

## **ŞEBNEM KORUR FİNCANCI, Türkiye.**

At home, Professor Şebnem Korur Fincancı enjoys spending time with her cats Simone and Ulula, cooking and listening to music. Beethoven is her favourite composer.

To the world, Şebnem is a forensic medicine expert, renowned for her work to eradicate torture. She has contributed to the development of a UN protocol on the investigation of torture, and a handbook on sexual violence for the World Health Organization. Until June 2024, she was the head of the Turkish Medical Association.

Şebnem has also continually fought to protect the human rights of people in Türkiye, including their right to freedom of expression. In a bid to silence her and stop her important work, for years the Turkish authorities have subjected Şebnem to baseless criminal investigations, detention and prosecutions.

In January 2023, she was convicted for allegedly “making propaganda for a terrorist organization” after she had called for an investigation into allegations that the Turkish military was using chemical weapons in Iraq. Şebnem is appealing against her conviction but could be imprisoned for almost two years if her appeal is unsuccessful.

The government is cracking down on people’s freedom of expression and putting restrictions on the work of human rights defenders like Şebnem. But Şebnem refuses to give in to their intimidation. Undeterred by the hostility she faces, she says: *“I have never had the habit of bowing to any authority to this day.”*

### **SHOW ŞEBNEM THAT YOU SUPPORT HER:**

Send your messages of support in a card or letter to show Şebnem that you support her in her fight to protect people’s rights in Türkiye.

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