

HDP PARLAMENTARIANS IN PRISON

SELAHATTIN DEMIRTAŞ

Co-Chair of the HDP

Member of Parliament Representing Istanbul

Selahattin Demirtaş was born in Diyarbakır, Turkey in 1973. He enrolled at Ankara University Law Faculty. After college, Demirtaş worked as a freelance lawyer for a time before becoming a member of the executive committee of the Diyarbakır Branch of the Human Rights Association (IHD). During his term as chair, the association focused heavily on the increasing unsolved political murders in Turkey. Demirtaş is among the founding members of the Turkish Human Rights Association (TIHV) and the Diyarbakır post of Amnesty International.



Demirtaş started his political career as a member of the Democratic Society Party (DTP) in 2007 at which time he stood as one of the 'Thousand Hope Candidates' for the DTP and several other democratic organizations in Turkey. The DTP was closed down by a Supreme Court order in 2009 and the DTP MPs moved to the Peace and Democracy Party (BDP). The BDP held its first congress in 2010 and elected Selahattin Demirtaş and Gültan Kışanak as its new co-chairs. Demirtaş contested the 2011 elections as part of the joint 'Labor, Democracy and Freedom' list endorsed by the BDP and 18 different democratic political organizations. He was reelected from Hakkari to the 24th parliament. Demirtaş was one of three candidates for the first presidential Elections. Although many political difficulties and injustice election system, Demirtaş received %9,8 vote rate.

Demirtaş was the co-chair of BDP during the period when the peace process and negotiations started in Turkey. In 2014 Demirtaş and Figen Yüksekdağ were elected to be the new co-chairs of the Peoples' Democratic Party HDP. He has 93 lawsuits issued by the prosecutors from 18 different provinces. In total, 486 years of imprisonment and two aggravated life imprisonments are indicted by the prosecutors.

Figen Yüksekdağ Şenoğlu

Co-Chair of the HDP

Member of Parliament Representing Van

She was born 1971 in Gölovası, Yumurtalık, Adana Province, into an ethnically Turkish farming family. She is the current co-leader of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) of Turkey as of 2014 serving alongside Selahattin Demirtaş.

She was an independent parliamentary candidate for the



Adana electoral district in the 2002 general election. She was involved in women's rights movements for several years before becoming the editor of the *Socialist Woman* magazine. While serving on the board of the *Atılım* newspaper, she was taken into custody in 2009 due to her political activity. She cofounded the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP) shortly after in 2010 and resigned as leader in 2014 to join the HDP, with which the ESP merged later the same year. During the second ordinary congress of the HDP, she was elected the co-leader of the HDP. She has 21 lawsuits against her.

Abdullah Zeydan

Member of Parliament, representing Hakkari



Born in Hakkari, in 1972. Graduated from International American University, Faculty of Architecture. He has led his own company since 1995. Fluent in Kurdish and Turkish. Married with three children. He has 7 lawsuits in different courts in Hakkari and Şırnak

Burcu Çelik Özkan

Member of Parliament representing Muş Province

Born in 1986 in Muş. Graduated from Marmara University Law school. Worked as lawyer. Married with a daughter.

She has three lawsuits.





Çağlar Demirel

Member of Parliament Representing Diyarbakir

Born in Diyarbakır/Kayapınar in 1969. She currently serves as a parliamentary group leader of the HDP. Graduated from the Nursing School of Dicle University. She was an active member of several NGOs including Foundation for the Education of Mother and children, Association of the support for women candidates etc. She coordinated the women works till 2009 and then elected as the mayor of Derik district of Mardin Province.

She was elected to the Parliament in 2015. She has 16 lawsuits.



Gülser Yıldırım

Member of Parliament Representing Mardin Province

Born in 1963 in Mardin/Nusaybin. She became active in politics in 2000 as a member of the Women Branch of the HADEP (People's Democracy Party). She was an executive member of Free Party, DEHAP, DTP and BDP. She was imprisoned in 2010 for four years due to her political activities.

Fluent in Kurdish and Turkish. Married, mother of 4 children. She has 11 lawsuits.



Ferhat ENCU

Member of Parliament Representing Şırnak Province

Born in Şırnak/Uludere in 1985. Studied Mining Engineering at Çukurova University, Adana. He lost 34 relatives during the bombardment of Turkish air forces at Roboski Village on 28 December 2011. Fluent in Kurdish and Turkish.

He has 17 lawsuits.



İdris Baluken

Member of Parliament Representing Diyarbakır

Born in 1976 in Bingöl. He currently serves as a parliamentary group leader of the HDP since April 2014. He previously served as a parliamentary group leader for the Peace and Democracy Party (BDP) from 2012. He graduated from Ankara University Faculty of Medicine. He worked as a doctor in Bingöl and Diyarbakır for many years. He has been involved in the administration of the Turkish Thoracic Society, the Turkish Medical Association and the Health and Social Service Workers

Union Diyarbakır branch. He is married with two children. Joined several national and international academic studies. Fluent in Zazaki and Kurmanci dialect of Kurdish and Turkish. Married with two children. He has 23 lawsuits.



Selma Irmak

Member of Parliament Representing Hakkari

Born in 1971 in Mardin/Kızıltepe and moved to Konya in 1978. She attended Konya Selçuk University for preschool teacher education but arrested for political reasons. She was imprisoned for 3 years and 9 months. She became an active member of the Democratic People Party (DEHAP)

after she was released. She then became the executive board member of the Mesopotamian Cultural Centre and the Kurdish Institute of Istanbul. She returned back to Konya and elected as the chairperson for the Konya Branch of the DEHAP. She participated in the formation of the Democratic Society Party (DTP) and elected as general accountant of the DTP. She was elected to the parliament from Şırnak in 2011 and was a member of the foreign affairs commission of the Parliament. She was re-elected to the Parliament from Hakkari both in the 7 June and 1 November 2015 elections. Fluent in Kurdish and Turkish. She has 22 lawsuits.

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Gülser Yıldırım	Kandıra 1 Nolu F Tipi Cezaevi A4-11, Kocaeli
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