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Dilek Imamoğlu: “When Justice Stops Listening, Society Starts Speaking”

Dr. Imamoğlu called on all state institutions to uphold justice, warning that for nearly a year her family has faced politicized judicial harassment with no evidence or due process, while the arrests of her brothers reveal a dangerous tactic of silencing individuals by targeting their families. She emphasized that the law exists to protect society, not punish it arbitrarily, and that justice can only prevail through impartiality and an independent judiciary. Condemning the erosion of fundamental rights such as the presumption of innocence, transparent trials, and protection from character assassination, Imamoğlu declared that their struggle is legal, not political, and will continue until justice operates equally for everyone because when the law falls silent, society cannot remain silent either.

Sinem Akgün: “We will never abandon the struggle”

Sinem Akgün framed her husband Gürkan Akgün’s 331-day imprisonment not merely as the detention of an individual, but as the incarceration of justice itself. Describing Gürkan Akgün IMM Deputy Secretary General and an urban planner as “Istanbul’s guardian” since arriving in the city at 17, she portrayed a public servant who devoted his life to protecting the city from plunder, only to be arrested without evidence alongside Mayor Ekrem Imamoğlu and his colleagues. Even their wedding, held behind prison walls, became a symbol of defiance rather than surrender. Speaking as both a wife and a lawyer, Akgün argued that the case is political, not legal, pointing to systematic violations of judicial independence and mounting pressure on families. Her message was unequivocal: this is not just Gürkan’s captivity, but the imprisonment of the rule of law and the families left outside those walls will not abandon the struggle to reclaim both their loved ones and justice itself.



Cansın Nurettin İnce: “Emerging from the Rubble of Justice.”



Speaking after his release, Cansın Nurettin İnce describes his forty days in detention not as a legal process but as life under suspended constitutional rights. Detained without evidence during the Saraçhane protests, he argues that liberty, education, and freedom of expression exist only on paper when detention is used as punishment rather than a precaution. His experience, he says, reflects a justice system that disciplines society through fear, silences dissent with abstract accusations, and undermines judicial independence. Yet his message is ultimately defiant: freedom is not merely leaving prison, but waking up in a country where one can speak without fear and lawlessness, he reminds us, survives only where silence prevails.