**EDM’s 821 and 826: Model letter**

*Please remember that, while you can send this letter as it is, it is always more effective to write a personal and individual letter to your MP. You can use this letter as a guide or reference.*

Dear […]

I urge you to sign two important EDMs that are currently open. The first concerns **freedom of expression in Turkey (EDM 821)**, which is still one of the worst ranked countries in the world for press freedom and where well-known human rights barrister Tahir Elci was recently assassinated in broad daylight. The other is about the **curfew imposed on the Kurdish city of Silvan (EDM 826)** in the country’s southeast, during which several people were killed and the whole town left without access to food, medical treatment and other essential supplies. It is one of dozens of towns that was placed under curfew since the July, a measure that collectively punishes entire populations regardless of an individuals role in illegal activity.  
  
Both of these EDMs speak to the climate of increasing repression in Turkey, in particular since the Turkish military and the PKK resumed hostilities in the summer. My concern is that the British government’s alliance with Turkey, which is rarely questioned, does not prevent it from questioning the practices of the Turkish government when it comes to its treatment of peaceful political dissent, whether it comes from journalists or Kurdish citizens demonstrating against military violence in the streets.

***Please sign!***   
  
We hope that you sign both of these EDM’s to ensure we continue to hold the Turkish government to account.

Kind regards,

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