



Republic of Türkiye

Hon'ble Mr. Şeref Malkoç

Chief Ombudsman Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (Ombudsman Institution)

Chief Ombudsman of Türkiye Mr. Şeref Malkoç was born in Trabzon in 1960. He completed his primary, secondary and high school education in Trabzon. While he was in high school, he was the regional chairperson of National Turkish Student Association (MTTB) secondary education committee. He graduated from the Faculty of Law at İstanbul University in 1982. He practiced law in Trabzon for 10 years. During this period, he also worked as an executive in many NGOs including Yavuz Selim Foundation and Trabzon House of Culture. He gave lectures on Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences of Karadeniz Technical University (KTU).

He worked as the Trabzon Provincial Chairperson of Welfare Party (RP). He was elected as a Member of Parliament, representing Trabzon province in the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM) during 20th and 21st parliamentary terms, between 1995 and 2002. As a Member of Parliament, he served as the spokesperson of the Justice Committee, Vice Chairman of the Constitutional Committee and Vice Chairman of Turkish-German Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group. He prepared the defenses for RP and Virtue Party (FP) closure cases and defended these Parties in front of the Constitutional Court. He was Vice Chairman for RP, FP and Felicity Party (SP). He also served as an Advisor to Prof. Dr. Necmettin ERBAKAN, the Prime Minister of the 54th Government of Türkiye, for around 10 years.

He also worked as an executive for several national and local radio and TV stations. He was the representative of the Justice and Development Party (AK Party) for two years in the Supreme Election Council. During his tenure, he contributed to the March 30, 2014 Local Election, and Presidential Election on August 10, 2014 as well as General Elections of June 7, and November 1, 2015. His articles and op-eds on Constitution and Presidential System were published in various journals and newspapers. He wrote a book titled “The New Constitution and The Presidential System in 40 Questions”. He also worked as a Chief Advisor to H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of Türkiye.

Mr. Malkoç was elected as the Chief Ombudsman by the General Assembly of Grand National Assembly of Türkiye on November 15, 2016. After completing his 4-year term, he has been re-elected as Chief Ombudsman of Türkiye on 11 November 2020.

The Chief Ombudsman Mr. Malkoç has paid visits to tens of Universities located in 81 cities and given lectures on the topic of “Justice and Human Rights.” During his tenure as the Chief Ombudsman, he also visited 81 provinces of Türkiye. During these visits, he came together with citizens, listened to their problems, and brought together the citizens and the local administrators of that province. Through his hard works in Türkiye as well as abroad, he contributed to the promotion of the culture of ombudsman.

Chief Ombudsman of Türkiye Mr. Şeref Malkoç is the President of the Organization of Islamic Countries’ Ombudsman Association (OICOA) and the Member of the Board of Directors of Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA) since November 2019.

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