

Eđitim Sen's Detained Members

1. Mehmet Bozgeyik- Eđitim Sen General Secretary (date of arrest: **25.06.2012**)



He has been an active member since 1990s. He contributed the foundation stage of Eđitim Sen. He was the branch board member when Eđitim Sen was "Eđit Sen" and for 3 terms he has run the presidency of Gaziantep Branch.

Since 2008 he is Eđitim Sen's general secretary.

He is also a member of EI's European structure ETUCE's committee member. He was reelected as a committee member last October in ETUCE Conference as the representative of the teachers in Turkey.

Bozgeyik is married and has 2 daughters.

2. Sakine Esen Yılmaz- Eđitim Sen Gender Secretary (**25.06.2012**)



She has been working as a Turkish Language teacher for 13 years. She is married.

During the prosecutor's interrogation, the prosecutor said that he was embarrassed because all the accusations he asked about there, were about trade union activities. However, he forwarded her file to the court with a request of detention.

Sakine has been Eğitim Sen's member since 2000, when she first started to work as a teacher. She had been trade union representative, Branch board member, executive board member during her trade union membership. She visited many branches and many provinces as "gender educator" to organize gender education programs to raise gender awareness in the trade union community. When she was arrested she was the gender secretary of Eğitim Sen. Even though she is in prison now she's trying to carry out her duty of gender secretariat even in prison.

3. Osman İşçi- Ankara 5th Branch Member (25.06.2012)



He has been working as a research assistant since 2009. He is working in the department of English Language and Literature in Hacettepe University.

He is a member of Ankara University Branch (5th).
He is married and he has a daughter.

He is also a human rights defender. He has worked as an expert for Human Rights Association in Turkey and he has also assisted United Transport Union in its international affairs. He was also a board member of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN). His arrest was condemned by many international organizations including the human right organizations all around the world.

4. Ali Piro- Malatya Branch Secretary (19.06.2012)



He is working as a driver in the Ministry of national education.
He is an education worker for 25 years.

He has been Egitim Sen member for 18 years.

He is married and he has 2 daughters.

He is a very determined and altruistic person. He was a good example for all of his colleagues.

5. Tarık Kaya- Malatya Branch Member (25.06.2012)

He has been working as a primary school teacher for 16 years.

He has been a trade union member for 16 years

He is married and he has a son and 2 daughters.

His family and his children are missing him so much since he was arrested.

He is a very resistant and decisive person in terms of his trade union work.

6. Bekir Gürbüz- Adıyaman Branch Former President (25.06.2012)



Her has been working as a primary school teacher since 1985.

His Egitim Sen membership dates back to 1997. He has always been a hard working member who took part in the merging process of Egit Sen and Egitim Is and forming Egitim Sen.

He is married. He has 2 sons.

His family (both nuclear and large family) has been affected by the arrest. After his arrest one of his sons have succeeded in the university exam and moved to another city. His other son working in a different city had to resign and return to Adıyaman then to take care of the family.

He has a problem solving character and he is a lowly person He could take initiative in the hardest situations and decisions of the union. He was the president of the branch for one term and he was a member of the branch board for the next term. He had been Adıyaman Human Rights Association's president for one term.

He was a very popular person in Adıyaman. For instance, he had a car accident 2 years ago and he stayed in the intensive care unit for a while. There was a crowd in the garden of the hospital waiting for him to get better for 4 days when he was in ICU.

In 1999 he was taken into a police custody with out any formal record or a persecutor's permission. The security forces have said that they "hosted" him for a few days.

7. Hanifi Bekmezci- Tunceli Branch Secretary (11.12.2012)



8. Mustafa Balin-Diyarbakır Branch Member (30.10.2012)



9. Yusuf Demir- İstanbul 7th Branch Member (16.10.2012)



He has started teaching 7 years ago as a primary school teacher. He has been our trade union's member for 7 years.

He is married and he has a daughter.

He was arrested on 19 October 2012 and at that day he and his wife had a baby. Without seeing his child even once he was sent to prison. Now, the most serious problem for the family is: when they took the baby to the prison, the officers search the baby in a detailed way and they want the baby to be passed through the x-ray. When the family rejects doing this, they threaten them by saying that they can't see their father.

During his 7 years teacherhood he has been a very active union member. When he was working in Tunceli, he has been a member of the branch board. He was under pressure during the days in Tunceli. Because he was determined to go on his trade union struggle he was targeted and arrested just like other KESK detainees.

10. Serhat Uğur- Şırnak Branch President (19.09.2011)



He has been a Guidance and Psychological Counseling teacher for 8 years.

He has been Eğitim Sen's member since he started to work as a teacher.

He is married. He doesn't have a child.

Serhat Uğur has been a very active branch president during his mission. He organized many activities and actions in many fields taking KESK's tradition as a basis.

11.Şerif İldoğan-Kayseri Branch Member (25.06.2012)



He is a primary school teacher.
He has been Eğitim Sen's member since 2001.

He is married and he has 4 children.

He and his family suffered similar problems with all the other detainees and families. His age and his passion for freedom are making these times in prison harder but he is overcoming this difficulty too and he's trying to adapt.

12.Tefik Türkoğlu- Kayseri Branch Member



For 20 years, he worked as a support personnel in schools. He has been an Eğitim Sen member for 12 years.

He is married and he has a child.

13.Mehmet Arda- Ankara 4th Branch Board Member (25.06.2012)



He has started to work as a primary school teacher 13 years ago. He is Egitim Sen's member for 12 years.

He's married and he doesn't have a child yet but he and his wife are expecting a baby. They learned this after he was sent to prison. It wasn't really easy for him. When he learned the exciting news he couldn't know what to do. One month later, his wife is going to give birth. She's concerned about the possibility of the court to keep him imprisoned.

Mehmet Arda was successful in each secretariat he was responsible for before. He got married when he was a new executive board member however that didn't interrupt working for the union.

His situation affects the unborn baby, his wife and himself in a very negative way. Also for example his mother and father live in Derik (Mardin) which is quite far away from Ankara where he's imprisoned in. It is hard for his mother and father to come to Ankara to see their son.

His friends hope that he'll be released before the baby comes.

14.Seyfettin Yavuz- Mardin Branch Member (17.10.2011)



He has been a Guidance and Psychological Counseling teacher for 12 years. He has been Egitim Sen's member for 10 years. He was a deputy manager in his school.

He's married and he has 3 children.

His family is victim of his situation totally. From example Seyfettin Yavuz was responsible for the care of his mother and the family of his brother who passed away some time ago. He's covering the expenditure of 2 children and one nephew who are preparing for the university entrance exam.

He was a very active trade union member since he was a newly starting teacher. He took part in most of the activities and actions. He was also active in the local administration's public units. He was a member of Nusaybin Egitim Sen representation's executive committee.

15.Dođan Angay- Mardin Branch Former President. (17.10.2011)



He is a social sciences teacher for 11 years. He's a member since he first started to work as a teacher. He was the school manager when he was arrested.

He's married and he has 2 children.

He had to stay in prison for 16 months without having his first hearing. There's no concrete reason to cause detention in his indictment. A press release organized by the union about education in mother tongue was presented as a proof of crime. His long detention is far away from having legal basis. His wife and children are aggrieved by the long detention. His family says that there's no fair trial.

He had a strong feeling of social responsibility. He was an altruist person who has always worked in a dedicated way both in education and trade union fields. His wish was peace in Turkey and the Middle East among all the people of the region. He had a strong stand in demanding peace.

16.Mehmet Ali Arslan –İstanbul 3rd Branch Member, Former Tunceli Branch President (17.10.2011)



He is a mathematics teacher for 10 years. He is a 9 years Egitim Sen member.

Since he was arrested he's face to face with repressions in prison. His letters are not allowed in the prison and he can't send his letters out. He can't access newsletters and magazines. He was changed 3 prisons since he was arrested. His family can hardly see him because they have to take a long way to see him.

He is Egitim Sen's member since he first started to work as a teacher. He has been a forerunner member in his branch. He has been Tunceli Hozat representative, Tunceli Branch board member and he was a teacher and a trade unionist who is appraised by everybody. He was arrested short after he was appointed to İstanbul.

17.Aykut Erhan Turgut-Ankara 2nd Branch Member (25.06.2012)



Aykut Erhan Turgut is a vocational education teacher in Ankara. He taught many years in different villages and provinces around Turkey.

He has always been a talented and active trade unionist during his teacherhood.

He has been Egitim Sen Ankara 1st branch president for a term and he was a member of KESK General Assembly.

He was a trade union educator of Egitim Sen and he made presentations for many branches' member trainings.

He's married and he has 2 daughters, Helin and Rozerin.

18.Çerkez Aydemir- Ankara 2nd Branch Secretary (25.06.2012)



He was born in 1965 and he is a 26 year teacher. He was both a Turkish Language teacher and a primary school teacher. As an experienced member he served in many positions during his membership of Egitim Sen:

Egitim Sen Agri Branch president
Egitim Sen Democatic Education Congress member
Member of KESK General Assembly
Egitim Sen Ankara 2nd Branch Secretary

He is married and has two daughters.

19.Deniz Bozbey- Gebze Branch Member (25.06.2012)



He has been teaching for 15 years. He's an English Language teacher.
He has been Egitim Sen's member since he first started to teach.
He's married and has one child.

On 25 June, early in the morning when the family was still asleep, their house was raided by 13-15 police officers. He was surprised because he was a public employee and he had a permanent job and his house was raided as if he was planning to escape. The police had cameras in their hands when he opened the door. A group of police entered the house without waiting for his attorney to arrive. They didn't leave any copy of the digital devices they seized even if it's a legal obligation.

He's now wondering why they've waited for so long for the first trial if the situation was so serious (as they claimed) to require the arrest of many people who are active in legal trade union field.

Deniz Bozbey had been Gebze Branch secretary and he was always an active member in his branch and he was the deputy manager in his school. All his colleagues in Gebze are surprised about his arrest. There're looking forward his release.

20. Tarık Altın- Şırnak Branch Member



He was a young teacher who has been teaching and has been a member of Egitim Sen for 7 years.

His family says that he could keep himself calm and strong in prison. He is a brave person considering the hard outcomes of his trade union activities.

He was a talented member both in terms of trade union work and he was also active in the fields of culture and cinema.

21. Nihat Kılınçalp – Ankara 1st Branch- Branch Board Member

(25.06.2012)

He has been working as a primary school teacher for 14 years. For 13 years, he's a member of Egitim Sen. Since 2011 he's a member of the branch board.

He's married and he has a daughter.

His daughter was affected in a very negative way after his detention. She has just started high school and even though she was a very successful student before her school grades worsened after her father's arrest.

22.Ayhan Kurtulan- Kars Branch Member, Former Kars Branch Board Member (12.03.2010)



He has been a primary school teacher for 17 years. For 16 years he is an active member of Eğitim Sen.

He has two children. His daughter thinks that her father is "living in a cage". They are trying to convince her that there is the father's house. But she doesn't believe it and says "it doesn't look like a house".

Ayhan Kurtulan suffered many repressions during his personal trade union history. He was removed from office between 1999-2001. As a result of his legal struggle, he could return back to his profession. He has always been a determined trade unionist and a good example in society.

23.Nurettin Yalçın- Mersin Branch Member (09.01.2012)

24. Mustafa Işık – Mersin Branch Member (25.09.2012)

25.Sinan Muşlu –Mersin Branch Member- (25.06.2012)

KESK General Assembly Member

26.Serap Dursun – İzmir 1st Branch Member (22.01.2013)

She has been working as a teacher since 2000. She has two sons at the age of 7 and 12.

27.Zeynep Yılmaz – İzmir 1st Branch Member (22.01.2013)