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*I am speaking for the future of a country where law, justice, and democracy cannot breathe "Today I am speaking not only for our loved ones who are detained, but for the future of a country where law, justice, and democracy cannot breathe," Dr Imamoğlu said*

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## Justice Is Suffocating in Türkiye!

Speaking on behalf of families of detainees, Dr. Imamoğlu warned that Türkiye is facing a deep crisis of law, justice, and democracy, citing prolonged pretrial detentions, delayed hearings, and the absence of releases for 106 people over nine months. She argued that the Constitution is being ignored, the presumption of innocence violated, and punishment imposed before trial, calling the process "cruel" not only to detainees but to their families and society as a whole. Demanding trials without detention and transparency, Imamoğlu challenged authorities to broadcast proceedings publicly, stating that Türkiye deserves a justice system that functions equally, fairly, and in line with the rule of law.

## 131 Days Without Evidence": Spouse of İmamoğlu's Driver Demands Justice

Speaking alongside her 10-year-old son Ayaz, Aslı Cebeci described the moment her husband Recep Cebeci—Imamoğlu's official driver for 18 years—was detained during a family trip, calling it a turning point that shattered their lives. She said her husband was taken at a gendarmerie checkpoint and later transferred between stations, while their home in Istanbul was searched and left in disarray, despite no clear explanation or evidence. Emphasizing that more than four months have passed without a single concrete element that could even form an indictment, Cebeci stated that the continued detention of an innocent father and worker violates conscience, delays justice, and must immediately come to an end.



## Lawyer Erdoğan: "This Is Punishment, Not Detention!"



Lawyer Tuba Torun Erdoğan condemned the indictment process and the Istanbul 40th High Criminal Court's failure to release any detainees, calling it a clear violation of the rule of law and good faith. She argued that prolonged pretrial detention, anonymous and withdrawn witness statements, and a projected 12.5-year trial timeline amount to punishment before conviction and a deliberate attempt to create a perception of guilt. Stressing the right to a fair trial within a reasonable time, Erdoğan said the case has effectively collapsed before reaching prosecution and demanded trials without detention and live broadcasts of hearings to ensure transparency and equality of arms.

**17<sup>th</sup> ADA Family Solidarity Network Gathering at Silivri**