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EUROPEAN DOCTORS REQUEST END OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST PHYSICIANS IN TURKEY

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) calls on the Turkish Government to immediately withdraw its decision to dismiss leaders of the Turkish Medical Association (TMA) from public service and to reinstall them.

This call follows the removal of TMA Secretary General Dr Bülent Nazim Yilmaz from his duty as a public servant and the termination of family medicine contracts of TMA Council members.

“We join the World Medical Association (WMA) in calling on the Turkish authorities to immediately end this state campaign against the leading members of the TMA. Together with the WMA, the CPME supports the Turkish colleagues in their public statement issued earlier this year declaring that war is a public health problem”, said Dr Jacques de Haller, CPME President. “This statement is perfectly in line with WMA and CPME policies, as is TMA’s record of upholding human rights and denouncing unnecessary violence”, he continued.

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