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Fethullah Gülen's Message of Condolences for Wildfires in Southern Turkey

I learned with grief of the wildfires in Southern Turkey in which four people died, many citizens lost their homes and a large area of the forest was destroyed.

I extend my condolences to those who lost their loved ones and to everyone who was affected.

In addition to the loss of life and property in the fire, the loss of large forests, which are the lungs of our world, is another source of suffering. I hope that this tragic incident will lead us all to be more sensitive about preserving these natural riches, which are bounties of God Almighty.

I invite all citizens to support fire extinguishing and rescue activities in order to bring the fires under control as soon as possible, to protect green areas and to provide shelter for the homeless.

May God, the Most Compassionate, have mercy on those who lost their lives in the fire, give those who lost their homes and property the opportunity to quickly compensate for their losses, give strength and perseverance to the firefighters and rescue teams, and protect our country and all humanity from fire and all disasters.

About Fethullah Gülen

Fethullah Gülen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to education, interfaith dialogue and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gülen is the honorary chairman of the Rumi Forum, Washington, DC and the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, Brussels, Belgium.

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