



**To : The Honorable, the United Nations High
Commissioner on Human Rights,
Geneva, Switzerland
Amnesty International
Human Rights Watch, London**

The Arrests of a number of refugees in Turkey

The Iranian Kurdish refugees or otherwise known as refuge seekers of Northern Iraq ? have started a group strike in front of the Supreme Commission of Refugees in Ankara in the last three days. The strike took place due to the undetermined status of these refugees as well as pressures and mistreatment by the Turkish police in the last number of weeks.

According to the latest news received today, the Turkish police have attacked the strikers on Wednesday evening the third of August and have arrested 30 of the refugees. These arrests took place at a time when the Prime Minister of Turkey has signed treaties and agreement in regards to the security of the two countries with the Islamic Republic of Iran. This agreement between Turkey and Iran has put the Kurdish refugees in serious danger and possible deportations of Kurdish refugees to Iran by the government of Turkey. We hereby would like to condemn the actions of the Turkish police and demand the immediate release of the arrested refugees. We hereby would like to ask you and all humanitarian groups and organizations to condemn the actions of the Turkish police and demand the immediate release of these refugees.

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