

US_Turkey Relations: Ankara Issues Arrest Warrant for 2nd US Consulate Worker

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The diplomatic relations between Turkey and the US are seem to become much colder.

Ankara has issued a detention warrant for a second US consulate worker, according to Hurriyet newspaper.

“The man, who is a staff member at the U.S. Consulate Istanbul and does not have ‘diplomatic immunity,’ has been invited to the Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office for his testimony,” the newspaper quoted the prosecutor’s office.

It added that the suspect’s wife and child have already been detained in the province of Amasya.

The announcement followed [the detention of Metin Topuz, a Turkish citizen who worked at the US general consulate in Istanbul. According to Turkish security services he may have ties to exiled Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen](#) and his movement outlawed in Turkey. Topuz will remain in custody while his alleged links to Gulen are investigated.

Topuz’s arrest led to a rapid deterioration of the relations between the two countries.

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