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What happened last week?

- Gezi Trial detainee architect Tayfun Kahraman was kept in handcuffs for 6 and a half hours while being transferred from prison to hospital for treatment. The prosecutor's office announced that an investigation was initiated against the personnel in charge.
- AKP MP and Head of the Turkish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Tuğrul Türkeş made his first statement after visiting Osman Kavala, Tayfun Kahraman, Can Atalay, Mine Özerden and Çiğdem Mater in prison. Türkeş said 'they do not give the impression of an organisation'.
- Bülent Arınç visited Emine Şenyaşar, whose husband and two sons were murdered by the bodyguards and relatives of AKP MP İbrahim Halil Yıldız. Arınç said, 'May God help you. I don't know whether these things can be done in the Parliament or not, but all of Turkey knows your case. I was also interested in it for a while, but we could not get a result.' Şenyaşar had taken the vigil for justice she started in front of Urfa Courthouse to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.
- Gülbin Tosun, NOW TV Main News Bulletin presenter Gülbin Tosun, who tweeted a tweet criticising Ankara Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Mansur Yavaş for the municipality's practices on stray animals, announced that she was put on compulsory leave. Ankara Metropolitan Municipality continued to target the journalist in its statement.



Tuncay Özkan investigated for 'snob'

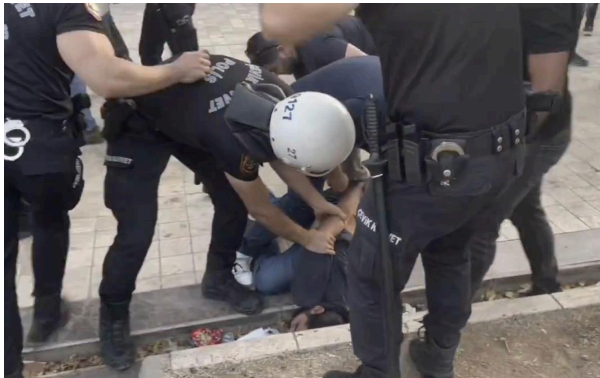
Izmir Chief Public Prosecutor's Office initiated an investigation against CHP Izmir Deputy Tuncay Özkan due to his use of the term 'snob' in a social media post against President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Erdoğan's lawyers also filed a 250 thousand liras non-pecuniary damages lawsuit.

While the dictionary of the Turkish Language Association defines the meaning of ‘snob’ as ‘a person who, in dress, speech, language and thought, goes to excesses and excesses that society considers ridiculous and contrary’, there are also Court of Cassation decisions that the word does not carry insulting content.



70 detentions in mine workers' protest

Gendarmerie intervened the ongoing protest in front of the mine in Soma, Manisa by the miners who were dismissed by Fernas Madencilik, owned by AKP Batman MP Ferhat Nasıroğlu, for being union members. 70 people, including union representatives, were detained.



31 workers detained in Antep

31 workers of Akcan Holding who were protesting for the improvement of their working conditions were detained. Mehmet Türkmen, President of the United Textile, Weaving and Leather Workers' Union (BİRTEK-SEN) and Mazlum Ayçiçek, union representative, were also detained during the protest organised in front of the Divan Hotel

in Gaziantep.



Dilruba K. released

Dilruba K., who was arrested on charges of ‘public incitement to hatred and hostility’ and ‘insulting the President’ due to her remarks about the ‘Instagram ban’ published on a YouTube channel that conducted a street interview, was released at night without informing her lawyer. Dilruba K. will appear

before the judge on 3 September.



Police intervention at Gülistan Tara's funeral

The police intervened the funeral of journalist Gülistan Tara, who was targeted by Turkish Armed Forces with an armed

unmanned aerial vehicle in Süleymaniye, in her hometown Batman.



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The case was not heard due to the judicial holiday.

HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Burhan Ekinci Trial</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against journalist Burhan Ekinci on charges of ‘making illegal organisation propaganda’ based on his Twitter posts.</p> <p>Tuesday, 3 September; Istanbul 30th High Criminal Court</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dilruba K. Trial</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against him due to ‘public incitement to hatred and hostility’ and ‘insulting the President’ for his remarks about the ‘Instagram ban’ published on a YouTube channel that conducts street interviews.</p> <p>Tuesday, 3 September; Izmir...</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Osman Akın Veysi Sarısözen Trial</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against former Yeni Yaşam newspaper Managing Editor Osman Akın and columnist Veysi Sarısözen due to ‘making illegal organisation propaganda’...</p> <p>Thursday, 5 September; Istanbul 13th High Criminal Court</p>	

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