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Equality Now!

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in Turkey face discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. This discrimination appears in many areas: employment, housing, access to health and access to justice. Many experience physical violence and harassment and discriminatory attitudes of the law and enforcement officials and state authorities.

When a transgender woman attempted to complain about police ill-treatment in Alsancak police station, Izmir, she met a familiar response: "He said: Here I take the records. Complain all you want, nothing will happen."

But you can make a difference. Show your solidarity with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and organizations in Turkey. Amnesty International has launched a campaign to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in Turkey. It calls for:

- Changes to the law and the Constitution. It is time to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity and to protect people from the community under comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation.
- Measures to prevent and ensure effective investigation of suspected homophobic and transphobic attacks.
- Respect and protection of the rights to freedom of association for all, without discrimination, including on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

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Images, clockwise from left: Picture 1: Amnesty International activists take action for LGBT rights in Turkey. Picture 2: Protest against homophobic statements by Minister of State for Women and Family Affairs, Aylife Kavaf. Picture 3: Pride March in Istanbul, 2009. Picture 4: Protest against closure of Black Pink Triangle, Izmir, 2009. Picture 5: As 1 above. Picture 6: March against homophobia and transphobia, Ankara, 2010.

Join us in the first steps in our campaign.

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