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It was with great concern and indignation that the board and members of the German Society of Legal Medicine (DGRM) learned of the imprisonment of our Turkish colleague Prof. Sebnem Korur Fincanci, President of the Turkish Medical Association and long-time activist for human rights. The arrest followed a statement of Prof. Sebnem Korur Fincanci on a potential use of chemical weapons of the Turkish army in northern Iraq and the need of an independent investigation.

The call for such an investigation of a possible use of chemical weapons is not only an expression of the general freedom of speech, but also a key concern of forensic work and therefore in line with the goals and values of our society. In this regard, we demand the immediate release of Prof. Sebnem Korur Fincanci and support the request for a thorough independent investigation of the possible violation of the ban on chemical weapons.