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## Three months too long for Musa Kart : #FREEMUSAKART



At Cartooning for Peace's invitation, press cartoonists gathered in Addis Ababa during the World Press Freedom Day in May 2019.

*« (...) to accuse a cartoonist of aiding and abetting a terrorist organisation and to punish them with a heavy prison sentence is not only a great misdeed to the cartoonist, but to this country itself. » (excerpt from the statement of Musa Kart in front of the chair of 27th Istanbul high criminal court – see below) »*

On this 24 July 2019, the Turkish cartoonist of the opposition newspaper Cumhuriyet and his former colleagues Önder Çelik, Kemal Güngör, Hakan Kara, Güray Öz and Emre İper [have been in custody for three months](#). Musa Kart is serving an unjustified sentence of [1 year and 16 days for "association with a terrorist organization"](#).

On this sad anniversary, the association and the foundation Cartooning for Peace (CFP) and Cartoonist Rights Network International (CRNI) would like to reaffirm their unwavering support for Musa Kart, his family and his imprisoned colleagues. They take this opportunity to reiterate their call for the immediate release of Musa Kart and his five courageous colleagues and the rejection of all charges against the former Cumhuriyet staff wrongly accused.

**CFP and CRNI invite all associations defending journalism and human rights to join the solidarity movement to free Musa Kart and his colleagues and thus support the freedom of expression.**

For more information

[- Article on Cartooning for Peace's website – press cartoons campaign](#)

[- The Swiss Foundation Cartooning for Peace – Musa Kart, laureate of the Cartooning for Peace Prize](#)

[-Article on CRNI's website – Musa Kart's opening statement at trial](#)



Press cartoons by Kak (France) and Antonio Rodriguez (Mexico)