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*Dilek Imamoğlu:  
“While those who told  
the lies walk free,  
those slandered  
continue to be held  
captive in cells”*

# ADA NEWS



“The resulting indictment is so legally empty that even those who defended all these operations could not stand behind it!”

Dilek Imamoğlu has issued a strong public appeal, alleging that a series of judicial operations based on secret witnesses and unsubstantiated claims have led to prolonged detentions without concrete evidence, while those who spread false allegations remain free. She states that widely publicized accusations, such as claims of hidden cash and illicit transactions, were later absent from the indictments, which she describes as legally insufficient and incapable of supporting a fair trial. The appeal highlights that, the process has caused deep social and personal harm by separating parents from children, disrupting families, and creating what is described as political interference through the judiciary. Calling the detentions unlawful and contrary to the presumption of innocence, the families demanded an end to pretrial detention, the prompt preparation of indictments, and the release of detainees, urging authorities not to carry what they describe as injustice into 2026 and to restore confidence in democracy, the rule of law, and judicial independence.

## Sinem Keleş Akgün, “In 2026, we will seek justice in courtrooms”

Sinem Keleş Akgün, who married IBB Deputy Secretary General Gürkan Akgün while he was in prison, shared a heartfelt message reflecting on the past year. She thanked the Family Solidarity Network for their support and emphasized that the detained work tirelessly to make Istanbul and Turkey more fair, equal, and prosperous. Describing 2025 as a year of injustice and unlawfulness, she expressed hope for 2026, stating that families will continue to demand justice through the courts, not through special judicial packages. She called for an end to the unlawful detentions of loved ones whose only “crime” was striving for a fairer society.



## Tuba Torun Aydoğdu: “Waiting is a hell!”



She expressed deep sorrow over being separated from her husband and the pain of being unable to share even the simplest moments, stressing that neither the families nor the children deserve such suffering. Emphasizing that she will continue to defend their cause both legally and morally, she described the situation as a profound rejection of conscience. Relaying a message from her husband, Aykut Erdoğan, she said the new year represents hope and resilience, and that their responsibility in 2026 is to protect that hope through continued struggle. Although they are not celebrating the New Year, she underlined their determination to keep hope alive, not only for themselves but for a greater cause, drawing strength from solidarity with one another. Citing a quote attributed to Carl Jung about waiting being a form of torment, she warned that enforced waiting is meant to break their spirits, yet insisted that hope must be preserved, because hope weakens injustice, while hopelessness empowers it.

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