 1 February 2018, Taner Kılıç was arrested and placed in pre-trial detention ahead of the next hearing of his case which is scheduled to take place on 21 June 2018.

On 31 January 2018, the third hearing of the human rights defenders known as the [Istanbul 10](#), along with Amnesty International's Turkey Section Chair, Taner Kılıç, concluded in Istanbul's 35<sup>th</sup> High Criminal Court.

The Court ordered the release of Taner Kılıç under travel ban and exempted the Istanbul 10 from attending future hearings. The next hearing was scheduled to take place on 21 June 2018. However, the prosecutor appealed the Court's decision to the superior Istanbul 36<sup>th</sup> High Criminal Court which then issued an arrest warrant for Taner Kılıç. He was taken into custody and transferred from prison to *gendarmarie* custody.

On 1 February 2018, Taner Kılıç appeared in court in İzmir, Aliağa and was connected via video link to Istanbul's 35<sup>th</sup> High Criminal Court which accepted the decision of Istanbul's 36<sup>th</sup> High Criminal Court and ordered that Taner Kılıç remain in detention.

Front Line Defenders strongly condemns the re-arrest and detention of Taner Kılıç as it believes that the charges against him are solely linked to his legitimate and peaceful work in defense of human rights in Turkey.