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## Ekrem Imamoğlu Addresses Remembrance, Solidarity, and the Failure of the Earthquake Response in a Letter Read by His Wife

From Silivri Prison, Ekrem Imamoğlu commemorates the victims of the February 6 Kahramanmaraş earthquake on its third anniversary and extends condolences to all of Türkiye. He recalls the deep pain of the disaster, the strong solidarity shown by society, and his shock at the serious delays and shortcomings in the response—particularly the failure to deploy the army in time. He emphasizes that while solidarity is valuable, the real necessity is to live in safe, just, and free conditions where such tragedies are prevented.

### Justice, Political Imprisonment, and Hope for the Future

Imamoğlu highlights that many officials, mayors, and experts who worked tirelessly in the earthquake zone are now imprisoned or under restrictions for political reasons, while those responsible for the losses remain unpunished. He stresses that Türkiye is being deprived of the expertise needed to prepare for future disasters. Addressing families of the detained, he calls for pride and patience, reaffirms his commitment to justice, democracy, and human life over profit, and expresses hope that together the nation will overcome this injustice, build safe cities, and move toward a free and dignified future.



### Dilek İmamoğlu: “Our wounds are still open, our pain is still fresh.”

On the third anniversary of the February 6 Kahramanmaraş earthquake, Dilek Imamoğlu recalls the deep national trauma, the lives lost, and the lasting suffering of survivors. Emphasizing that these deaths were preventable through proper planning, inspection, and respect for human life, she stresses that making this pain visible is a moral duty. Despite the passage of time, many earthquake victims still live in dire conditions, accountability has not been ensured, and justice for lost children and families remains unfulfilled.

### “Systematic Judicial Harassment and Injustice.”

Dilek Imamoğlu describes as systematic judicial pressure targeting her family and political circle, calling it a grave violation of basic human values and the rule of law. She criticizes the use of slander and political manipulation as substitutes for evidence, while highlighting the contrast between the swift imprisonment of elected officials and the impunity of those responsible for earthquake-related crimes. The message calls for universal legal standards, respect for the presumption of innocence, and true justice that aligns with conscience, law, and morality.

