

## Press Release

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### **TURKISH PM TAKES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST DAILY TELEGRAPH**

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Prime Minister of Turkey, is taking legal action against the London-based Daily Telegraph newspaper following its publication of articles which contained untrue allegations concerning a supposed US\$25 million donation to Mr Erdogan's AK Parti falsely claimed to have been negotiated by him with Iran.

These allegations were published in the 15 September 2010 edition of the Daily Telegraph, notwithstanding that the newspaper was informed beforehand that they were wholly untrue.

A formal Letter of Claim has been sent to the Editor of the Daily Telegraph by Carter-Ruck, Mr Erdogan's London solicitors, requiring (among other things) the immediate removal of the offending articles from the newspaper's website and the publication of a correction and apology. Such letters must be sent, according to the requirements of English legal procedure, prior to the commencement of legal proceedings in the High Court in London.

Mr Erdogan's solicitor, Cameron Doley of Carter-Ruck, stated:

*"The articles published by the Daily Telegraph are completely untrue. Prime Minister Erdogan is determined to clear his name of these extremely damaging and extremely hurtful allegations. He also hopes to discover, during the course of the legal process, precisely how what he feels to be a disgraceful smear upon his good name and that of the AK Parti, came to be published."*

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