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**Press release**

**Bari****ş** **İnce** **– journalist and writer from Turkey**

**New guest of the City of Hamburg**

**Hamburg, March, 11th, 2019**

**Bariş İnce (36), is Editor-in-Chief of the popular turkish newspaper BirGün as well as a well known novel writer. In his newspaper as well as on social media channels he critizises both the Turkish regime and religiously motivated islamist groups.**

**Among other topics,** **Bariş İnce tweets regularly about gender equality and defends coed classes. While this position is positively received by large parts of Turkish civil society, he had to deal with numerous death threats from islamist groups. He has already been sentenced to 21 months in prison.**

„Hamburg Foundation“ was founded some 30 years ago by Dr. Klaus von Dohnanyi. Today it is chaired by the First Mayor of the „Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Dr. Peter Tschentscher.

„Hamburg Foundation“ has granted a fellowship of six months to Mr. İnce. During this time he will take part at writers conferences both on national and international levels. He will encounter German and European colleagues of the media and travel to other European countries, thus strengthening his network.

After his fellowship Bariş İnce will return immediately to Turkey.

„Hamburg Foundation“ is delighted to assist Mr. İnce in the coming months.

Mr.İnce has been proposed as a guest of „Hamburg Foundation“ by the Leipzig based European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF).

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