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**UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)
WE WANT JUSTICE FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

Kurdish children have been the biggest victims of this ongoing war. It has fallen on their weak shoulders to have lived in such a violent time. That is, if their tender bodies have survived the violence without being hurt. They have been the victims and the witnesses of this war and have paid for it with their futures.

Prisons are the new playgrounds for our children these days. The number of children in prisons now is more than ever before. Their crimes are unspeakably severe: 'To have thrown stones at bullet proof police vehicles and damaged public property,' this is what they are being charged with. Their crimes are so severe that they are being tried under more than one act. In the cold world of mathematics the stones they have thrown are returning to them as more than 25 years behind bars. By eroding their lives in concrete cells they want to teach our children that life and war isn't a game. The torture and abuse suffered during arrest, questioning and being taken to prison doesn't even need to be mentioned.

And all this is happening in a country that is a candidate to join the European Union. Happening when so called 'reforms' are being made to democratise the country so that injustices such as these do not occur.

Human rights campaigners, intellectuals, NGO's and everyone whose conscience has been wounded by this injustice have begun a 'Justice for Children' campaign. The Turkish and Kurdish communities are continuing to voice their anger. However significant progress hasn't been made. And prisons continue to be the new dwelling places of our children.

As the undersigned human rights organisations and NGO's we are condemning this injustice. Not just because it is contrary to international law and children's rights, but because it is simply inhumane. This is why we are joining the 'Justice for Children' campaign that is continuing in Turkey.

Furthermore as the undersigned organisations we are calling on UNICEF to send a delegation to Turkey in order to investigate and examine on the stop the violations and infringements of international law and children's rights that is occurring.

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