May 21, 2018

Full Name

Title

Organization

Address

Re: Isa Kara's Health Condition in Prison

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Following the failed coup attempt on July 15, **150.000 people were illegally expelled** from their professions and **Isa Kara** who has been detained on September 26 2016 **is having tough times in prison due to serious health problems**.

Isa Kara is still being kept in custody although **his doctor stressed out that he must stay away from any stressful environment because of his heart condition**. **Fifteen petitions have been rejected** in which his family has been claiming pending trial due his serious health problems. Negative factors such as the rashness of the environment of the custody during the 29-day period in which he was detained has **adversely affected his health**.

In his **34-year civil service**, Isa Kara, who **served as a teacher and as the director of the Ministry of National Education, Manisa Provincial Branch**, has been suspended from his job by the Decree Law issued on 09.01.2016. As the result of the alleged anti-PYD investigation, his bank accounts have been confiscated and a cautionary judgement decision has been taken against his only dwelling.

The indictment by Manisa Public Prosecutor’s Office about Isa Kara, dated 10.25.2016 and numbered 2015/2853, and the indictment containing the detention demand, has been accepted with the decision of Manisa 2nd Penal Court of Peace No. 2016/2853, and following the 29-day custody period of İsa Bey Manisa was sent to the T-Type Penal Execution Institution.

Isa Kara’s relatives and surroundings are **severely worried about his health condition** for he is with left arm fix, underwent angioplasty and had three different stents attached to his heart two months before he was detained, and has been in jailed pending trial for the last 21 months despite his doctor’s warning on the substantial risk of encountering heart attack due to a possible trauma.

His family stated that **Isa Kara was taken to hospital several times in custody, was held in handcuffs for eight hours continuously in the hospital and that subsequently the doctor gave him a "3-day rest order"** when he was taken to the hospital due to bronchitis caused by negative prison conditions.

According to the information given by his spouse, Isa Kara, who is not able to walk and go up the stairs due to the negative prison conditions, was referred to İzmir Katip Çelebi University Atatürk Research Hospital for the necessary examination and treatment on April 11, 2018 upon the request of prison doctor.

He was taken under treatment in the custodial ward of 35 people. Following the necessary examinations materialized, he was taken to **open-heart surgery subsequent to angio performed onto his heart on April 12th**. Afterwards, he was taken to intensive care unit on April 13, 2018. The fact that **his hands and feet were handcuffed to a bed for 4 days during his treatment resulted in a negative impact on the health** of Isa Kara for he was supposed to walk for a certain period every day. Following the 45-day treatment in İzmir, he was transferred to İzmir 2nd F-Type High Security Penal Execution Institution in Izmir, Buca. He was taken to a two-person ward here with another prisoner who had suffered from back-hernia. It is becoming increasingly hectic and harsh day by day for Isa Kara especially when both logically and emotionally considered that he, as a severely ill person, should not tilt his back in any circumstances and should not be put in custody where there is a considerable risk of serious infection and where there is no even restroom to go.

During the 21-month period of custody, he was the first hearing was held on April 11, 2018 and the second hearing on April 13, 2018. **Due to the severity and seriousness of the treatment process, Isa Kara, who was in Izmir, could not attend the hearings**. During the hearing held on April 13, 2018, the judge pronounced the information “Has he found today to be in intensive care unit?”. Upon this ironic discourse, Isa Kara’s lawyer underlined the seriousness of his client’s health condition by verbalizing the information and paperwork presented to the court on this matter.

**Isa Kara's family tried to live up to certain competent authorities by expressing their grievances, and unjust treatment and calamities that they have been encountering by communicating with many CHP deputies**. However, they have achieved no solution. Isa Kara’s family is in the apprehension of severe worries about his health condition as they reminisced about the victims who died for they were not given proper and necessary treatment and were supposed to be given parole due to fatal conditions in jail.

We seek assistance from you for the necessary action to be taken regarding the request for pending trial to be taken into consideration due to the Isa Kara’s health condition mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,