

## **THE NEW CHIEF OMBUDSMAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE HAS BEEN ELECTED**



Mr. Mehmet AKARCA has been elected at the General Assembly of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (GNAT) as the new Chief Ombudsman of the Republic of Türkiye.

Mr. Mehmet AKARCA was sworn in on 03 December 2024 and officially took office as the new Chief Ombudsman of Türkiye.

Chief Ombudsman Mr. Mehmet AKARCA, was born on 21 January 1963 in Şirvan/Türkiye. After graduating from Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Law in 1986, he worked as a judge in courts in several cities throughout Türkiye. During his career he served as the President of Heavy Penal Courts in different cities of Türkiye.

He was elected as a Member of the Court of Cassation on 18 January 2010, and was elected President of the 14<sup>th</sup> Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation by the General Assembly of the Court of Cassation on 21 October 2013.

Among other candidates nominated by the General Assembly of the Court of Cassation, he was elected Chief Public Prosecutor of the Court of Cassation by the President of the Republic of Türkiye on 18 May 2015. He was elected First President of the Court of Cassation by the General Assembly on 24 March 2020. He retired from this position on 14 May 2024.

On 12 November 2024, Mr. Mehmet AKARCA was elected as Chief Ombudsman by the General Assembly of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye.

Chief Ombudsman Mr. Mehmet AKARCA is married and has two children.