## Press Releases: Metin Topuz

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The U.S. government is closely following the case of U.S. Consulate General Istanbul employee Metin Topuz, whose trial began on March 26th. For nearly three decades and under our direction, Mr. Topuz worked tirelessly to promote law enforcement cooperation between the United States and Turkey, contributing to the safety and security of both our nations. We have seen no credible evidence that Mr. Topuz was involved in any illegal activities or doing anything other than official duties on behalf of the U.S. government and to the benefit of both the United States and Turkey. We reiterate our call on the Turkish government to resolve his case in a timely, transparent, and fair manner.

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