

**Violations of Freedom of Expression, Assembly and Association  
In November 2025  
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Hello,

What happened in Turkey in November 2025? A simple summary:

**ATTENTION:** All of this data is "AT LEAST". Because what can be reflected in the media is only the tip of the iceberg.

**POLICE / GENDERNARY INTERVENTIONS**

- 24 detained
- 9 administrative/police interventions,
- 1 House raid
- 1 Injury
- 1 provincial general ban decision (Istanbul, 25 November)

**INVESTIGATION - PROSECUTION**

- Detentions: 87
- Arrests: 22
- Measures such as judicial control / house arrest / ban on leaving the country: 21
- Newly opened investigations: 5
- Newly opened/indicted cases: 5
- Prison sentences: 15

**OTHER PRACTICES**

- Access block / content removal: 14

We have to repeat most of what we said last month this month.

After the local elections, in which the CHP was the first party, the lawsuits - and threats - filed over the "Shake it off" directive from Erdoğan and the pressure on CHP municipalities continue to increase. Corruption investigations and mass detentions continue against those who do not bow to pressure.

In such cases, the normal way is to open an investigation on a "*strong suspicion*" and to collect evidence and testimonies by the prosecutor's office in favor of the defendant as well as a lawsuit or non-prosecution, but the wheel works in reverse. First, an investigation is opened, and many related or unrelated people are detained. These people are threatened and forced to benefit from "*Effective Remorse*" and to testify against CHP Municipalities in order to achieve this. In other words, evidence and witnesses are "**manufactured**". Another case was opened against İmamoğlu on the charge of "*espionage*".

The CHP's well-attended and enthusiastic meetings, which are held in a different province every weekend and in a district of Istanbul every Wednesday, continue without interruption. Erdoğan and the AKP are being forced to hold early elections. In addition to these, the CHP determined its new program with a "Normal" congress that lasted 3 days, and Özgür Özel was re-elected as the chairman as the only candidate. The expanded Party Assembly, Özel's "Key List", was adopted without any loss.

The work of the "*National Solidarity, Brotherhood and Democracy Commission*", which started with the initiative of Devlet Bahçeli, is progressing very slowly despite the PKK burning its weapons in a symbolic ceremony.

This was the case in November 2025.

## 1- Administrative Bans, Security Intervention

- 04: Van** The justice protest initiated by the students of Yüzüncü Yıl University for Rojin Kabaiş, whose lifeless body was found on campus, was prevented by the police on the 23rd day. The students announced that they would not give up their demand for justice and would spread their call to all campuses.
- 06: Van** Yüzüncü Yıl University justice protest continued on its 24th day under police blockade. In front of the Rectorate building "*Justice*" and "*Safe Campus*" The students, who staged a sit-in protest with the demand of the Prophet, faced the threat of detention. The police took ID and face photos of some students and checked the GBT without giving a reason. Journalists who wanted to watch the protest were also prevented from taking images with shields. The students announced that they will continue their justice watch until Rojin Kabaiş's death is clarified.
- 10: Istanbul** While the CHP Şişli District Presidency was making a press statement in front of Nilüfer Hatun Secondary School to protest the Ministry of National Education's decision to coincide with November 10 as a mid-term holiday, the police wanted to prevent the statement for security reasons. The CHP group said, "*This is not just a planning choice, it is an effort to ignore the memory of Atatürk.*" He made the statement in front of the school. In the statement, November 10 is not a holiday, "*The day to commemorate Mustafa Kemal and convey his thoughts to new generations*" It was emphasized that it was.
- 14: Istanbul** Journalist Engin Açar's house was raided by special operations police while he was at work. Açar: "*A team of 30-35 people came with special operations soldiers and raided the house. I went to work around 03:00 at night. They came two or three hours after me. They broke down the door, searched and left. I am not informed in any way. We are trying to find out the reason. They look at my GBT, they look at my files. There is nothing to me, I had a day like a comedy.*"
- 19: Ankara** Students at the Faculty of Language, History and Geography, November 20 "*Day of Remembrance for Trans Victims of Hate Crimes*" hung a banner with the silhouettes of trans people in the middle garden. Private security guards blockaded the students and attacked them because the banner was not taken down. One student fell and suffered a head injury. After the attack, some fascist groups also verbally attacked the students.
- 19: Van** After the suspicious death of a 15-year-old child on campus at Yüzüncü Yıl University, the police intervened against students who wanted to march with the slogan "What is a gun doing at the university?". At least 10 students were detained with handcuffs behind their backs, and journalists who wanted to record the protest were prevented.
- 21: Ankara** Eğitim-İş Union wanted to march from the Ministry to the Parliament in order to react to the budget of the Ministry of National Education, which was discussed in the Parliamentary Plan and Budget Committee, and to draw attention to the problems in the education system. The police intervened. During the day, the march of Eğitim-İş to the Parliament was again prevented by the police, and union members held a sit-in protest.

- 21: Eskisehir** Anadolu University students wanted to make a statement in front of the Central Dining Hall to expose the Private Security Unit (ÖGB) attacks and demand the abolition of the cafeteria reservation system. Upon the instruction of the ÖGB chief, the security unit forcibly took the students out of the campus. During the intervention, press cards were requested from the students who were filming; The phone of a student who did not have a press card was forcibly taken and his images were deleted. The students, who were beaten and taken out, made a statement in front of the pharmacy gate and reacted to the poverty conditions and bad management practices.
- 25: Istanbul** The Istanbul Governor's Office imposed transportation restrictions around Taksim against the November 25 Women's Platform, which called for action within the scope of November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Metro Istanbul, Taksim station and Funicular line were closed, and Şişhane's Istiklal exit was taken out of use. Despite the governor's ban and barricade decision, women's organizations met in Tünel at 19.30. After the statement made after the march, the crowd was blockaded in Tünel Square and prevented from dispersing. 14 people were detained after the members of the press were removed from the area by the police. The symbolization of November 25 dates back to the brutal murder of the Mirabal Sisters, who were fighting against the dictator Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic in 1960. This date was first in Latin America, and then all over the world with the decision of the United Nations in 1999. *"International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women"* It was accepted as.

## INVESTIGATIONS AND TRIALS

- 03: Adiyaman** Mezopotamya Agency reporter Ahmet Kanbal, who reported from Adiyaman after the February 6 earthquakes, *"There was no state for the first three days"* due to the publication of content *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* In his defense in the case where he was tried on the charge: *"I told what I saw; This article is censorship"* Said. The file was filed at Adiyaman 5. It will be sent to the Criminal Court of First Instance. The next hearing is on January 16, 2026.
- 03: Ankara** In the case of Semra Güzel, who was a member of parliament in the 2019-2022 period, 22. Criminal *"Being a member of an armed terrorist organization"* 6 years and 3 months for the crime and *"Forgery of official documents"*, 2 years and 6 months, for a total of 8 years and 9 months in prison; decided to release him under judicial control.
- 03: Ankara** Former HDP MP Hüda Kaya surrendered to Ankara Elmadağ Women's Open Prison after her 1.5-year prison sentence was upheld. The sentence is based on an incident that took place in 2022 during a visit to his son in prison.
- 03: Ankara** The Constitutional Court ruled that journalist Merdan Yanardağ's right to personal liberty and security was violated, stating that there was no call for force/violence in his remarks about Öcalan on TELE1 in 2023. 166,500 TL for non-pecuniary damages were awarded. Members İrfan Fidan and Muhterem İnce voted against. Yanardağ is

still under arrest as part of the IMM "espionage" investigation.

- 03: Istanbul** The 13th High Criminal Court sentenced 12 people to a total of 159 years in prison in an investigation file that started in 2012, one person who was present at the hearing was arrested, and an arrest warrant was issued for 11 people. The defense lawyers argued that the file was prepared by the judiciary/police linked to "FETÖ", that the evidence was unlawful and that the decision showed a "resistance" contrary to the spirit of the peace process
- 03: Istanbul** Kurdish musician and NûMedya24 columnist Hakan Akay at Istanbul Airport on his return to Turkey from Europe "*Terrorist propaganda*" He was detained on the charge of ". Investigation "*Kurdish Revival*" It was started because he was in the production team of the documentary.
- 03: Istanbul** Esenyurt Mayor Ahmet Özer's 14. Prosecutor's office in the "Urban Reconciliation" case in which he was tried in Heavy Penalty, "*being a member of an armed terrorist organization*" He demanded a prison sentence of up to 15 years for the crime. The court lifted the judicial control of not leaving the province; The ban on leaving the country continued. The hearing was adjourned to January 23, 2026
- 03: Strasbourg** The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) rejected Turkey's request for a re-examination of the violation of rights and release decision against Selahattin Demirtaş in the Grand Chamber. Thus, the ECtHR's Demirtaş decision dated July 8, 2025, became final. DEM Party Central Executive Committee, "*Our friends should be released without delay*" made a statement. Demirtaş, on the other hand, emphasized that the decision is legally binding and published a message drawing attention to the importance of the "law of brotherhood" covering 86 million citizens
- 03: Sirnak** The Cizre Chief Public Prosecutor's Office decided not to prosecute Mezopotamya News Agency editor Dilgeş Ruvanas for her posts criticizing the deforestation in Şirnak. Decision "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" It was stated that a concrete and imminent danger is required for the crime to occur, and that Ruvanas' statements and limited access account did not pose such a danger.
- 04: Ankara** Within the scope of the investigation carried out in various provinces, a detention order was issued for 19 people, including ASELSAN and TÜBİTAK employees, on the allegations of "membership in a terrorist organization" and "access to confidential documents of the state"
- 04: Ankara** The Constitutional Court ruled that the Ministry of Justice '*Insulting the President*' and TCK 301 cases. The court ruled that freedom of expression was violated in connection with the right to information and decided to provide the relevant data to Akdeniz. Akdeniz explained that the process took 6 years and that the violation of rights was registered with the decision of the Constitutional Court after administrative and judicial objections.
- 04: Ankara** Ankara 6th Administrative Court rejected the lawsuit filed by journalist Fatih Altaylı against RTÜK's imposition of a license requirement on YouTube broadcasts on procedural grounds on the grounds that "it does not constitute an administrative action on its own". The annulment lawsuit filed by MLSA against the 2019 regulation of RTÜK, which includes internet broadcasts within the scope of control, has been in the process of the Council of State for 6 years.
- 04: Aydın** The Aydın Chief Public Prosecutor's Office objected to the decision to release writer

Ergün Poyraz, who was arrested on October 31 on judicial control condition upon the complaint of Aydın Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Özlem Çerçioğlu, who switched to the AKP after resigning from the CHP. The prosecutor's office stated that Poyraz was released without taking his defense and requested that an arrest warrant be issued for the annulment of the release decision and his re-arrest. Poyraz was arrested on October 2 for allegedly sharing photos of Çerçioğlu's house on social media. His lawyers emphasized that detention poses a risk to life due to serious health problems.

**04: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office summoned his father Hasan İmamoğlu and son Selim İmamoğlu to testify within the scope of the investigation against Ekrem İmamoğlu. The prosecutor's office said about both names "*Bribery and laundering proceeds of crime*" He announced that he was accused. It was announced that Hasan and Selim İmamoğlu will give their statements at the police station tomorrow and that a ban on leaving the country has been imposed on them.

**04: Istanbul** Journalist Sedef Kabaş for her social media post about Central Bank Governor Fatih Karahan Anadolu 45. Criminal Court of First Instance He was sentenced to 10 months in prison for "publicly disseminating misleading information". The announcement of the verdict was deferred.

**04: Istanbul** A new indictment has been filed against LeMan cartoonist Doğan Pehlevan for allegedly posting insulting posts against President Erdoğan. Pehlevan denied the accusations, stating that the social media account in question did not belong to him. Previously, due to the published cartoon "*Provoking the public to hatred and hostility through the press*" A prison sentence of up to 7 years and 10 months was demanded for the crime. The new indictment demands a prison sentence of up to 4 years and 8 months for Pehlevan on the charge of "publicly insulting the President".

**05: Antalya** For the Metropolitan Municipality "*Bribery*" and "*Laundering Assets Arising from Crime*"<sup>8</sup> more people were detained in the investigation. In the same investigation, Mayor Muhittin Böcek, Deputy Secretary General Serkan Temuçin and Tuncay Kaya from the Department of Urban Aesthetics were previously arrested.

**05: Diyarbakir** Writer and publishing house owner Azad Zal was charged with "being a member of an illegal organization" at the 8th Criminal Court of First Instance. In the case where he was retried at the High Criminal Court, the prosecutor demanded that Zal be punished. The next hearing is on January 26, 2026.

**05: Istanbul** The 1st High Criminal Court accepted the 579-page "Aziz İhsan Aktaş" indictment against 200 suspects, including 7 suspended CHP mayors. In the indictment, Beşiktaş, Avcılar and Esenyurt municipalities, IETT and İSFALT were included as "victims of the crime". To the suspects "*establishing an organization*", "*bribery*", "*bid rigging*", "*fraud*", "*forgery of documents*" and "*laundering asset values*" Such accusations were made. In the indictment, Aktaş was demanded to be imprisoned from 187 to 450 years and to confiscate his assets. Prison sentences ranging from 3 years to 337 years were also demanded for suspended mayors Rıza Akpolat, Utku Caner Çaykara, Ahmet Özer, Oya Tekin, Kadir Aydar, Zeydan Karalar and Abdurrahman Tutdere on various charges. The trial date is not clear

**05: Istanbul** Within the scope of the investigation against the arrested Istanbul Metropolitan

Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, his father Hasan İmamoğlu and son Selim İmamoğlu gave statements as suspects at the Istanbul Security Directorate. Selim İmamoğlu was asked about the source and purpose of the money transfers made to his company in Croatia; Hasan İmamoğlu, on the other hand, denied the bribery and money laundering charges and described the allegations as "baseless"

**05: Istanbul** Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office on the charges of "violating the Capital Markets Law" and "money laundering", 3. The Criminal Court of Peace confiscated the assets of Hat Holding A.Ş. and Investco Holding A.Ş. The Savings Deposit Insurance Fund was appointed as a trustee to both holdings. The prosecutor's office stated that the companies manipulated financial statements to manipulate market movements and concealed ill-gotten gains through different transactions.

**05: Istanbul** CHP Chairman Özgür Özel announced that Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor Akin Gürlek received a salary as a member of the board of directors of Eti Maden's company in Luxembourg for nine months. Özel said that Gürlek was appointed to this position even though he did not have foreign language proficiency. After the statement, the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office "*Insulting the President*" and "*Insulting a public official because of his duty*" He launched an investigation on the charges.

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**05: Istanbul** *The prosecutor who collapsed the Yenidoğan gang was withdrawn from the file"* Bakırköy 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance is held against HALKTV editor-in-chief Dinçer Gökçe, GAZETEPENCERE editor-in-chief Nilay Can, journalist Veysi DüNDAR and lawyer İrem Çiçek. In the case filed at the Criminal Court of First Instance, the prosecutor stated that all the defendants "*publicly disseminating misleading information*" to be punished for the crime; also due to İrem Çiçek's post against HSK members "*Insult*" He also demanded that he be punished for the crime. The next hearing is on January 8, 2026.

**05: Izmir** Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, four people working in Konak Municipality were detained. The investigation is based on allegations of irregularities in the service procurement tender held within the scope of the European Union-supported "Strategic Partnership for Awareness, Climate and Environment (SPACE)" project. Among those detained are Konak Municipality R&D Manager Kamuran Bülent Köstem, R&D unit personnel and two people working at Merbel A.Ş. affiliated to the municipality. The suspects were taken to the Izmir Police

Department Anti-Financial Crimes Branch to take their statements. The prosecutor's office continues its investigation into the tender file and payment records.

- 05: Mersin** Şehriban Şeker, a member of the Mimoza Women's Association and an activist of the Mersin Women's Platform, for an interview she gave about the death processes of Rojin Kabaiş and Gülistan Doku, "*publicly disseminating misleading information*" A lawsuit was filed on the charge. Before the hearing, Mersin Women's Platform made a statement in front of the courthouse "*It is not a crime to ask what happened to Rojin and Gülistan*" He called for solidarity. The case was adjourned to November 7.
- 06: Ankara** The prosecutor's office objected to the approval of the acquittal verdicts for journalists Habibe Eren, Ceylan Şahinli and Mehmet Günhan. The prosecutor is responsible for his professional activities as "*organizational bond*" He appealed to the Supreme Court. For journalists and agencies in the petition "*so-called journalists*", "*so-called news*" and "*Institutions that produce news on the instructions of the organization*" expressions were used. The prosecutor's office reported on Newroz and March 8 "*propaganda activity*" showed as; Mezopotamya Agency and JINNEWS "*the media leg of the organization*" He defined it as. The objection is based on the statements of anonymous witnesses. The three journalists were arrested in 2022, released in 2023 and acquitted in 2024.
- 06: Ankara** AKP Chairman and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan filed a lawsuit against CHP Chairman Özgür Özel at the Ümraniye rally on November 5. "*Inappropriate expressions*" He filed a lawsuit for non-pecuniary damages of 500 thousand liras. In addition "*Insulting the President*" A criminal complaint was filed on the charge.
- 06: Diyarbakir** Journalist and publisher Hakkı Boltan's "*Insulting the President*" The case in which he was tried on the charge of 12. It continues in the Criminal Court of First Instance. The charges against Boltan are based on statements he made about journalist Rohat Aktaş, who died in Cizre in 2016. The prison sentence given in 2021 was overturned by the appeal.
- 06: Istanbul** CHP IT Officer O.G.E. was detained. The prosecutor's office explained the reason for the detention as the unlawful acquisition of personal data through the "HANEM" application of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. Investigation "*Ekrem İmamoğlu is a profit-oriented criminal organization*" It is carried out within the scope. It is claimed that the information of 11 million 360 thousand voters was matched with the IMM data and that this data was used in connection with the election records received by the CHP from the YSK.
- 06: Istanbul** Journalists Ruşen Çakır, Soner Yalçın, Şaban Sevinç, Aslı Aydıntaşbaşı, Yavuz Oğhan and Batuhan Çolak, who were summoned to testify within the scope of the "corruption" investigation against the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, were released on the condition of a ban on leaving the country. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office has banned journalists "*publicly spreading false information*" and "*knowingly aiding a criminal organization*".
- 06: Istanbul** 13. Heavy Penalty Sentence Decision of the Constitutional Court against city planner Tayfun Kahraman "*Violation of the right to a fair trial*" Despite the decision, he rejected the request for a retrial. The court accused the Constitutional Court of "acting

like an appellate authority" and said, "*usurpation of authority*" He did not comply with the decision. It is known that Tayfun Kahraman, who has been detained for four years, has health problems.

**06: Istanbul** Journalist Barış Terkoğlu and retired military prosecutor Ahmet Zeki Üçok "*insulting a public official in a chain*" 2. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The prosecutor demanded that both defendants be punished. Üçok said that the HSK told the court that "*that he made a false statement*" asserts; The request for the testimony of retired prosecutor Gökalp Kökçü, who was requested to be heard as a witness, was rejected. The next hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2026.

**06: Izmir** Two of the five suspects detained in operations in Izmir and Erzincan were arrested. Within the scope of the investigation into the allegations of irregularities in the service procurement tender in Konak Municipality and the construction work tender in İZ-TARIM A.Ş., O.Ö. and M.O. were arrested, while K.B.K., D.K. and A.İ. were released on judicial control conditions. In the court decision, it was stated that the receipt showing that the suspect K.B.K. transferred 209 thousand 933 liras to the Konak Municipality account was taken into consideration.

**06: Van** The justice protest initiated by Yüzüncü Yıl University students for Rojin Kabaış, whose lifeless body was found on campus, continued on its 24th day under police blockade. Students who staged a sit-in protest in front of the rectorate building demanding "justice" and a "safe campus" were threatened with detention. The police took ID and face photos of some students and checked the GBT without giving a reason. Journalists who wanted to watch the protest were also prevented from taking images with shields.

**07: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office decided not to prosecute the criminal complaint filed by the Human Rights Association (İHD) against the companies that offered t-shirts with the words "Beyaz Toros" and "JİTEM" written on them. In its decision, the prosecutor's office stated that there was no element of crime within the scope of Articles 215 and 216 of the Turkish Penal Code, based on the justification of "freedom of expression".

**07: Antalya** Two of the eight people detained in the 8th wave of the corruption and bribery investigation carried out by the Attorney General's Office have been arrested. While jeweler U.K.Y. and municipality employee B.G. were released, gallery owner H.T.A. and businessman B.G. were arrested. Y.Y., an employee of the Municipality's Private Secretariat, was released under house arrest. Within the scope of the investigation, it was claimed that real estate and money transfers were made to the detained former Mayor Muhittin Böcek and his son Mustafa Gökhan Böcek, and that the luxury cars were transferred in the name of his lover M.K. In the file initiated on July 5, Böcek was arrested and suspended from duty by the Ministry of Interior.

**07: Elazığ** Three detained defendants in the attack case against Sözcü reporter Evren Demirdağ were released. In the attack that took place on October 1, Demirdağ's nose was broken and he was injured in various places. Elazığ 6. The Criminal Court of First Instance and the Juvenile Court decided to try the defendants without detention on the charge of "simple injury" instead of "intentional injury".

- 07: Istanbul** CHP IT Officer O.G.E. was arrested. In the investigation, it was determined that the ballot box data of 11 million 360 thousand voters were matched with personal data in the "HANEM" application of IMM and that these data *"given to members of a criminal organization"* claims. In the investigation carried out since October 24, a total of 21 people were detained and 10 people were arrested.
- 07: Izmir** About Kuşadası Mayor Ömer Günel, Deputy Director of Science Affairs Engin Okay and former Director of Science Affairs Fatma Çanakçı *"Abuse of Office"* A lawsuit was filed on the charge. The indictment was accepted by the Criminal Court of First Instance. A prison sentence of 6 months to 2 years is demanded for the defendants on the allegation that the pier and sunbathing terraces built on the shore were built without a zoning plan.
- 07: Van** The case related to the burning death of five prisoners in the fire that broke out in the prison transport vehicle from Van to Istanbul in 2011 ended in acquittal after 14 years. It was determined that the fire broke out due to maintenance deficiencies in the vehicle and malfunctions after refueling.
- 08: Bursa** A new operation was carried out against the CHP's Nilüfer Municipality. Former municipal council members Ş.O. and A.Ç. and former CHP Nilüfer District Chairman F.Y. were detained. The assets of the suspects were confiscated. In the first operation on October 10, 15 people, including former Nilüfer Mayor Turgay Erdem, were arrested. Within the scope of the investigation, trustees were appointed to 1 company through the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund (SDIF), and the bank and crypto accounts of some suspects were frozen.
- 09: Istanbul** 4 of the 9 young people who protested the explosion at the Ravive Cosmetics factory in Dilovası, where 6 workers, including 3 children, lost their lives, were arrested. In Kadıköy, *"Cause of Death: Holding Powers"* Members of the Youth Committees who wanted to organize a march with the banner were detained. 4 young *"inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* He was arrested on the charge. 7 personnel from SGK and İŞKUR were suspended. It turned out that the complaints made to CIMER were inconclusive.
- 10: Ankara** The Constitutional Court rejected the CHP's request for the annulment of the Parliamentary decision regarding the membership of the Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSK) by a majority of votes. The CHP had argued that the HSK elections were held in violation of Article 159 of the Constitution. The majority of the court ruled that the process of electing HSK members by the Parliament *"working procedures and principles"* stating that it is not about the application. *"Lack of duty"* and 3 votes against.
- 10: Ankara** CHP's 38. Filed with the request for the annulment of the Ordinary Congress, *"Absolute Butlan"* The reasoned decision was announced in the case. 42. Law of First Instance, *"There is no room for a decision because the case is irrelevant"* ruled. The court stated that the behavior of the delegates who allegedly voted in return for benefits at the congress would not affect the validity of the election and that there was no concrete evidence. Thus, the request for annulment of the congress in which CHP Chairman Özgür Özel was elected was rejected.

- 10: Istanbul** BirGün editor Kayhan Ayhan was summoned to testify for reporting on the arrest of Dokuz Eylül University students in Konak due to posters calling for a boycott. Investigations had previously been launched against Ayhan for election irregularities, allegations of violence against villagers and his news about student protests. The journalist is also on trial for damages due to a news report he made in the past.
- 10: Istanbul** In the investigation regarding the insulting post on digital media about İHD Co-Chair Eren Keskin, the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office stated that Keskin's name was not clearly mentioned in the post and that the insult was not directed at a specific person, *"no ground for prosecution"* Decided. Keskin shared the decision on social media and said, *"The prosecutor's office did not see the sexist insult, it considered it freedom of expression"* He reacted by saying.
- 11: Aydin** Burhan Z., who shared images on social media in which he mocked the citizens who stood in silence on the anniversary of Atatürk's death in İncirliova district, *"inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* He was sentenced to house arrest for the crime. In addition, an administrative fine of 20 thousand TL was imposed for driving around on a motorcycle in traffic and taking a video with a mobile phone
- 11: Aydin** Metropolitan Mayor Özlem Çerçioğlu, who switched from CHP to AKP, filed five separate criminal complaints against journalist İsmail Saymaz. Saymaz said in a television program that Baki Nugay said, *"I was asked to deposit money to Aydınspor 1923 Association and the survey company so that the payments would not be delayed."* Reminding that he said, *"Did I call you a bribe? Report the person who gave this statement, not me"* said.
- 11: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that 402 people, including Ekrem İmamoğlu, were arrested *"profit-oriented criminal organization"* carried out He completed the 3,741-page indictment in his investigation and 40. He sent it to the Heavy Penalty. A prison sentence of up to 2,352 years is demanded for İmamoğlu. Four journalists — Ruşen Çakır, Yavuz Oğhan, Şaban Sevinç and Soner Yalçın — *for "knowingly and willingly aiding the organization"* and *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* accusations were made. The prosecutor's office stated that the journalists *"contributed to the PR activities of the organization"* claims. The journalists were detained last week and released without judicial control after their statements were taken.
- 11: Istanbul** Furkan Bölükbaşı, known for his closeness to the AKP, for his comment on his social media account by quoting a post against Erdoğan *"Assassination and actual attack on the President"* He was arrested on the charge. Bölükbaşı, in his post *"Menderes was doomed by his cuteness to Kemalism. I hope the current government of Muslims will put itself in order without suffering the same fate."* used the phrases. Bölükbaşı, who deleted the post after the reactions, later published a statement defending Erdoğan. But the Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation ex officio, Bölükbaşı was arrested and Grok's X account *"National Security"* Access was blocked on the grounds that the
- 11: Istanbul** Cumhuriyet newspaper reporter Ufuk Sepetci was charged with the latest news report published on August 25, 2025, upon the complaint of the Ministry of Family

and Social Policies. *"The government's austerity circulars remained on paper, Turkey overtook Europe in office vehicles"* On the news titled, *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* and *"Insulting a public official on duty"* An investigation was launched on the charges. Sepetci stated that all the data of the news were taken from public official sources, *"I did my journalistic duty, I did not insult anyone"* he said, stating that there were also social media posts in the file that did not belong to him.

**11: Istanbul** Journalist Furkan Karabay was arrested on May 15 for a video he published on YouTube and his social media posts. The journalist, who has been in prison for 181 days, was sentenced to 25. In the detention review made at the High Criminal Court, *"The period of detention is proportionate and judicial control will not be sufficient"* The request for release was rejected.

**11: Izmir** DİSK/Genel-İş Branch executives on the grounds that they participated in the protests after the arrest of Ekrem İmamoğlu *"Insulting the President"* 7. He is being tried at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Lawyer Ercan Demir stated that the audio recordings obtained by the police were against the procedure and said, *"Audio recording violates the privacy of private life, so it cannot be evidence"* said. The court decided to conduct an expert examination and adjourn the hearing to February 5, 2026.

**12: Ankara** In the case of Hazal Delal Gencer, who was targeted and murdered by her neighbors in Polatlı on September 29, 2024, and her husband Vedat Gencer, who was seriously injured, the aggravated life imprisonment sentence given to the perpetrator Hasan Kamyş for the murder of Delal Gencer was converted to life imprisonment by applying a "good behavior reduction". The 14-year sentence given to Vedat Gencer for "attempted intentional murder" was reduced to 11 years with the reduction of "unjust provocation". *"Instigation"* Meryem Kamyş, who is on trial with the accusation, said, *"lack of evidence"* He was acquitted on the grounds that he was acquitted. Family lawyers reacted to the decision by reminding that the attack was planned and that Meryem Kamyş recorded audio to create evidence.

**12: Istanbul** Journalist Perihan Erkılınç Okay, who was arrested on May 2 on charges of "membership in a terrorist organization", was sentenced to 23. He was released on judicial control condition at the first hearing held at the High Criminal Court. Okay was on trial for his social media posts, May 1 calls and witness statements. At the hearing, witness statements, which are the main basis of the indictment, contradicted; Zeki Varol, who was shown as a secret witness, denied the previous allegations, stating that he did not know Okay. Okay, who said that he has celiac and asthma, emphasized that prison conditions negatively affect his health. The court released the defendant with a ban on leaving the country and an obligation to sign. The case was adjourned to February 2, 2026.

**12: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office sent the notification it issued about the CHP to the Chief Prosecutor's Office of the Court of Cassation. In the notification, it was claimed that the CHP abused public resources in its election work, brought assets to the party with the proceeds of crime, processed personal data unlawfully and tried to manipulate the election process. The Chief Prosecutor's Office stated that these allegations should be evaluated within the scope of Articles 68 and 69 of the Constitution and

Articles 101 et seq. of the Law on Political Parties. These articles regulate the possession of illegally obtained assets of political parties and their activities that violate the democratic order as "grounds for closure".

**12: Istanbul** Emrullah Turanlı, the owner of Taşyapı İnşaat, about BirGün columnist Gözde Bedeloğlu *"Insult, slander, dissemination of misleading information and inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* He filed a complaint with the accusations. The investigation opened was carried out by Bedeloğlu in a statement published on September 19, 2025, *"Taşyapı's feet are not touched"*. Turanlı had previously applied to RTÜK due to criticism of the company's projects, and Halk TV was given an administrative fine. It also came to the fore due to bribery allegations against IMM bureaucrats and accusations of "membership in an organization".

**12: Mugla** Environmental activist Haluk Özsoy, after the case in which he was previously acquitted due to the press statement he read at the rally on December 3, 2023, was overturned on appeal, *"Don't humiliate the Turkish nation"* He was sentenced to 5 months in prison for the crime. In the other file against Özsoy, he was acquitted in the case filed due to his speech at the Muğla Metropolitan Municipality Council.

**13: Adana** There has been a restriction order for 10 years in the investigation into the simultaneous bomb attack on the HDP's Adana and Mersin provincial offices on May 18, 2015. Lawyer Tugay Bek stated that no progress has been made in the file, that victims and lawyers are prevented from accessing information, and that this is "the longest restriction decision ever made in a criminal investigation" and that they will apply to be included in the Guinness Book of Records. The images of ISIS member Savaş Yıldız, who was shown as the perpetrator of the attack, were served to the press by the police a day after the incident. Later, when he was captured by the YPG, Yıldız described the attacks in an interview as *"He carried it out on the instructions of MIT"* and there was no official denial of these allegations. Bek emphasized that the restriction decision, which has been going on for 10 years, is contrary to CMK 153, *"Are you waiting for the statute of limitations?"* Asked.

**13: Diyarbakir** Journalist Mehmet Şahin's *"membership in a terrorist organization"* The case in which he was retried with the allegation of 5. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The court decided to continue the 7-year ban on leaving the country and adjourned the hearing to February 17. The 5th High Criminal Court had previously sentenced Şahin to 6 years and 3 months in prison for "membership in a terrorist organization", but the decision was overturned on appeal. He was tried for his news coverage and programs for television channels abroad. The file in the High Criminal Court was merged with the existing case file

**13: Istanbul** The request for release of Gezi Trial detainee Tayfun Kahraman was rejected once again. His wife Meriç Kahraman filed a 32-page objection petition at the Istanbul 14th High Criminal Court. He stated that it was rejected by the High Criminal Court with "2 lines". Lawyer Cansu Çiftçi stated that the court's failure to comply with the Constitutional Court's decision was a clear violation of the constitution and announced that they would apply to the Constitutional Court again. On July 31, 2025, the Constitutional Court ruled that Kahraman's right to a fair trial was violated and

stated that a retrial and release were required, but the local court did not comply with the decision.

- 13: Istanbul** Journalist Rahime Karvar, Istanbul 24. In the case where he was tried at the High Criminal Court *"To help the organization"* He was sentenced to 2 years and 1 month in prison for the crime. While the electronic handcuffs and signature obligation were lifted, the ban on leaving the country continued.
- 13: Istanbul** A lawsuit filed against journalist Sedef Kabaş due to her posts on social media *"Insulting the President"* The 8th hearing of the case was held at Istanbul Anadolu 2. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The court decided to send the file to the Istanbul 36th High Criminal Court. Criminal Court of First Instance and Anadolu 7. Stating that it is related to the cases heard in the Criminal Court of First Instance, he decided to wait for the finalization of the verdicts in these cases. The next hearing is on February 5, 2026.
- 16: Istanbul** The Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against journalist Alican Uludağ on the grounds of 'publicly disseminating misleading information' after he reported on a post by Berk Akand about the Şule Çet case. Şule Çet was killed by being thrown from the 20th floor of a plaza in Ankara, and the defendant Berk Akand was sentenced to 18 years and nine months in prison for this case. Uludağ brought Akand's social media post in September to the agenda.
- 17: Edirne** After the male staff at the Selimiye KYK Girls' Dormitory harassed the students by waiting in front of the dormitory until late at night, writing phone numbers on the bunk beds and entering the private areas of the students, the university students collected signatures and asked the dormitory management to take precautions. Instead of taking action against the harassment, the administration targeted the students who started the petition and asked for a defense. When the harassment allegations became the agenda on social media, the Edirne Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, *"Publicly Disseminating Misleading Information"* launched an investigation against three university students on the charge. The Security Branch questioned whether the students used accounts that announced the harassment. The University Women's Collective called on the management to take responsibility and announced that they would continue the fight against harassment.
- 17: Istanbul** Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya announced that 71 people were detained in the Gülen Community operation carried out this morning in 27 provinces based in Istanbul. It is alleged that the suspects, who were arrested in provinces including Adana, Ankara, Izmir, Konya, Gaziantep and Bursa, were members of the organization, worked in companies belonging to the organization, used secret communication methods and carried out activities at a responsible level in the private structure of the police.
- 17: Istanbul** A new document has emerged in the case where 120 people who wanted to make a press statement in front of Şişli Cevahir AVM were detained on March 27. According to the report submitted to the court by the Security Branch of the Security Directorate, there was no decision of the Istanbul Governor's Office to ban any meetings and demonstrations on the day and in the region of the detentions. At the first hearing, the court asked the Governor's Office whether there was a ban order,

but did not receive an answer. The second hearing of the file, which includes 3 lawyers among the defendants, was held at Istanbul 71st High Criminal Court. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance.

**17: Istanbul** On the 36th day of his detention, academic and political scientist Emrah Gülsunar was sentenced to 51. He was released at the first hearing of the Criminal Court of First Instance. Although the prosecutor requested the continuation of detention, the court released Gülsunar with a ban on leaving the country and adjourned the trial to January 30, 2026.

**18: Agri** In the case filed against Dicle News Agency after it was closed by a state of emergency decree, "*to be a member of an organization*" and "*knowingly and willingly helping the organization*" Journalist Abdullah Kaya' 2. He is on trial at the High Criminal Court. Kaya said in his defense that he was a journalist and that journalism was not a crime. The court ruled to wait for the decision of the Court of Cassation and adjourned the trial to January 22, 2026.

**18: Ankara** The Chief Prosecutor's Office issued simultaneous operations and detention decisions in 9 provinces for 22 suspects within the scope of its investigation into the "private structure" of the Gülen movement within the Land Forces Command. Among the suspects are 5 officers on duty (colonel, captain, first lieutenant), 3 non-commissioned officers on duty, 2 dismissed officers, 4 retired officers, 2 retired non-commissioned officers, 2 dismissed non-commissioned officers, 3 public servants (engineers and teachers) on duty and 1 private sector employee.

**18: Istanbul** Cartoonist Doğan Pehlevan, who has been detained for about 5 months due to a cartoon published in LeMan magazine, "*Insulting the President*" 36. He was released at the hearing at the Criminal Court of First Instance. About Pehlevan 4 days ago, "*Publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" At the first hearing of the case, a decision was made to release him, but Pehlevan could not leave prison because he was detained in the other case. Pehlevan said at the hearing that he did not have an X account, that the tweets shown did not belong to him and that he had never experienced a defamation lawsuit in the past. The prosecutor requested the continuation of detention; The judge, on the other hand, decided to release him with a ban on leaving the country and on the condition of signing once a week. The next hearing is on March 24.

**18: Istanbul** In an interview published on Oct. 6, former AKP MP Hüseyin Kocabıyık spoke about the relations of interest within the AKP and harshly criticized Erdogan. In the interview, Kocabıyık said that Erdoğan "*Çelebi, merciful, poor poor father*" He said that he was a politician, and today he has become a completely different person he cannot recognize; Kocabıyık was detained the next day. Chief Prosecutor's Office, "*Insulting the President*" Within the scope of the investigation he initiated on the charge, he had Kocabıyık detained and arrested at his home in Ankara. Erdoğan is listed as a complainant in the indictment. Kocabıyık said, "*slander*" and "*Insulting the President*" On December 16, Istanbul 46. He will be tried at the Criminal Court of First Instance.

**18: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office announced on October 26, 2025, at the 11th Criminal Court. launched an investigation against women and LGBTI+s who protested the

Judicial Package. We Do Not Give Up Our Civil Rights Campaign Group on the Beşiktaş ferry after the protest that was prevented due to the ban imposed at the last minute in Kadıköy "*No to the 11th Judicial Package*" opened the banner and "*State, take your hands off my body*", "*Femicides are political*" he had shouted slogans. December Feminist Collective drew attention to the demonstrations held in nearly 20 provinces on the same day and the detention and strip search of two women in Istanbul.

**18: Mersin**

Journalist Vedat Örc's "*membership in a terrorist organization*" The case in which he was tried on the charge of 6. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. Örc, the prosecutor's "*by reading intention*" He said he made accusations and reminded that he was unjustly imprisoned for four and a half months. He emphasized that his friends, who were arrested with the same evidence, were acquitted, but his own trial continues. The prosecutor stated that the examination of the digital materials was not completed and requested the continuation of judicial control measures. Örc said that although he has been openly sharing all his information for eleven months, the ban on leaving the country has not been lifted, and that this is a pressure to remove the journalist from his profession, and demanded that the ban be lifted, saying, "Freedom of travel is as indispensable as a pen for a journalist." The court decided to investigate the fate of the digital materials and to continue the international travel ban on Örc, adjourning the case to January 8, 2026.

**18: Şanlıurfa**

Journalist Hamdullah Bayram, 2. In Heavy Penalty "*being a member of an organization*" He was sentenced to 7 years and 6 months in prison and released. Bayram was detained and arrested in March 2023 as part of an investigation conducted by the Ankara Chief Prosecutor's Office, and was later re-arrested for allegedly violating judicial control conditions on the grounds of a ban on leaving the country. The file was overturned during the appeal process and sent to Urfa for retrial.

**19: Istanbul**

In the indictment prepared against 27 people, including Zeki D., the chairman of the board of directors of HAKMAR and TATBAK companies, for allegedly providing financial support to the Gülen movement, it was stated that "*membership in an organization*" and "*Financing of terrorism*" A prison sentence of up to 28 years and 3 months was demanded for the other 12 people, and up to 15 years for the other 12 people. Zeki D.'s '*Gaybubet Houses*' It was stated that he covered the expenses of the defendants, provided assistance to the families of the defendants and had intense contact records with the organization.

**19: Istanbul**

Regarding the purchase of the CHP Provincial Presidency building, "*money counting images*" In the case of 22 defendants tried in the file, the court decided to write to the Presidency of the Constitutional Court and ask about the fate of the CHP's financial audit in 2019. In the indictment, it is stated that the money in the footage belongs to the purchase of 14 immovable properties in Sarıyer Ayazağa by the CHP on December 11, 2019 for 24 million 369 thousand TL. It is also being investigated whether the donations were made in accordance with the Law on Political Parties and whether receipts were issued. A prison sentence of 6 months to 1 year is demanded for 22 people, including former CHP executives and mayors, among the defendants. The next hearing is on April 15, 2026.

- 19: Istanbul** In the corruption investigation against Bayrampaşa Municipality Baytaş A.Ş. Chairman of the Board of Directors Selim Mataracı was arrested.
- 19: Sakarya** The 3rd Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced conscientious objector Ersan Uğur Gör to 4 months in prison on the grounds that he was absent from attendance between April 16, 2022 and March 20, 2023. The sentence was reduced to 2 months and 15 days with reductions and the announcement of the verdict was deferred. Gör was sentenced to a total of 16 months and 20 days in prison for the same crime in 2023, but his sentence was converted to money.
- 20: Batman** The case where journalist Mehmet Üçar faces up to 15 years in prison on the charge of "being a member of an illegal organization" will be held at Batman 2nd High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The court decided to continue the travel ban imposed on Üçar and adjourned the trial to February 12, 2026. Üçar was detained on November 26, 2024, as part of an Eskişehir-based investigation and was released under judicial control at the first hearing after 225 days of detention.
- 20: Dersim** In the report, which was given at the end of the investigation carried out by the civil inspectors regarding the illegal recruitment of workers in Tunceli Municipality in the 2019-2024 period, it is stated that TKP Mayor Fatih Mehmet Maçoğlu hired 145 workers without making an announcement and without applying official procedures, and that this caused public damage equivalent to 84 percent of the municipality's revenue. Upon the criminal complaint made to the Chief Prosecutor's Office, 86 million 620 thousand TL was embezzled from Maçoğlu. Maçoğlu's objection to the decision was rejected by Deputy Mayor Şefik Aygöl. It was reported that İŞKUR imposed an administrative fine of 500 thousand TL on the company affiliated to the municipality due to irregular purchases in the same period.
- 20: Istanbul** T24 writer Tolga Şardan's "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" and "*Public humiliation of the judicial organs of the state*" The case, in which he was tried with a request of up to five years in prison, was held at the 2nd High Criminal Court. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Şardan, "*The judicial report submitted by MIT to the Presidency*" was arrested and released from Silivri Prison five days later. The next hearing is on April 30
- 20: Istanbul** The case against Mezopotamya Agency reporters Esra Solin Dal, Mehmet Aslan and journalist Erdoğan Alayumat is being heard at the 25th High Criminal Court. It continues in Ağırceza. The new indictment, prepared with the statements of the secret witness "K8Ç4B3L1T5", was merged with the existing file. The court adjourned the trial to January 22, 2026, for Aslan's defense to be taken.
- 21: Istanbul** 45. The Civil Court of First Instance did not accept the request of the CHP lawyers for the dismissal of the case in the file regarding the appointment of a trustee to the CHP Istanbul Provincial Chairmanship. The court stated that the trustee decision would be re-evaluated between the sessions and adjourned the hearing to February 27. CHP Istanbul Provincial Chairman Özgür Çelik announced that they had made an individual application to the Constitutional Court about the file and stated that the process violated constitutional rights.
- 21: Eskişehir** After the poster circulating on social media claiming that an entertainment "party"

would be held in the city, the person who shared the post was detained, and an investigation was launched into the source of the post.

- 22: Ankara** The Ministry of Interior has filed a lawsuit against Ankara Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Mansur Yavaş and Chief of Staff Nevzat Uzunoğlu for allegations regarding concert expenses. *"Abuse of Office"* and *"neglect of inspection duty"*. In addition, the municipality's distribution of free soup in front of hospitals and near the university was also included in the investigation. Yavaş will appeal to the Council of State. In the investigation file, there is a claim of 154 million liras of public damage related to ABB's 32 concert service procurement; The indictment against 14 people, 5 of whom are detained, was filed at Ankara 34th High Criminal Court. It was accepted by the Heavy Penalty.
- 22: Şanlıurfa** A confidentiality order was issued in the investigation into the death of 15-year-old child worker Muhammed Kendirci as a result of torture with an air compressor. The perpetrator of the incident, journeyman Habip Aksoy, was first released and re-arrested after the reactions, which caused a great reaction in the public. Chief Prosecutor's Office *"For the purpose of joking"* His statement was also criticized. Lawyers were prevented from accessing the file due to a confidentiality order.
- 23: Cyprus** In Northern Cyprus, journalist Pinar Barut and her editor-in-chief Özgür Gazete were targeted with heavy threatening messages sent via US-linked SIM cards. In Messages *"We will burn your newspaper"*, *"1 million dollars per head"*, *"Your blood is halal to us"*, *"Bullets will be discussed"* There were statements such as. The messages were sent with the nickname of Doğukan Çep, the instigator of Sinan Ateş's murder, with the signature "Dodo". The security did not follow the incident. Basın-Sen and KTGB called on the authorities to take immediate action, emphasizing that condemnation alone is insufficient and that increasing threats against journalists have turned the country into a "hitman's paradise".
- 24: Mardin** About JİNNEWS News Director Öznur Değer and journalist Osman Akın for reporting on the criminal complaint filed against Kızıltepe Gendarmerie Commando Battalion Commander Kamil Aksoy, who allegedly tortured during a house raid in Nusaybin district *"Targeting"* A lawsuit was filed with the claim. The indictment prepared by the Chief Prosecutor's Office was filed at the 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance with the argument that the news was not within the scope of freedom of the press. It was accepted by the Heavy Penalty.
- 24: Istanbul** CHP Chairman Özgür Özel was sentenced to 20th Criminal Court of First Instance upon the complaint of Chief Prosecutor Akın Gürlek for his remarks at the Gaziosmanpaşa rally. In the case filed at the Law of First Instance, Özel's statements *"Attack on personal rights"* 150 thousand TL non-pecuniary damages were awarded. Özgür Özel at the rally, *"Akın, you hit the hard rock... Don't let me get upset, we will gather so that we do not disperse"* used the phrases.
- 25: Ankara** Trans woman activist Janset Kalan shared a post on a social media account that does not belong to her. *"His legs and cleavage are visible"* He was sentenced to 5 months in prison and a judicial fine of 400 TL for a photograph. 48. Criminal Court of First Instance, decision *"obscenity"* deferred the announcement of the verdict. Kalan

stated that on the same day, he saw another trans woman being tried on the same charge, that there were more than 100 files filed against trans women in Ankara alone, that the decision defined a crime based on the female body and that the process was political. Her lawyer Nergiz Görnaz stated that the virtual patrol application systematically targets trans women and that the investigations are carried out with irregular procedures.

**25: Diyarbakir** Journalist Abdurrahman Gök, who photographed the murder of Kemal Kurkut by the police, "*membership in a terrorist organization*" and "*Propaganda of a terrorist organization*" 5. His trial continues at the High Criminal Court. In his defense, Gök said that the essence of the trial was that he took photos of Kurkut and that the statements of secret witnesses did not reflect the truth. The secret witness claimed that he "reported in favor of the organization", but Gök emphasized that the Mezopotamya Agency was founded in 2018 and that he last went to Syria in 2017. The court decided to continue the ban on leaving the country and to reject the identification requests. The next hearing is scheduled for February 26, 2026.

**25: Istanbul** The indictment against 402 people, 105 of whom were arrested, in the Metropolitan Municipality investigation was accepted by the 40th Criminal Court. It was accepted by the Heavy Penalty. For Ekrem İmamoğlu "*Founder and leader of the organization*" and a prison sentence of up to 2430 years is demanded. To İmamoğlu *bribery, bid rigging, fraud, unlawful use of personal data, concealment of criminal evidence* 142 actions such as these are imputed. The prosecutor's office also claimed that the CHP used personal data improperly and stated that the file would be sent to the Chief Prosecutor's Office of the Court of Cassation. The indictment also included allegations of money relations against journalists Ruşen Çakır, Yavuz Oğhan, Şaban Sevinç and Soner Yalçın; The journalists denied the accusations.

**25: Istanbul** BirGün columnist Zafer Arapkirli, due to his social media post "*Insulting the President*" 60. He is being tried at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The lawsuit was filed upon a denunciation made by journalist Cem Küçük on X. In his defense, Arapkirli stated that the case was political and said, "There is a denunciation here, but there is no crime." His lawyers stated that there was a note in the file that was thought to belong to the prosecutor, "The crime is too forced, should we take a statement?"; He said that this note was removed from the file when it was noticed. The lawyers argued that Article 299 of the TCK contradicts the political system and that the ECtHR case-law is in this direction. The intervention request of President Erdoğan's lawyer was accepted. The hearing was adjourned to January 13, 2026.

**25: Istanbul** İlker Canıklıgil, the founder of Flu TV, was sentenced to 2 years and 2 months in prison in the case where he was tried on charges of "publicly inciting to commit a crime" and "publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility" due to his statements on his YouTube broadcast. 31. The court of first instance postponed the sentence for 5 years and deferred the announcement of the verdict. Canıklıgil was arrested on March 26 and released on May 7.

- 25: Tunceli** Kamil Murat Demir, who announced his conscientious objection in 2018, "*Roll call evader*", Tunceli 1. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison by the Criminal Court of First Instance. The court ruled that Demir "*Criminal Personality*" and "*criminal past*" did not apply a reduction or postponement in the sentence. With the 21-month prison sentence given to Demir for the same crime in October, his total sentence increased to 37 months. In the decision, the declaration of conscientious objection was not accepted as a legal excuse. The file will be sent to the Erzurum Regional Court of Justice for appeal review.
- 26: Istanbul** Journalist Fatih Altaylı was sentenced to four years and two months in prison in the case where he was tried for allegedly threatening President Erdoğan. Istanbul 26. The Heavy Penalty ruled for the continuation of Altaylı's detention. Altaylı reacted to the decision and left the hall. European Parliament Turkey Rapporteur Nacho Sanchez Amor and representatives from various political parties reacted to the decision. Altaylı was arrested on the same day for his remarks in a YouTube broadcast on June 20.
- 26: Istanbul** The Regional Administrative Court upheld the Istanbul Governor's decision not to grant permission for an investigation in the application filed by lawyer Bilge Ocakcioğlu on the grounds that she was beaten by the police during the March 23 protest in Saraçhane. In the governor's investigation, those responsible were not identified on the grounds that "the images were low resolution and the helmet numbers of the police officers could not be selected". The court stated that there was not enough concrete evidence for a criminal investigation. Ocakcioğlu's lawyers, "*Prohibition of torture and ill-treatment*" and "*Effective investigation*" He will take the decision to the Constitutional Court, saying that his right has been violated.
- 26: N. Marash** Duman vocalist Kaan Tangöze's concert at Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University on November 19 "*We have the axes in our hands, the zoning is in our pockets. We go to the forest, hey to the forest*" His comment created intense debate on social media. An investigation was launched against Tangoze. In a statement, the university administration stated that the event took place only by renting a hall to an organization company, and that they should be held responsible for the content. "*A malicious distortion*" He said. In the statement, it was emphasized that the university is committed to national and moral values and that no insult against state officials will be accepted.
- 27: Batman** The case against journalist Şerife Oruç, which has been going on since 2016 with the allegation of "membership in a terrorist organization", was held at the 2nd High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. At the hearing, where no defense was made, the court decided to wait for the execution of the arrest warrant issued in the previous hearing and to eliminate the deficiencies in the file. The next hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2026.
- 27: Bursa** The prison sentence of 1 year, 10 months and 15 days given to journalist Ozan Kaplanoğlu for reporting on the press statement against the Afrin Operation in Bursa in 2018 has been finalized. Hasan Özaydın, the provincial chairman of the Labor Party at the time, was arrested for the statement, and Kaplanoğlu was detained for five days. 10. Heavy Penalty, Kaplanoğlu "*Propaganda of a terrorist organization*" and

Özaydın was acquitted. The sentence was upheld after the appeal process was completed. Kaplanoğlu will go to prison.

**27: Diyarbakir** Yeni Yaşam newspaper employee Hatice Şahin's "*to be a member of an organization*" The case in which he was tried with the allegation of 9. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The defendant's previous prison sentence of 6 years and 3 months on the same charge was overturned by the appeal. His lawyer emphasized that the report in the file was "abstract" and that there was no law enforcement determination to link it to his client. The court adjourned the trial to May 5, 2026. Şahin was detained in 2018 as part of the DTK investigation, and the indictment cited secret witness statements and interviews with news sources as evidence. The sentence of 6 years and 3 months given in 2022 was overturned by the appeal on the grounds of other ongoing investigations against Şahin, and the retrial began

**27: Istanbul** Bar Association Board Member Fırat Epözdemir "*being a member of an organization*" and "*making propaganda for an organization*" allegations of the 24. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The prosecutor demanded Epözdemir's acquittal for propaganda and punishment for "membership in a terrorist organization". The next hearing is on January 29, 2026.

**27: Istanbul** "*Urban Reconciliation*" Within the scope of the investigation, "*membership in an organization*" The case of the municipal administrators and council members who were tried with the allegation of the 23. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The prosecutor only demanded the continuation of Sancaktepe Municipality Council Member Elif Gül's detention and the release of other detainees. The court decided to release 8 politicians upon the request of the prosecutor. The detention of Sancaktepe Municipality Council Member Elif Gül and Beyoğlu Municipality Council Member Turabi Şen will continue. The case was adjourned to February 18, 2026.

**27: Istanbul** Eight journalists who followed the protests that started with the detention of Ekrem İmamoğlu were sentenced to 62. In the case held at the Criminal Court of First Instance, the entrance to the courthouse was restricted by the verbal order of Chief Prosecutor Akın Gürlek, and many citizens and journalists were not allowed in. The prosecutor emphasized that the right to assembly and demonstration is a constitutional right and requested the acquittal of all defendants. The court complied with the prosecutor's opinion and all eight journalists "*the loaded verb is not fixed*" He was acquitted on the grounds that he was acquitted.

**27: Istanbul** Journalists Elfazi Toral, Sema Korkmaz and Edanur Baydoğan's "*Opposition to the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations*" The case in which he was tried with the allegation of Anadolu 25. It started at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Elfazi Toral, who stated that he followed the press statement in his defense, said that he was beaten during the police intervention even though he stated his press ID. The complainant continued his police complaint. The court adjourned the trial to April 14, 2026, for Edanur Baydoğan to be present.

**27: Istanbul** City planner Tayfun Kahraman, who was detained in the Gezi Park case, applied to the Constitutional Court for the second time for the implementation of the violation decision of the Constitutional Court. He said that the application was not only about

the demand for individual freedom, but also about the rule of law and the binding nature of higher court decisions.

- 27: Istanbul** The lawsuit filed against journalist Hasan Cemal on the grounds of his article published in T24 on January 16, 2016 "*insulting the president*" case, 45. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Jamal, "*I didn't come here to defend myself; I am here because I defend peace and truth*" Said. The 11 months and 20 days prison sentence given in 2017 was overturned by the Supreme Court. The court decided to send the file to the competent court so that action can be taken in line with the reversal decision.
- 27: Mersin** HDP co-chair Selahattin Demirtaş in a chain "*Insulting the President*" and a request for a prison sentence of up to 7 years. The case filed in the Criminal Court of First Instance continues. The court combined the cases related to the two speeches in Mersin and Diyarbakır; He rejected the request to merge the Ankara and Mardin files. The complainant's lawyer demanded a separate sentence for each action. The court decided to continue Demirtaş's current status and adjourned the trial to January 6, 2026.
- 28: Istanbul** Journalist Şirin Payzın told her on social media "*We need to destroy this shilling, let's give the biggest punishment*" He announced that the lawsuit he filed against the person was rejected by the court. Payzın, these statements of the court "*he does not see it within the scope of threats and insults*" Said.
- 28: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against bianet editor Tuğçe Yılmaz under Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code for her news about an interview with Armenian youth from Turkey. The 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance accepted the indictment and set the first hearing for December 2 at 14.30. Yılmaz, in his news "*Humiliating the state and its institutions*" He will be tried on the charge.
- 29: Sinop** A retired non-commissioned officer shared the message of Mahir Çayan and his friends on his Facebook account. "*With gratitude in front of his memories*" was sentenced to a judicial fine of 920 TL for 46 days. The prosecutor's office stated these posts in the indictment. "*MLKP terrorist organization propaganda*" Singled out; The court, on the other hand, sentenced Mahir Çayan in its decision. "*MLKP militant*" and changed the nature of the crime and changed the nature of the crime under Article 215 of the Turkish Penal Code. "*Praising the crime and the criminal*" and increased the sentence on the grounds of chain crime. In his dissenting opinion, a judge argued that the posts fell within the scope of freedom of expression and that the defendant should be acquitted. The defendant's lawyer Tacettin Çolak stated that Mahir Çayan was not the MLKP but the leader of the THKP-C in 1972, and that "it is not possible to make propaganda for an organization that does not exist and to praise a criminal that does not exist", and that the decision was against the procedure and the law, and appealed to the Samsun Regional Court of Justice.
- 30: Istanbul** The trial of journalists Elfazi Toral, Sema Korkmaz and Edanur Baydoğan on charges of "violating Law No. 2911" started at the 25th Criminal Court of First Instance. Toral said that he followed the press statement at the scene, was subjected to police intervention even though he was with his press card and camera, and that he was

beaten in the detention vehicle. The court adjourned the case to April 14, 2026, for Edanur Baydoğan to be brought to the hearing.

**30: Istanbul** Tansu Ayperi Varol after quoting a video created with artificial intelligence on social media "*Threatening the President*" He was detained on the charge. The depiction of Atatürk in the video criticized President Erdoğan for his economic management. In his post, Varol said that Atatürk in such a situation "*He will solve the issue from the root*" Wrote. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that Varol was caught and detained in Bursa

**30: Şanlıurfa** The trial of fugitive perpetrators Deniz Büyükçelebi and İlhami Bali regarding the 33 people who lost their lives in the ISIS attack in Suruç in 2015 continues at the 5th High Criminal Court. Efe Çatalbaş, who survived the injury, said that all aspects of the attack, including those politically responsible, should be investigated and demanded that the Prime Minister of the time, Ahmet Davutoğlu, be heard. The court rejected the requests, requested an additional expert report on the missing footage, and adjourned the trial to May 8, 2026.

## OTHER PRACTICES

**01: Hatay** Ali İsmail Korkmaz Foundation (ALIKEV) did not receive a response from the Hatay Governor's Office to its fundraising campaign application to participate in the Istanbul Marathon. For this reason, the foundation could not participate in the 47th Istanbul Marathon of Türkiye İş Bankası. ALIKEV, whose building in Hatay was destroyed in the earthquake, aimed to collect 3 million 298 thousand liras in donations to provide scholarships to 174 students this year. However, when there is no permission from the governor's office, he tries to pursue his goal with individual donations.

**04: Ankara** Hacettepe University Rectorate launched an investigation into the boycotts held after March 19 and the students who attended the opening of the Youth Film Festival. The students are accused of shouting slogans, writing "boycott" in front of the cafeteria and participating in the festival opening event. A total of 1.5 years of suspension, one semester for each, is demanded on three separate charges. Student Collectives stated that the investigations target the search for democratic rights on campus, and pointed out that no investigation has been opened about the attacks carried out by machete-wielding groups.

**04: Ankara** Following Bilal Erdoğan's news about the TÜGVA Turkey Youth Foundation, journalist Serdar Akinan's X account and YouTube channel were blocked. It was not shared under which decision the access ban was implemented.

**05: Istanbul** It was learned that the diplomatic passport of Ekrem İmamoğlu's wife Dilek İmamoğlu was canceled. CHP Chairman Özgür Özel announced that Dilek İmamoğlu was planning to go abroad and receive an award given to Ekrem İmamoğlu, but was warned that his passport would be canceled.

**05: Istanbul** The objection of the CHP Headquarters against the appointment of a trustee to the Istanbul Provincial Presidency was rejected by the Regional Court of Justice. Thus, it

became certain that Gürsel Tekin would continue his duty as a trustee. The decision was based on the precautionary suspension of the administration after the CHP Istanbul Provincial Congress. Although Özgür Çelik was re-elected at the congress, the court ruled that the injunction would be valid until the appeal process was concluded.

**05: Mardin** Mardin Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Ahmet Türk was acquitted of the case that led to his suspension. While he is expected to return to office, the Ministry of Interior extended the term of office of Mardin Governor and trustee Tuncay Akkoyun for another two months.

**06: Ankara** One of the X accounts shared by Etkin News Agency (ETHA) was blocked. The agency announced that it will broadcast on its new account, @etkinhbrajansi5, after its sixth account was blocked from Turkey. ETHA's accounts, which were previously closed to access, were restored by the decisions of the Erzurum Criminal Court of Peace and BTK. "*National security*" and "*public order*" It was prevented for reasons. The agency reiterated its determination to continue its broadcasts despite the 7th access block.

**06. Kocaeli** Journalist Alican Uludağ's post stating that a seven-storey building in Kocaeli's Gebze district collapsed due to metro construction and that there was negligence on the part of the authorities, "*Protection of national security and public order*" access was blocked on the grounds of With the decision of the Gebze Criminal Court of Peace dated November 4, 2025, the post was prevented from being seen from Turkey by X.

**07: Ankara** The term of the trustee management, which has been working at the Turkish Aeronautical Association (THK) since 2019, has been extended for another two years. The board of trustees requested a postponement on the grounds that if the general assembly is held in November 2025, the institution will "experience administrative and economic weakness". Ankara 9. The Civil Court of Peace adjourned the general assembly to November 2027 with its decision dated October 17, 2025.

**07: Kocaeli** A disciplinary investigation was opened against the students who participated in the protest against the allegations that Res. Asst. Dr. A.A. harassed their students at Kocaeli University Philosophy Department. The Dean's Office of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences sent a letter dated October 20 to the students. "*Disrupting the disciplinary order*" He called for the defense with the claim. Students criticized the university's targeting of students, not allegations of harassment. Eğitim-Sen Kocaeli Branch, on the other hand, announced that both university and union investigations are being carried out against Dr. A.A., and that his membership will be suspended if the allegations are confirmed.

**08: Istanbul** The Human Rights Association (IHD) Istanbul Branch Prisons Commission organized the 711th Prison Conference to draw attention to the situation of sick prisoners. In the "F Sitting" protest, he brought the situation of seriously ill prisoner Yakup Akman, who is held in Marmara Campus Prison, to the agenda. It was stated that Akman, who had permanent burns on his body due to the fire he suffered as a child, had difficulty breathing and swallowing, and that the prison conditions made his treatment impossible. Mother "*My son's wounds are infected, he has difficulty breathing, he is not even given creams*" and demanded that he be released for treatment.

**10: Ankara** While slogans were shouted in favor of President Erdoğan at Anıtkabir during the

November 10 ceremonies, officials attacked a group of young people who wanted to recite "Our Oath" *"This is a grave, be respectful"* he intervened. A similar situation occurred on October 29.

- 10: Ankara** Access to the X (Twitter) account of journalist Umut Eken, who was arrested as part of the illegal betting operation announced by the Turkish Football Federation, was blocked. Eken, *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* He was arrested on the charge.
- 10: Ankara** The 11th International Symposium held at Hacettepe University Beytepe Campus in April 2025. Screened at the Youth Film Festival *"Ali: Free World in His Dreams"* A disciplinary investigation was opened against a student due to the incidents that took place during the documentary. Although it was stated that there was no evidence in the investigation file, the university administration *"One semester suspension"* He demanded that he be punished with a penalty. Student *"Ali İsmail's spirit will continue to live on in universities"* He said that he was investigated for what he said, and that his right to defense was violated without showing him any evidence.
- 10: Ankara** DEM Party Van Deputy Gülderen Varlı brought the allegations of negligence regarding the disappearance and death of Rojin Kabaiş to the agenda of the Parliament. Varlı drew attention to the interventions in the justice protests on the Yüzüncü Yıl campus and said, *"Some police officers sent friend requests to female students on social media after the protest"* He announced that there are allegations in this direction.
- 10: Elazığ** Release of Emin Güler, a 94 percent disabled prisoner held in R Type Prison, *"He did not regret it"* It was postponed for three months. However, the Elazığ Execution Judgeship accepted the objection, stating that the board did not have the authority to decide in this direction. The High Criminal Court also finalized the decision. Güler was not released for 19 days despite the court decision. According to İHD data, at least 8,500 prisoners have been executed since 2021. *not being in good behavior"* It was postponed on the grounds that it was postponed.
- 11: Ankara** RTÜK President Mehmet Daniş warned media outlets about the military cargo plane that crashed on the Georgian-Azerbaijani border, *"Information and statements made outside of official authorities should not be relied upon, only the statements of the competent authorities should be taken into account"* said. He also asked that the crime scene footage not be published.
- 12: Ankara** Students at Ankara University were subjected to systematic attacks by a group of Grey Wolves that lasted for a week. 4 students walking from Cebeci Campus to the metro were attacked on Monday. The next day, a group of about 30 nationalists blockaded the school yard and attacked the students again. Students were battered, one student's tooth was broken.
- 12: Istanbul** KRT TV boss Firat Bozfirat filed a complaint against journalists who reported on the actions of employees who have not been paid for months and criticism of the management. Bozfirat invited journalists to *"violation of the privacy of private life", "unlawful transfer and acquisition of data", "disturbing peace and tranquility"* and

- "inciting the public to hatred and hostility"*. BirGün Editor-in-Chief Sefer Selçuk Özbek, BirGün Editor-in-Chief Gökay Başcan and T24 Editor-in-Chief Candan Yıldız testified.
- 13: Ankara** CHP's imprisoned Presidential Candidate Ekrem İmamoğlu's statement on the X platform *"Presidential Candidate Office"* account was blocked. In the announcement on the EngelliWeb account of the Freedom of Expression Association, the account *"Protection of national security and public order"* It was stated that access was blocked and the decision was communicated to internet service providers. İmamoğlu's personal X account was previously blocked for the same reason.
- 13: Edirne** The request for release of former Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality Co-Mayor Selçuk Mızraklı, who was arrested after a trustee was appointed in his place, was rejected once again. Edirne F Type Prison Administration and Observation Board made the application for probation/release *"Not having a statement that he left the terrorist organization"* He did not accept it on the grounds that he did not accept it. Similar reasons were included in previous rejection decisions.
- 13: Istanbul** The Anatolian Criminal Court of Peace on Duty decided to block access to the social media account named *"Ultimatum"* upon the request of the Chief Prosecutor's Office. Investigation *"Publicly Disseminating Misleading Information"* It was initiated due to the crime.
- 13: Kocaeli** 3 of the Kocaeli University students, who were investigated for participating in the March 19 protests, were sentenced to *"indefinite removal"* was sentenced. Dormitory Services Directorate affiliated to the Provincial Directorate of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, *The issue "concerns the police"* He stated that he could not give information on the grounds and stated that the practice was in accordance with the General Directorate Disciplinary Regulation.
- 14: Ankara** The news report of TELE2, which was established after the appointment of a trustee to TELE1, regarding the allegation that unqualified appointments were made at Anadolu Agency, was blocked on the grounds of *"protection of national security and public order"*. TELE1 Editor-in-Chief Merdan Yanardağ was arrested on October 27, along with IMM President Ekrem İmamoğlu and İmamoğlu's election campaign director Necati Özkan. On October 24, the day Yanardağ was detained, a trustee was appointed to TELE1 by the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund, and a day after the announcement, a group of journalists at TELE1 resigned en masse and announced that they would continue their broadcasts on *"Tele2 News"*. Tele2's *"Unmerited promotions infuriated employees at AA"* and the news titled *"Protection of national security and public order"* access was blocked on the grounds of
- 14: Ankara** The Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office's decision of *"non-prosecution"* for threats and insults against Human Rights Association (IHD) Co-Chair Eren Keskin was brought to the agenda of the Parliament. The prosecutor's office announced that the sexist, hateful and targeting threatening messages made about Eren Keskin on social media *"freedom of expression"* evaluated within the scope; In addition, it is not clear that the insulting words used are directed at a specific person, so *"the condition of innocence is not met"* expressed his opinion. DEM Party Spokesperson Ayşegül Doğan brought the non-investigation of these threatening and

insulting posts against Keskin to the Turkish Grand National Assembly. Doğan submitted a written question to the Parliament with the request of the Minister of Justice, Yılmaz Tunç, to answer.

- 14: Ankara** News about the allegation that unqualified appointments were made at Anadolu Agency, "*Protection of national security and public order*" access was blocked on the grounds of
- 14: Istanbul** Ekrem İmamoğlu Presidential Candidate Office X account "*protection of national security and public order*" Istanbul 10. Access was blocked by the decision of the Criminal Court of Peace. After this block, the account name was changed to CBADayOfisi1. The new username (CBADayOfisi1) used by the Ekrem İmamoğlu Presidential Candidate Office was also blocked in the same way and the decision was communicated to internet service providers. Ekrem İmamoğlu's personal X account with 9.7 million followers was again suspended by İ8. Access was blocked by the decision of the Criminal Court of Peace, and the X platform made the account invisible from Turkey.
- 15: Ankara** Bilkent University Women's Studies Society received a warning from the dean's office for organizing a march on campus after the murder of Rojin Kabaiş. The Dean's Office stated that the march was an unapproved event and that it would suspend it again. The community said that the dean called them for a meeting, used insulting expressions and tried to prevent the protest.
- 15: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office in IMM "*Corruption*" After the indictment he prepared regarding his allegations "*Istanbul Indictment*" The website and X account that published its content were previously made invisible from Turkey. 6. Criminal Judgeship of Peace, "*istanbuliddianamesi.com*" means the domain name and "*istanbuliddianamesi.com/tr*" website "*Protection of national security and public order*" blocked access on the grounds that it was blocked.
- 16: Istanbul** Ekrem İmamoğlu Presidential Candidate Office X account, 10. Access to the Criminal Judgeship of Peace was blocked. The account was first moved to the name of CBADayOfisi1 and then to CBADayOfisi11; however, both of these accounts were blocked again on November 14 and 16. İmamoğlu's main account with 9,7 million followers is also in April, and his international account is "*National security and public order*" in May access was blocked on the grounds that it was blocked.
- 17: Istanbul** The 8th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to the news and social media posts about Sabah columnist Hilal Kaplan on the grounds of "privacy of private life". Kaplan applied to the court to remove the news about the divorce process from Süheyb Öğüt, 7. The Criminal Judgeship of Peace rejected this request. Evaluating Kaplan's objection, the 8. The Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to 1605 internet content mentioned in the decision. On January 10, 2024, the Constitutional Court ruled that the article enabling access blocking decisions was unconstitutional, but the decision was postponed until after the election.
- 17: Istanbul** Ekrem İmamoğlu Presidential Candidate Office X account was blocked three times on November 13, 14 and 16. On November 13, the account called CBADayOfisi was launched on the 10th anniversary. It was blocked by the decision of the Criminal

Judgeship of Peace. The account name was changed to CBADayOfisi1 on November 14, but this account was also blocked for the same reason. On November 16, the account was moved to the name CBADayOfisi11, but this account was also blocked again. Previously, İmamoğlu's personal account with 9.7 million followers was published on April 24, 2025, 8. Access was blocked by the decision of the Criminal Court of Peace and made invisible from Turkey by X. The X platform made the account with 338 thousand followers invisible from Turkey today.

**17: Istanbul** Bakırköy 13. Heavy Penalty was held in Bayrampaşa Prison on December 19, 2000. *"Back to Life"* The court dropped the trial against 39 privates and 157 ranking soldiers on the grounds that the extraordinary statute of limitations of 22 years and 6 months had expired. Güçlü Sevimli, one of the co-plaintiffs' lawyers, said that the statute of limitations is not possible, that it is the responsibility of the judiciary to keep the file waiting for 10 years until the lawsuit is filed, and stated that they will follow the decision in the Supreme Court with an appeal. In the operation, 12 people lost their lives and 29 people were injured in Bayrampaşa Prison.

**17: Istanbul** Cevdet Ertürkmen, who was appointed as a trustee to replace the elected mayor Resul Emrah Şahan in Şişli, fired 9 workers, including city planners, on November 14. Workers said that Şahan's *"Şişli's Canal Istanbul"*. Workers protested in front of the municipality building today; DİSK supported the protest together with the CHP and DEM Party, and the riot police formed a shield in front of the municipality building. CHP Şişli District Chairman Canercan Kartal said that the workers were dismissed for political reasons because they attended the anti-Taşyapı meeting, filed a lawsuit for labor receivables and were CHP members. *"Political massacre and intimidation operation"* He described it as.

**18: Edirne** In Selimiye KYK Girls' Dormitory, university students collected signatures and asked the dormitory management to take measures after the male staff harassed the students by writing their phone numbers on the bunk beds, waiting in front of the dormitory until late at night, and entering their private spaces. Instead of reacting to the harassment, the administration targeted the students who started the petition and asked for a defense. When the harassment allegations became a hot topic on social media, the Chief Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against three university students. *"Publicly Disseminating Misleading Information"* He launched an investigation on the charge.

**18: Istanbul** IHD Istanbul Branch Prisons Commission, *"Financing terrorism"* held a protest in front of the association building for the release of seriously ill prisoner Hatice Onaran, who has been held in Gebze Women's Closed Prison since October 10, 2024. IHD Istanbul Branch Manager Mehmet Acettin said that Onaran's health condition worsened due to prison conditions and that it was determined that his cancer values were high during the hospital examination. Acettin emphasized that sending money to prisoners is not a crime and demanded the immediate release of Hatice Onaran.

**18: Kocaeli** A student staying at Samiha Ayverdi Student Dormitory on Kocaeli University Umuttepe Campus was evicted from the dormitory. On November 13, three students staying in Gazi Süleymanpaşa KYK Dormitory were also expelled from the dormitory.

According to the information obtained by Sendika.Org, the Kocaeli Provincial Security Directorate flagged at least nine people who participated in the protests that took place on March 19 and reported them to the Kocaeli Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports on March 27, 2025; The dormitory administrations where the students stayed started disciplinary proceedings against these names. Article 24, subparagraph f of the Regulation defines behaviors contrary to the state characteristics in the Constitution, participation in ideological or politically motivated demonstrations and opening banners as reasons for expulsion from the country. However, the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations gives citizens the right to peaceful protests and demonstrations. According to the news, while the activities of structures close to the government such as the Ensar Foundation, TÜGVA and AKP Youth Branches continued smoothly in many KYK dormitories, students who participated in protests within the scope of their constitutional rights faced disciplinary penalties and expulsion decisions from the dormitory.

- 21: Istanbul** The lawyers of the Istanbul University Rectorate applied to the Istanbul Press Prosecutor's Office to block access to a link to a news article about Ekrem İmamoğlu's diploma. However, when the "medyaradar.net" address was added to the list next to the link in the petition, the site was completely closed on November 14. Medyaradar's objections were first rejected by the 6th and 7th Criminal Courts. It was rejected by the Criminal Courts of Peace. Thereupon, the site applied to the prosecutor's office again. Upon the prosecutor's office realizing the mistake and requesting correction, 6. The Criminal Court of Peace lifted the access block, and the site reopened six days later
- 21: Kayseri** The Anti-Cyber Crimes teams of the Police Department blocked access to 102 social media accounts that were found to be broadcasting sexual content against general moral rules within the scope of their virtual patrol activities on the internet. During the audits carried out throughout 2025, access to a total of 600 social media accounts was blocked for similar reasons.
- 21: London** Saturday Mothers/People, who have been seeking justice for their relatives disappeared in custody in Galatasaray Square for 30 years, have been selected as the winner of the Campaign category at the 2025 Freedom of Expression Awards given by Index on Censorship. The organization described the Saturday Mothers/People as "a symbol of peaceful resistance under global pressures".
- 22: Ankara** CHP members wanted to march to the TRT Ulus building to demand that the hearings be broadcast live on TRT after the indictment against Ekrem İmamoğlu, but were stopped by police barricades. The group, which included deputies and party members, continued their statements despite the obstruction.
- 24: Istanbul** Journalist Ali Barış Kurt's release was approved by the Prison Administration and Observation Board "he does not regret it" It was postponed for 6 months. The Court of Cassation upheld the sentence of 2 years and 4 months for his professional activities and social media posts, and Kurt was sent to Maltepe L Type Prison No. 1 on February 8, 2025.
- 24: Ankara** During the campaign of the Student Collectives to increase KYK scholarships, the

families of university students were called and threatened by the police under the name of "information". The police called the father of a student who made a statement in front of the Parliament, who is a police officer. *"Your daughter has become a political figure, she will be targeted, she can be detained and arrested"* said. Many families received similar threatening phone calls. University students will submit their signatures to the Parliament on December 15, demanding that KYK scholarships be half of the minimum wage, that all loans be converted into scholarships and that their loan debts be canceled.

**25: Ankara** The admission of Can Memiş, who decided to study law while in prison and received his lawyer's license in 2025, was unanimously rejected by the 12th Administrative Litigation Chamber of the Ankara Regional Administrative Court. The court ruled that Memiş was sentenced to Istanbul 28. Although the 6 years and 3 months conviction given by the High Criminal Court on the charge of "PKK/KCK membership" has not been finalized, it is written on the bar association plate due to the public service nature of advocacy *"It can damage the reputation of the profession"* made his assessment. Thus, Memiş's start in the profession was prevented until the finalization of the criminal case. Memiş said that the decision was a clear violation of the presumption of innocence and emphasized that although the Constitutional Court had ruled a violation of rights in similar cases, the administration did not comply with it.

**27: Ankara** RTÜK imposed administrative fines on three television channels and two radios due to broadcasting violations. On SZC TV, the poem *"has lost its legitimacy"* and *"Cihannuma clique"* It was evaluated that his statements exceeded the limits of criticism. In the program about the Ruins of Ani on Edessa TV *"Vandal culture"* He was sentenced for violating national-moral values. A penalty was imposed for explicit scenes in the movie "Devil's Advocate" released on TLC. A penalty decision was made for reading a listener message that could encourage drug use on Metro FM without warning, and for the broadcast stream on Burhaniye Radio Voice that allowed prisoners to communicate over the radio.

**28: Istanbul** The Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that it has banned access to 450 social media accounts on the grounds that they shared content praising Adnan Oktar. Upon the request made by the Press Crimes Investigation Bureau, the relevant judgeship decided to block access to a total of 450 social media accounts and internet addresses and to remove the content from the broadcast.

**28: Istanbul** Six prisoners in Bakırköy, Bolu and Silivri prisons, who were expected to be released today, continued to stay in prisons with the decisions of the Administration and Observation Boards. Bakırköy Women's Closed Prison suspended the release of ill prisoners Dilek Öz, Süreyya Bulut and Silva Raşid for three months; Eylem Özer's release was postponed for five months. Bolu Prison suspended Maruf Türkan's release for six months; Silivri Prison postponed Doğan Özmen's release for four months.

**30: Sirnak** DEM Party and democratic mass organizations in Cizre claimed that Cizre Co-Mayors Güler Tunç Yerebasan and Abdurahim Durmuş were threatened by Police Chief Şuayip Öğdür. The co-chairs stated that while they wanted to go to the symposium

in Şırnak, which was also attended by Masoud Barzani, Police Chief Ögdür prevented them and used insults, curses and threatening words. DEM Party Şırnak Deputy Mehmet Zeki İrmez, President Erdoğan's "*Focuses that sabotage the process*" and demanded that an administrative investigation be opened immediately regarding the threats of the co-chairs and that those responsible be held accountable.

## OTHER REPORTS

- 03: Diyarbakir** According to the Dicle Fırat Journalists DFG's October 2025 Report on Rights Violations, one journalist was killed (Hakan Tosun), 2 journalists were arrested, 7 were detained, and 156 journalists were fired in October. The appointment of a trustee to TELE1, the wide access bans imposed on Rojin Kabaiş news (86 accounts, 540 contents) and the investigations against Öznur Değer and Dilan Babat from JINNEWS were included in the report as indicators of censorship and judicial pressure. The DFG emphasized that what was counted was "minimal" and said that "we will continue to write the truth despite censorship, penalties and trustees".
- 04: Brussels** In its report on Türkiye published within the scope of the 2025 Enlargement Package, the EU Commission defined Türkiye as a "candidate country and key partner" and reiterated its criticisms in the fields of democratic standards, judicial independence and fundamental rights. In the last two years, high-level dialogues on trade, economy, security, migration and climate have resumed; It was stated that limited political will was seen in foreign policy coordination. In the report, capacity increase in migration management, decrease in flows to the EU; mediation and navigation safety initiatives in the context of the Black Sea and Ukraine; Contribution to ceasefire and humanitarian aid efforts in the Middle East was emphasized. While the "high adaptation to the functioning market economy" and the exit from the gray list were recorded positively, the need for a strategy in the fight against high inflation, anti-competitive practices and corruption was noted. A call was made for commitment to negotiations in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean within the framework of UN resolutions. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the other hand, stated that the statements in the judiciary and fundamental rights sections of the report were "*biased and unfounded*" He refused.
- 04: Diyarbakir** The Mesopotamia Women Journalists Association (MKG) stated that the pressure on journalists increased in October. In the report, it was stated that 4 journalists were investigated, 4 journalists are still in custody, 2 journalists were ill-treated and 3 journalists were prevented from following the news. It was emphasized that investigations and access bans against the Kurdish press have become systematic. The MKG stated that the criminalization of journalism is a direct attack on the right to inform the public.
- 05: Istanbul** MLS Media & Legal Studies October 2025 Freedom of Expression newsletter has been published. This month, there have been attacks, threats, detentions and investigations against journalists. The attack and death of journalist Hakan Tosun was

the most shocking development of the month. A trustee was appointed to TELE1, RTÜK fined some channels. At least eight journalists faced attacks, threats or detention in October; 41 journalists appeared before the judge. During the month, verdicts were announced in three cases: one acquitted and two convicted.

**06: Diyarbakir** According to Jinnews' October tally, 25 women and 1 child were killed, 8 women and 3 children died suspiciously. The We Will Stop Femicide Platform detected 19 femicides and 22 suspicious deaths. According to the report, most of the women were killed in their homes by men near them.

**11: Van** The Human Rights Association (İHD) Van Branch announced its 2025 report on the practices of "taking statements, interviews, and becoming informants through pressure and threats". In the first ten months of the year, nine people applied to the association in Van alone on the grounds of "spying, pressure and threats"; it was emphasized that these practices became systematic in the post-2016 period and constituted more than one crime under the Turkish Penal Code — threats, torture, deprivation of liberty and abuse of office. The report also states that most of the criminal complaints resulted in non-prosecution without adequate investigation, that the necessary protection measures were not taken for the safety of the applicants, that the detainees were forced to unregistered "interviews" without a lawyer, and that the cases of threats, abductions and torture continued.

**13: Washington** The international human rights organization Freedom House has published its 2025 Freedom on the Internet Report. In the report, which includes internet freedom data in 72 countries, it was stated that 18 countries are in the category of "free", 32 countries are in the category of "partially free" and 22 countries are in the category of "not free". Turkey was among the "countries where the internet is not free" with 31 points. Turkey rapporteur Özturan stated that digital pressure has increased and mass restrictions on social media have narrowed freedom of expression.

**14: Istanbul** İHD's "2024 Human Rights Violations Report" was published. According to the report, at least 6,094 people lost their lives as a result of violations of the right to life in 2024. At least 260 investigations were launched and 355 lawsuits were filed against hundreds of people who exercised their freedom of thought, expression, press, association and peaceful demonstration.

**17: Istanbul** The violations suffered by a group of 17 Alevi refugees who were rescued by Turkey after being pushed back from Greece off the coast of Muğla have been documented. According to the report, the group, which had 5 children in it, who fled sectarian violence from Latakia, Syria, were beaten by the Greek coast guard, forced into inflatable life rafts, their money and phones were taken and pushed back to Turkish territorial waters. The Turkish Coast Guard rescued the refugees off the coast of Muğla and sent them to the Ula Repatriation Center via Marmaris. In the report, long-term arbitrary surveillance, restriction of the right to meet with lawyers, violation of confidentiality, deprivation of education and psychosocial support of children, and inadequacy of basic needs were recorded here and thereafter. As of November 2025, 17 adults and 5 children are being held in Harran Temporary Accommodation Center under restricted conditions, and children cannot access formal education. The report

emphasized that Turkey and Greece violated their national and international obligations; He called on the UN and the EU to intervene in humanitarian and legal ways, and listed recommendations for Greece and Frontex to stop pushback operations and operate accountability mechanisms, and for Turkey to improve surveillance conditions and guarantee children's right to education. Report *"Violations of International Law and Human Rights"* On behalf of the independent group named Atty. Aytekin Aktaş, UN representative Salim Taş and anthropologist Dr. Jens Kreinath.

**28: Istanbul**

In its report on freedom of expression cases monitored in the 2024–2025 judicial year, the Media and Law Studies Association MLSA announced that judicial pressure continues and there has been a significant increase in pre-trial detention. According to the report, 1,696 people were tried in 275 files during this period; Most of the defendants were activists, journalists and students. The courts tried 66 people in pre-trial detention; This number increased by 560 percent compared to last year. The most common accusations of "membership in a terrorist organization" and "propaganda for a terrorist organization" were used in the case files; news content, social media posts and peaceful demonstrations were cited as evidence. Istanbul, Diyarbakır and Ankara were the cities where most of the cases were heard. While 57 percent of the decisions given in this period resulted in acquittal, a total of 197 years and 2 months in prison and a judicial fine of 95 thousand TL were imposed. Stating that the prosecution of journalists has increased, MLSA emphasized that many journalists were arrested before their trial even started. The report also noted that judicial control measures have become routinized, the ban on leaving the country has become automatic, and the principle of open trial has been weakened by irregularities such as not allowing observers to the hearings.