



Turkey

Free Arbitrarily Detained PRIDE Activists NOW

Activists **Hivda Selen**, **Sinem Çelebi**, and **Doğan Nur** were arbitrarily detained on the day of the Istanbul LGBTI+ Pride march and have been held in pre-trial detention since June 30 on baseless charges related to peaceful assembly.

Their trial's first hearing is set for August 8 at Istanbul Criminal Court of First Instance No. 51. This case marks an alarming escalation in the criminalization of LGBTI+ expression and peaceful assembly in Türkiye.

They must be immediately released and all charges dropped. No one should be detained and prosecuted simply for exercising their right to peaceful assembly.

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