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### **Diary Note 8th February -- 14th February Turkey: Secretary General to lead delegation to meet Prime Minister Erdogan**

Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International, is to lead a mission to Turkey to discuss human rights issues with members of the government and civil society.

Announcing the mission, Irene Khan said: "Turkey is currently going through a period of unprecedented legislative reform primarily aimed at satisfying the pre-accession requirements of the European Union. The challenge now must be to ensure that these reforms are carried through into daily practice."

#### **Itinerary:**

#### **Sunday 8th & Monday 9th February ISTANBUL**

The delegation will meet with NGOs, victims and other members of civil society to gain an awareness of the current human rights situation within the country.

#### **Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th February ANKARA**

Whilst in Ankara the delegation will meet with key members of the Turkish government including Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul.

**Thursday 12th February** Irene Khan will meet with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. This meeting will be followed by a **press conference**:

**Where:** Best Western Hotel 2000  
Bestekar Sok. No:29  
Kavaklidere  
Ankara  
(tel) +90 (312) 4199001

**When:** 12.00

**Who:** Irene Khan, Secretary General, Amnesty International

#### **Friday 13th February DIYARBAKIR**

In Diyarbakir the mission delegates will meet with local NGOs and women's groups to discuss human rights concerns specific to that region.

#### **Mission delegates:**

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Barbara Lochbihler, Secretary General, Amnesty International Germany  
Ozlem Dalkiran, Chair, Amnesty International Turkey

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