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Violations of Freedom of Expression, Assembly and Association
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Hello

First, a summary, what happened in Turkey in December 2025?

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVENTIONS

- 846 detained
- 18 administrative/police interventions,
- 11 House raids
- 6 Injury

INVESTIGATION - PROSECUTION

- Detention: 846
- Arrests: 186
- Measures such as judicial control / house arrest / ban on leaving the country: 64
- Newly opened investigations: 39
- Newly filed/indicted cases: 27
- Prison sentence: 34

OTHER APPLICATIONS

- Access block / content removal: 3

After the local elections, in which the CHP was the first party, *the lawsuits* - and threats - filed over the "*Shake them 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"**.

As the congress is canceled and *the "absolute nullity"* decision is not issued and the lawsuits filed against İmamoğlu are inconclusive, new ones are produced.

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.

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.

Such was the case in December 2025.

1- Administrative Bans, Security Intervention

- 02: Istanbul** A group of students who are members of TİP protested the MESEM application at the Türkiye Century Vocational and Technical Education Summit attended by Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin, and criticized this system, arguing that working conditions dependent on bosses lead to child worker deaths. After the protest, 17 TİP students were detained.
- 03: Istanbul** The Private Sector Teachers' Union protested the deaths of child workers in MESEM at the Vocational Education Summit. At the event organized by the Ministry of National Education at the Pullman Hotel and attended by the bosses, teachers *"You are a child killer, MESEM, you are disgraced"* he chanted. Security guards forcibly removed the teachers from the hall and detained them with handcuffs behind their backs. 16 of the 17 TİP students who were detained the day before were arrested by the Bakırköy Criminal Court of Peace. TİP Spokesperson Sera Kadıgil said in front of the courthouse that the prosecutor wanted mass arrest without taking statements.
- 06: Mersin** Members of the Mersin Environmental Platform, who protested the mining project in Arslanköy District, were removed from the hall by the gendarmerie at the EIA meeting. Platform representatives stated that the public was not given the right to speak and that the intervention was made with the aim of "giving up" nature to companies.
- 07: Adıyaman** Anadolu Agency reporters Orhan Pehlül and Ali Gazel, who were following the news about the suicide of a police officer, were insulted and beaten by the police while trying to take footage. The journalists, who were suspended by violence despite showing their press cards, went to the hospital on their own and filed a complaint against the police officers involved in the attack.
- 07: Istanbul** The police prevented the Socialist Solidarity Platform from distributing leaflets demanding a minimum wage increase in Şirinevler Square; two people were detained.
- 08: Şanlıurfa** Celebrating the anniversary of the overthrow of the Assad regime, Syrians danced halay and lit fireworks in Artillery Square. The police prevented the celebrations that went beyond the designated area.
- 09: Dersim** Munzur University students were prevented by private security and police when they wanted to march after protesting the move of the governor's office and the courthouse to the campus; Students were subjected to physical intervention while they were doing the sit-in protest.
- 10: Istanbul** The People's Law Office was raided by the police in the morning. Lawyer Naim Eminoğlu, the manager of the Istanbul Branch of the Contemporary Lawyers Association, was detained in the raid.
- 10: Kocaeli** Security intervened against the students of the Communication Club, who opened a stand within the scope of the new year activities approved by the rectorate at the university. Security club member Abbas Vural was called to the security room and beaten.

- 12: Izmir** Young LGBTI+ Association operating in Izmir, on the grounds of social media posts "*obscenity*" It was closed with the claim. 3. The Criminal Court of First Instance decided to close the association, arguing that obscene content was shared on the association's social media accounts and that these posts were contrary to moral values and the article of the Constitution on the protection of families and children.
- 14: Istanbul** The police prevented the exhibition that the CHP Beşiktaş District Presidency wanted to set up in Beşiktaş Square to draw attention to the housing and nutrition problems of the students. CHP members wanted to make the housing problems of university students and the nutritional problems of primary school students visible with the exhibition consisting of beds, suitcases and lunch boxes. The police prevented the establishment of the exhibition on the grounds that it would disrupt public order and removed the materials from the area.
- 15: Ankara** Students who came to Ankara from different provinces, students who are members of the Student Collectives who wanted to march to the Parliament demanding that KYK scholarships be equal to half of the minimum wage, gathered on Konur Street and wanted to deliver 20 thousand signatures to the deputies, the police intervened with tear gas. 10 students, one of whom was under the age of 18, were detained.
- 15: Gaziantep** Operations were carried out against the Gülen community in Gaziantep and Istanbul, based in Kilis, and 15 people were detained. During the simultaneous raids, 70 thousand 700 TL, 980 euros, 600 dollars, 11 books stated to belong to the organization, 15 mobile phones, a laptop and digital materials were seized during the searches carried out at the addresses of the suspects. One of the suspects was arrested, 10 people were released under judicial control, the others were released.
- 15: Izmir** Ege University students organized a march on campus to protest the appointment of Prof. Dr. Musa Alici, President of the Izmir Branch of the Science Dissemination Society, as the rector. Private security intervened against the students who hung banners.
- 16: Ankara** Student Collectives, "*KYK scholarships should be proportioned to half of the minimum wage*" "*University poverty will end*" campaign, university students marched to deliver the signatures they collected to the Parliament. The police tried to prevent the march and intervened at some points. Despite the obstacles, the students continued their protests by spreading to different parts of the city.
- 16: Istanbul** Within the scope of an investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, house raids were carried out against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed in some cities, especially in Istanbul, and 12 people were detained.
- 16: Istanbul** Two high school students who protested the MESEM practice and child worker deaths were detained from their homes at night.
- 19: Ankara** Tens of thousands of public workers affiliated to the United Public-Business Confederation wanted to make a statement in front of the Dikmen Gate of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey by quitting their jobs while the budget negotiations were ongoing. The police barricaded the area and prevented the workers from reaching the Parliament and directed the group to different points. Workers made their statements on Olgunlar Street.
- 19: Ankara** University students in Ankara organized a march to demand the release of their

friends who were arrested for participating in the March 19 protests. The police intervened against the students gathered in Esat Dört Yol and blockaded the group. Students came together again on Beykoz Street and made a press statement. After the statement, the police intervened again in the protest that continued on Konur Street. Two students were detained during the intervention.

- 19: Istanbul** Istanbul University students marched to Beyazıt Main Gate on the occasion of the tenth month of Ekrem İmamoğlu's arrest. Students gathered in front of the Tradesmen's Cafeteria and demanded the release of four university students arrested in Izmir. The police blockaded Beyazıt and its surroundings and at least 26 students were detained.
- 20: Ankara** The Confederation of Public Employees' Unions (KESK) wanted to make a press statement regarding the 2026 budget in front of the Dikmen Gate of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. The police prevented the group from making a statement around the Parliament and did not allow the group into the area. After the negotiations, KESK made the statement in front of the Ministry of Treasury and Finance. In the statement, it was emphasized that the draft budget was prepared against the workers. At the end of the action, the police prevented the attempt of KESK members to take the symbolic budget chest to the Parliament.
- 20: Istanbul** Social media phenomenon Murat Övüç '*Provoking the public to hatred and hostility*' He was arrested and sent to prison.
- 22: Istanbul** Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office made a written statement on December 22 upon the allegations of a raid with soldiers in Bakırköy Women's Closed Penal Institution. The prosecutor's office stated that the wards were relocated due to periodic densities, and in this context, the detainees and convicts in the B-4 ward were transferred to the B-3 ward. In the statement, it was stated that the transfer process took place in the escort of correction officers, that the detainees and convicts were not interfered with and that the allegations did not reflect the truth. The prosecutor's office emphasized that the practice in question was not related to the "Operation Return to Life".
- 23: Istanbul** University students and political groups protested around Taksim and İstiklal Street against the announcement of the minimum wage below the hunger line. The police prevented the students from marching to Taksim and approximately 20 university students were detained during the intervention. At the same time, the police intervened in the protest of Red Party members in Taksim Square and five people were detained.
- 24. Izmir** Police teams, "*Well Types Prisons Should Be Closed*" actions and carried out house raids on people he claimed to have participated in campaign activities. Many people from different socialist organizations were detained. Umut-Sen's member Tuğçe Kızıldemir's Socialist Struggle Initiative announced that nine members were detained. There are also detained members of TAYAD.
- 24: Sirnak** Police raided houses in the city center. "*Making propaganda for a terrorist organization*". İ.K., A.T. and S.T. were beaten and detained. During the search of İ.K.'s house, the police found a shawl û şapik (*Kurdish local clothes*) and confiscated the flag

- of the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government. The three detainees were taken to Şırnak Provincial Security Directorate and a 24-hour restriction order was issued for the file.
- 25: Istanbul** On the instructions of the Istanbul Chief Prosecutor's Office, police and MIT teams carried out simultaneous operations throughout Istanbul on December 25 against the ISIS structure, which was allegedly preparing an attack during the New Year and Christmas period. During the raids on 124 addresses, 115 people who were stated to be connected to ISIS were detained. Weapons, ammunition and organizational documents were seized during the operations
- 25: Istanbul** Members of the Socialist Party of the Oppressed blocked the road in Gazi District against the announcement of the minimum wage below the hunger line with a 27 percent increase in Istanbul. Members of Lever and Worker-Sen wanted to march to Taksim. The police intervened against the protesters by preventing the march to Taksim and detained many people.
- 26: Antalya** Mehmet Şah Ertekin said in a press statement at the Human Rights Association Branch that his house was raided in the morning without a search warrant, his family members were beaten and they were unlawfully detained for three days. The Ertekin family filed a criminal complaint with the Chief Prosecutor's Office for what happened. IHD Antalya Branch announced that it will follow the process.
- 27: Ankara** Journalist and documentary director Gökhan Mezarıcı follows the statement of animal rights activists regarding the application process to the United Nations for the annulment of the Animal Protection Law No. 7527 "*Insulting a public official*" He was detained on the allegation. Mezarıcı, who was referred to the court with a request for arrest, was released on judicial control condition.
- 27: Malatya** The Anti-Terrorism and Intelligence Branch teams of the Security Directorate detained M.A., O.A.A. and M.A. in house raids during operations against DAESH. During the searches carried out at the addresses, digital materials and prohibited publications were seized. The three suspects were arrested by the court.
- 28: Istanbul** In the protest held in front of the Kadıköy Bull Statue on the evening of December 27 against the determination of the minimum wage below the hunger line, CHP Kadıköy Youth Branch members, "*We want a humane life, not a wage of misery*" marched to Süreyya Opera House with the slogan. The police detained CHP Kadıköy Youth Branch executive Bilge Kaan Şarbat after the protest and was arrested the next day.
- 30: Ankara** After the clash in Yalova, in which three police officers lost their lives, simultaneous operations were carried out against ISIS in 21 provinces with the coordination of the General Directorate of Security, Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence units. Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya announced on December 30 that 357 suspects were detained in operations stretching from Adana to Van. Authorities reported that there was intelligence that the suspects were preparing an attack during the New Year's Eve period. Three police officers were killed and six ISIS members were killed in the operation in Yalova.

2- Investigations and Trials

- 02: Ankara The Chief Prosecutor's Office declared "custody" for 21 members of the Gülen movement's "Public private structuring". It was stated that some of the suspects were working in public institutions, while some were dismissed or resigned. It was announced that it was determined that the suspects communicated consecutively with the members of the organization via payphones and prepaid lines. Simultaneous operations were launched in six Ankara-based provinces.
- 02: Antalya A new operation was carried out within the scope of the bribery and corruption investigation against the municipality in Manavgat district. On the instructions of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, KOM teams detained 19 people, including municipal employees and former staff. The investigation was expanded through the file of former Mayor Şükrü Sözen and his brother Fatih Sözen, who were detained on charges of bribery, embezzlement and bid rigging. In the same context, eight people were previously arrested, and in another case, the trial of 41 defendants, including former President Niyazi Nefi Kara, began.
- 02: Istanbul The trial against journalist Tuğçe Yılmaz under Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code for a news report published in Bianet about the life experiences of two Armenian young people has begun. Yılmaz stated that only one person was detained while walking on the road with a denunciation to CIMER, emphasized that the news was a journalistic activity and asked for his acquittal. His lawyers said that the process initiated with the anonymous denunciation was unlawful, that an arrest warrant was issued for Yılmaz despite the arrest ban in Article 301, and that the indictment was prepared after the legal period had passed. The court accepted the prosecutor's request for time for the final opinion and adjourned the trial to April 21, 2026.
- 02: Istanbul Journalist Furkan Karabay was sentenced to 25th Criminal Court 201 days later in the lawsuit filed due to his statements and social media posts on the Alan YouTube channel. He appeared before the judge at the High Criminal Court. Karabay refused to make a defense at the hearing, saying that the indictment was prepared unlawfully and tore up the indictment. The prosecutor demanded that Karabay be sentenced on three separate charges. The court ordered Karabay to be "insulting the president" 1 year and 9 months, "Insulting a public official" ten 1 year 3 months and "Targeting a member of the judiciary", 1 year and 3 months, for a total of 4 years and 3 months in prison. Public prosecutors Can Tuncay and Ahmet Şahin were acquitted of the allegation of targeting. Karabay was released taking into account the duration of his detention.
- 03: Edirne The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into the current student structure of the Gülen movement. In line with the communication determinations and the MASAK report, operations were carried out in Edirne, Istanbul, Bursa, Çanakkale and Bilecik. 12 suspects, including those studying and graduating from Trakya University, were detained. "Membership of an armed terrorist organization" are ongoing
- 03: Istanbul The Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against some suspects who

- were determined to have provided financial resources to people convicted of DHKP/C membership. 4 people whose account movements were detected in MASAK reports were caught by Gendarmerie TEM teams. Searches continue.
- 04: Antalya A citizen who criticized the government with a satirical mania in a street interview was sentenced to "Insulting the President" He was detained on the charge.
- 04: Antalya 3 of the 19 suspects detained in the bribery, embezzlement and bid rigging investigation carried out under the coordination of the Manavgat Chief Prosecutor's Office regarding the previous administration of the municipality were arrested and 16 were released under judicial control. In the previous stages of the investigation, 8 other people were arrested in addition to former mayor Şükrü Sözen and his brother Fatih Sözen. Another trial process, in which former president Niyazi Nefi Kara is among the defendants, continues.
- 04: Istanbul Known for his street interviews, 'Reporter for Himself' YouTube channel owner Hasan Köksoy, "Insulting the President" He was detained on the charge and released on judicial control and a ban on leaving the country. According to the second information shared by Köksoy, the person who gave him an interview was also detained on the same charge and he does not have a lawyer.
- 04: Istanbul Four teachers who are members of the Teachers' Union, who protested the Vocational and Technical Education Summit organized by the Ministry of National Education with the participation of the bosses on December 3, were released by the court with a ban on leaving the country on the charge of "opposing 2911".
- 04: Istanbul In the case against the HDK in the 25th High Criminal Court, the prosecutor sentenced journalist Elif Akgül "membership in an organization". The court gave time to the defense and decided to continue the ban on leaving the country and adjourned the trial to January 20, 2026.
- 04: Istanbul Following the news about the investigation into the robbery at the courthouse, Prosecutor Yavuz Engin filed a criminal complaint about the published content.
- 05: Çanakkale Arif Kocabıyık, known for his street interviews on Ek TV, was detained. In the investigation launched on the allegation of insulting the President, Halil Kürklü, who gave the interview, and Hasan Köksoy, the manager of Kendi Reporter, were arrested, while Kocabıyık, for whom an arrest warrant was issued, was detained by the police.
- 05: Edirne "Current student structure" 12 people detained in the investigation are referred to the courthouse. Electronic devices, books belonging to a closed publishing house, money and gold were seized from the addresses of the suspects. Two of the 6 people released yesterday were released after interrogation by the prosecutor's office, and four were released under judicial control.
- 05: Istanbul Two different prosecutors' offices made opposite decisions due to BirGün reporter İsmail Arı's news about RTÜK and its former president Ebubekir Şahin. On October 17, the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed the complaint with the following statement: "journalism activity" and concluded with non-prosecution. However, the Istanbul Chief Prosecutor's Office announced on November 27 that "insulting a public official, slandering and disseminating misleading information" He prepared an indictment on the charges. The first hearing of the case, which demands a prison

- sentence of up to 9 years for Arı, is on June 9, 2026.
- 05: Istanbul The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation into the post of the social media account "mr.fergio", which claimed that the Istanbul Palace of Justice was entered by helicopter. The Chief Prosecutor's Office stated that the posts were untrue and aimed at misleading the public and announced that an investigation was being carried out for the crime of "publicly disseminating misleading information".
- 05: Istanbul Murat Katfar, who exhibited the statue in the investigation into the 'Revolution' statue exhibited at the Lütfi Kırdar Congress Center, was arrested. Katfar was targeted on social media after sharing the work and "inciting the people to hatred and hostility" An investigation was opened with the allegation.
- 05: Istanbul Following the release decision for 19 people in the IMM investigation, 11 people who were about to be released from Silivri Prison were re-arrested upon the objection of the prosecutor's office. Çağatay Takaoğlu, Engin Gönül and Arzu Can are among those arrested again.
- 05: Istanbul Sharing the video with Halil Kürklü, who read a mania criticizing the government, "Self-Reporter" Hasan Köksoy, known as Hasan Köksoy, was arrested. Lawyer Cemil Çiçek stated that he found the arrest unlawful and stated that Köksoy only handed a microphone.
- 06: Çanakkale Additional TV reporter Arif Kocabıyık, known for his street interviews on social media, said, "Insulting the President" He was arrested on the charge.
- 08: Istanbul The diploma case against Ekrem İmamoğlu in Silivri was postponed to February 16, 2026, pending the decision of the Administrative Court. After the video and audio recording of the hearing were shared on social media, the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation ex officio.
- 09: Batman The court adjourned the trial to March 3, 2026, on the grounds of incomplete proceedings in the case involving journalist Sonya Bayık, who is on trial for "opposing 2911" due to her press statement in Hasankeyf.
- 09: Diyarbakir All requests were rejected at the 10th hearing of the case filed on the grounds of Free Women's Movement activist Ayla Akat Ata's speeches and participation in funerals; the file was sent to the prosecutor's office for an opinion, and the hearing was adjourned to April 7, 2026.
- 09: Istanbul Within the scope of the investigation initiated after the audio recordings taken at the hearing where Ekrem İmamoğlu was detained were shared on social media, İlhan Berk Poetry Award winner Oğulcan Kütük and a social media user who re-disseminated the audio recording were detained.
- 09: Istanbul 16 students who are members of the Workers' Party of Turkey who protested the MESEM program at the Century of Türkiye Vocational and Technical Education Summit, "Resistance to prevent the execution of duty" and "Damage to property" will continue to be tried in pre-trial detention on charges; their objections were rejected.
- 09: Istanbul Singer Pınar Aydınlar, who was tried as part of the HDK investigation, was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months in prison on the grounds of "membership in an armed organization" on charges based on her social media posts.

- 09: Istanbul bianet editor Tuğçe Yılmaz and other journalists who were on trial for their articles published in Yeni Özgür Politika and PolitikArt demanded acquittal in their defense, saying that journalism was criminalized; The court lifted the signature requirement but maintained the ban on leaving the country.
- 09: Izmir At the third hearing of the case filed with the allegation of corruption in Izbeton's urban transformation projects, the court decided to continue the detention of Tunç Soyer and Heval Savaş Kaya, to release some defendants and to lift house arrest.
- 11: Istanbul Journalist and writer Enver Aysever was arrested and sent to Silivri Marmara Prison on charges of "inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation" due to the expressions he made in a broadcast on his YouTube channel.
- 11: Istanbul The second hearing of the trial where journalist Ender İmrek faces "membership in a terrorist organization" charges within the scope of the Peoples' Democratic Congress (HDK) investigation will be held at Istanbul 23rd High Criminal Court. It was held at the Heavy Penalty. The court rejected the request to lift the ban on leaving the country. The case was adjourned to April 15, 2026.
- 11: Istanbul Contemporary Lawyers Association (ÇHD) Istanbul Branch executive Atty. Naim Eminoğlu, who was detained during a police raid on the People's Law Office on December 10, was arrested.
- 11: Istanbul Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against two members of the Labour Youth on the grounds of the banner hung during the Gaza Tribunal event held at Istanbul University on October 23-26. Members of the Labor Youth, during the event "The palace administration, the partner of the genocide, will be held accountable" He opened a banner written
- 11: Izmir About journalist Delal Akyüz "membership in a terrorist organization" The appeal against the 6 years and 3 months prison sentence given on the charge was rejected. 13. The Regional Court of Justice 2. The Criminal Chamber stated that there was no illegality in the decision.
- 11: Mugla In the case where Ferah Gümüş and Güven Gökner, who fought against the cutting of the Akbelen Forest in Milas district, were tried, 6. The Criminal Court of First Instance issued a lawsuit against the defendants as "do not resist to prevent the duty from being done" five months in prison for the crime. "Insult" He was acquitted of the charge. The announcement of the verdict for Ferah Gümüş was deferred.
- 12: Ankara The Constitutional Court ruled that there was no violation of freedom of expression and freedom of the press in the 1 year and 6 months prison sentence given to Ragıp Duran, who was the editor-in-chief of Özgür Gündem newspaper for one day in 2016. The court ruled that the intervention on the grounds that the news and visuals in the broadcast dated 14 May 2016 legitimized the PKK and encouraged violence was necessary and proportionate in terms of the democratic social order. The Constitutional Court rejected Duran's defense that he symbolically assumed his duty and stated that his editor-in-chief entailed legal liability. On these grounds, it rejected the individual application.
- 12: Ankara The judicial fine imposed in the case where Ekrem İmamoğlu was tried for allegedly insulting Ordu Governor Seddar Yavuz at Ordu Airport during the Black Sea rallies after

the canceled Istanbul elections in June 2019 was upheld. The court ruled that İmamoğlu "Insulting a public official because of his duty" and fined him 7 thousand 80 liras. After the appeal application was rejected, the Supreme Court of Appeals 4. The Criminal Chamber upheld the sentence by a majority of votes, based on witness statements and audio and video recordings. Two members who opposed the decision dissented that the words were not insults, but discourteous expressions in response to the practice.

12: Erzurum Two people who were detained for allegedly reproducing and distributing the banned publications of the Gülen Community were arrested. Within the scope of the investigation, the security forces determined that the suspects procured, reproduced and distributed banned publications belonging to the organization. The suspects were arrested by the court and sent to prison.

12: Istanbul The third hearing of the case where Ekrem İmamoğlu is tried for allegedly attempting to influence the judiciary by mentioning the name of an expert at a press conference in Saraçhane was held at the 2nd High Criminal Court. It continues in the Criminal Court of First Instance. At the hearing, İmamoğlu's defense was taken, and his lawyer Mehmet Pehlivan's request for defense was rejected. Since the new judge had not started his duty, the opinion on the merits could not be prepared. The next hearing is on March 30, 2026.

12: Istanbul Lawyer Naim Eminoğlu, director of the Istanbul Branch of the Progressive Lawyers Association, was arrested on charges of being a member of the FETÖ/PDY on the grounds of an anonymous denunciation and HTS records from 2012 to 2016. The prosecutor's office claimed that Eminoğlu had communication records with many people with the allegations in the anonymous e-mail sent to the General Directorate of Security. The 2nd Criminal Court of Peace issued an arrest warrant on the grounds that there was a strong suspicion of crime and the possibility of escape.

12: Istanbul The first hearing date in the "IMM case", where Metropolitan Mayor and CHP's Presidential candidate Ekrem İmamoğlu is also on trial, has been set for March 9, 2026. The 40th High Criminal Court decided to hold the trial at the Marmara Closed Prison campus in Silivri and set the maximum trial period as 4,600 days. The indictment prepared by the Chief Prosecutor's Office includes a total of 402 defendants, 105 of whom are detained, and a total of 2,352 years in prison is demanded for İmamoğlu on 142 different charges. The court ruled for the continuation of the detention of the arrested defendants and issued arrest warrants for seven defendants.

12: Istanbul In the case where the police officers who drove Onur Yaser Can to suicide are tried, Istanbul 6. The Heavy Penal Court rejected the request to file a criminal complaint against the allegations of torture and driving to suicide. In the retrial held after the Supreme Court's reversal decision, the court complied with the Supreme Court's decision and ruled that only the sentences given for forgery of official documents were valid for the defendant police officers. The court decided to file a criminal complaint for the allegations of destroying, destroying and concealing official documents, but excluded the allegations of torture from this scope.

- 14: Istanbul A judicial control order was issued for journalist Osman Çaklı, who was detained for his social media posts. Journalist Osman Çaklı, "praising the crime and the criminal" After being detained on the allegation of "Insulting the President" and "publicly disseminating misleading information" He was referred to the prosecutor's office on charges. The Criminal Court of Peace ruled that Çaklı be banned from leaving the country and imposed a signature obligation.
- 15: Hatay Victory Party Dörtüyl District Chairman O.E.G. was detained on the allegation that he was carrying out activities within the scope of the Gülen society. O.E.G. was released under judicial control by the court with a ban on leaving the country. Within the scope of the same investigation, two people with finalized prison sentences for membership in the Gülen Community were arrested in Iskenderun and Dörtüyl and sent to prison.
- 15: Istanbul A public lawsuit was filed against 16 young members of the Workers' Party of Turkey who were arrested for protesting the MESEM practice and child deaths. Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that due to the incidents with security guards of the group protesting by opening a banner at the Pullman Hotel during a seminar organized by the Ministry of National Education in Bahçelievler on December 2, 2025, "do not resist to prevent the duty from being done" and "simple injury" He prepared an indictment on the charges.
- 15: Istanbul The objection to the decision to postpone the release of journalist Ali Barış Kurt for 6 months was rejected. Kurt, who was arrested on February 8 after the Supreme Court of Appeals upheld his 2 years and 4 months prison sentence on the grounds that his professional activities were considered "propaganda for a terrorist organization", was arrested by the Maltepe L Type Closed Prison No. 1 Administration and Observation Board "he does not regret it" and "there is a risk of harming others" decided to postpone the release on the grounds that it was published. The Anatolian 4th Execution Judgeship found the Board's decision appropriate and rejected the objection. The justification included the allegation that Kurt exchanged letters with detainees in other prisons.
- 15: Manisa Conscientious objector Berke Avcı said, "roll call evasion" He was arrested after his prison sentence on the charge was finalized and was released on probation a day later. The 3rd Criminal Court of First Instance found that Avcı was a roll call evader between October 29, 2021 and April 21, 2023 and sentenced him to 6 months in prison. After his appeal application was rejected, Avcı was sent to Buca Open Penal Execution Institution on December 9, 2025, and was released on probation on December 10, 2025. Avcı has another case in which he is tried for refusing military service.
- 16: Ankara The case filed against the students who were detained after the 2023 METU Pride March is 50. It started at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Although the expert report appointed by the court revealed that the police intervention started with the use of tear gas and rubber bullets on campus, no investigation was opened against the law enforcement officers; The students who participated in the march are on trial. The case was adjourned to April 1, 2026.
- 16: Istanbul 46 journalists and media workers "being a member of an organization", "being an

organization manager" and "making propaganda for an organization" The case, known to the public as the "KCK Press Case", was tried at the 3rd High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The court decided to wait for the execution of the arrest warrants issued in the previous hearings for some defendants. The next hearing is on April 30, 2026.

16: Istanbul The reasoned decision of the 4 years and 2 months prison sentence given to journalist Fatih Altaylı on the charge of "threatening the President" was announced. The 26th High Criminal Court ruled that Altaylı threatened that President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan could be assassinated or killed with the expressions he used in a program he made on his YouTube channel.

16: Istanbul AK Party Izmir former Deputy Hüseyin Kocabıyık, 46. In the Criminal Court of First Instance "Insulting the President" and "slander" He was sentenced to 2 years, 2 months and 5 days in prison. The court ruled that the defendant committed the crime of insult with the interview he gave to Cumhuriyet newspaper and his social media posts. Kocabıyık was released.

16: Istanbul Within the scope of the investigation carried out against GAIN Media and its affiliated companies, the SDIF was appointed as a trustee and three people were detained. Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, "establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime", "illegal betting" and "Laundering proceeds of crime" based on MASAK reports. Gendarmerie teams searched company headquarters; He announced that money transfers with high amounts and unexplained sources were detected. Many companies were seized within the scope of the investigation.

16: Istanbul Journalists who were detained due to the protest to be held in Şişhane to commemorate journalists Nazım Daştan and Cihan Bilgin, who were killed while covering news in Syria, were detained at the 39th High Criminal Court. He is on trial at the Criminal Court of First Instance on charges of violating Law No. 2911. Journalists said that they were detained before the protest started, held in handcuffs behind their backs for hours and subjected to ill-treatment; He demanded that the police officers who detained him be tried for torture. The court lifted the judicial control measures against the defendants and adjourned the next hearing to May 8, 2026.

16: Istanbul A lawsuit was filed against 17 young members of the Workers' Party of Turkey, 16 of whom were arrested, on the grounds that they protested the MESEM practice and child deaths at the Vocational and Technical Education Summit attended by the Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin. Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office called the young people "do not resist to prevent the duty from being done" and "Simple injury with a weapon" He accused him of; In the indictment, he described the red paint used during the protest as a "weapon" and demanded prison sentences of up to 6 years and 3 years and 11 months for the young people. The indictment was filed at Bakırköy 33rd Criminal Court. It was sent to the Criminal Court of First Instance.

16: Izmir In the statement made in front of the Izmir Bar Association during the March 19 protests, "Thief, murderer Erdogan" 4 university students, two of whom are members of the Labour Movement Party, were arrested for shouting slogans. Within the scope of the investigation carried out approximately 9 months after the incident, action was

taken against 20 people; only 16 people who were stated to have shouted the slogan "Dictator Erdoğan" were released after their statements. "Thief, murderer Erdoğan" 4 students who were detained from their homes for allegedly shouting slogans were arrested on the charge of "insulting the President".

- 17: Adiyaman About lawyer Osman Süzen, who served as a member of the Central Executive Committee, Vice President and Adiyaman Branch President of the Human Rights Association at different periods "membership in a terrorist organization" The first hearing of the case was held on December 18, 2025, at Adiyaman 2nd High Criminal Court. It will be held in the Heavy Penalty. The indictment accused Süzen of meetings, marches, press statements and human rights events he attended on behalf of İHD between 2013 and 2015. İHD stated that all of the activities in the case file are legitimate and public human rights activities and evaluated the case as judicial harassment against human rights defenders.
- 17: Ankara Lawyer Rezan Epözdemir's "Intermediary in bribery" The first hearing of the case was held at the 5th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation. It was held in the Criminal Chamber. The court decided to continue the detention of Epözdemir, who is in Silivri. Former prosecutor Cengiz Çallı, who was tried within the scope of the same investigation, was arrested during the hearing.
- 17: Ankara The Constitutional Court rejected the request for the precautionary release of Gezi trial convict Tayfun Kahraman on health grounds. The Constitutional Court ruled that there was insufficient evidence that prison conditions posed an irreparable risk to his health. In return, the court decided to constantly monitor Kahraman's health condition and to take all medical measures, including inpatient treatment, when deemed necessary.
- 17: Ankara Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, operations were launched in 8 Ankara-based provinces against the Gülen Community's public private structure. In the investigation carried out regarding the structure, which is stated to target institutions such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Trade, the Central Bank, the BRSA, EMRA and the CMB, a total of 19 people, 6 of whom are on active duty and 13 of whom have been dismissed, were detained. In addition, 6 of the 7 fugitive convicts with finalized prison sentences were caught in Ankara.
- 17: Izmir In the statement made in front of the Izmir Bar Association during the March 19 protests, "Thief, murderer Erdoğan" 4 university students, two of whom are members of the Labour Movement Party, were arrested for shouting slogans. Within the scope of the investigation carried out approximately 9 months after the incident, action was taken against 20 people; only 16 people who were stated to have shouted the slogan "Dictator Erdoğan" were released after their statements. "Thief, murderer Erdoğan" 4 students who were detained from their homes for allegedly shouting slogans were arrested on the charge of "insulting the President".
- 17: Tunceli After the 16-month prison sentence given to conscientious objector Kamil Murat Demir on November 12, 2024. A new case was filed at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The court found that Demir had been absent from roll call four times in 2024. With

- the 21-month sentence he received in October, Demir's total prison sentence reached 37 months.
- 17: Tunceli Lawyer Suna Bilgin, 1. In Ağırceza "membership in a terrorist organization" He was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months in prison. The court sentenced Bilgin within the scope of the charges against him. After the verdict, a press statement was held in front of Bakırköy Prison in solidarity with Bilgin. Bilgin's lawyers and supporters stated that the sentence was unlawful and announced that they would appeal the decision.
- 18: Ankara About Nefes newspaper reporter Nisanur Yıldırım, "The minister's company hit the lottery for 150 million dollars" In the lawsuit filed upon the complaint of the Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Nuri Ersoy due to the news titled, "Insulting a public official because of his duty". The first hearing was held on December 19 at Ankara 41st High Criminal Court. In the Criminal Court of First Instance. The Ankara Branch of the Contemporary Journalists Association stated that the case was a pressure on journalistic activity.
- 18: Istanbul The 8th Criminal Court of First Instance accepted the third indictment prepared against academician Aslı Aydemir and decided to continue her detention. Aydemir, who was arrested on July 4 for reacting to the attack on LeMan magazine's office in Beyoğlu on June 30, has been in Silivri Prison for 167 days. The prosecutor's office claimed that Aydemir obstructed the duty of a police officer and injured him by hitting him on the arm with the glass in his hand. "Resistance to prevent the execution of duty" He demanded that he be punished for the crime. His first hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2026.
- 18: Istanbul About Yavuz Kirma, known as comedian Yavuz Günel "Public insult to the religious values adopted by a section of the public" An indictment was prepared on the charge. The prosecutor's office claimed that Kirma described religious events related to Islam with sarcastic and insulting expressions in his stand-up show on stage and in the video he shared on social media. The indictment demands a prison sentence of 6 months to 1 year for the defendant.
- 18: Izmir The 17th Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced LGBTI+ rights activist Asya Gökalp for two separate social media posts. The court ruled that due to Gökalp's posts on X in May 2024 "Provoking the people to hatred and hostility through Turkishness" 1 year and 3 months for the crime, "Insulting the religious values adopted by a section of the public" He was sentenced to 7 months and 15 days in prison for the crime. Since there was a decision to postpone the announcement of the verdict in his previous file, the sentences were not postponed.
- 18: Izmir Emine Akbaba, a member of Izmir Karşıyaka Community Center, was arrested in 2015 due to the protests she participated in. "Insulting Erdoğan" After the sentence given in the case, the Izmir Probation Directorate "high-risk convict" It was evaluated as. Akbaba was obliged to sign autographs every day, to house arrest at night for 115 days, to do free public service and to attend compulsory seminars. Akbaba applied to the Execution Judgeship with a request to change the supervision plan, but the applications "Risk of reoffending" It was rejected on the grounds that it was rejected.
- 19: Adana Adana 2. The Heavy Penalty was imposed on D.D., a former student of the military

- school, who was tried for being a member of the Gülen Community. sentenced to 6 years and 3 months in prison for "being a member of an armed terrorist organization"
- 19: Erzurum Victory Party Chairman Ümit Özdağ announced that a lawsuit was filed against Sheikh Said for the expressions he used. In his speech in Antalya's Kumluca district, Özdağ said that the Hınıs Chief Public Prosecutor's Office prepared an indictment within the scope of Article 130 of the Turkish Penal Code, citing social media posts. The prosecutor's office stated that Özdağ's statements constituted the crime of insulting the memory of the person and demanded a prison sentence of 3 months to 2 years.
- 19: Istanbul Bedirhan Gülhan Bulu, the owner of the YouTube channel 'Mind Vorteks', was detained. Known for his documentaries on new generation gangs, Bulu's phone, computer and digital storage devices were confiscated during a search of his home. It was stated that access to the 'Mind Vortex' channel had been blocked before, and the decision was taken after the video of Narin Güran's murder.
- 19: Istanbul Journalist Levent Gültekin was detained due to his statements in a program on his YouTube channel and was released on judicial control condition. The prosecutor's office accused Gültekin of "publicly disseminating misleading information" He referred the file to the Criminal Judgeship of Peace on the charge. Gültekin reacted to the practice by stating that even his statement was not taken.
- 19: Istanbul 6 of the 13 members of the Socialist Party of the Oppressed who were detained in house raids on December 16 within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office were arrested. The Law Office of the Oppressed announced that the basis of the investigation was events such as picnics, press statements and condolences. Those arrested, "membership in a terrorist organization" He was sent to prison with the allegation.
- 19: Kutahya The 3rd Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced conscientious objector İnan Mayıs Aru to 3 months in prison, stating that he did not complete his military service procedures as a roll call evader between April 30 and June 16, 2025, and did not submit an excuse document. The court did not apply a good behavior reduction on the grounds of previous convictions and did not postpone the announcement of the verdict.
- 19: Tunceli Pir News Agency (PİRHA) reporter Cihan Berk was arrested after a police raid on his house. The police entered his house in the morning and confiscated a computer and some books during the search. Berk, who was taken to the police station, was transferred to the courthouse without giving a statement. Berk, whom the prosecutor's office brought to court with a request for arrest, said, "membership in an organization" He was arrested and sent to prison on the charge.
- 20: Sirnak Cameraman B.Ç., who shared the footage he took at a wedding in Cizre district on his social media account, was detained. The video shared by B.Ç. was targeted by another social media account and reported for "terrorist propaganda". The police detained B.Ç. and took him to the Cizre District Security Directorate.
- 20: Tunceli Pir News Agency (PİRHA) Dersim reporter Cihan Berk was arrested by the court on December 20. The police raided Berk's house in Alibaba District in the morning and confiscated the computer and some books during the search. Berk, who was taken to the police station, was transferred to the courthouse without giving a statement. Berk, whom the prosecutor's office brought to court with a request for arrest,

- "membership in a terrorist organization" He was arrested and sent to prison.
- 21: Ankara The Ministry of Interior gave permission for a second investigation against Ankara Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Mansur Yavaş on December 21. The Ministry has filed a lawsuit against Yavaş and 38 municipal council members on the grounds that the administrative judiciary annulment decisions regarding some zoning plans in Gölbaşı İncek District were not implemented "Abuse of Office" He allowed an investigation to be carried out on the allegation. The ministry had previously authorized an investigation into concert expenses on November 22.
- 22: Adana 11. The Heavy Penalty sentenced the defendant S.T., who was tried in the case against the Gülen community, to "being a member of an armed terrorist organization" He was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months in prison for the crime. The prosecutor's office stated that the defendant used ByLock, had HTS contact with the organization's private imams, and was a member of the board of directors of a closed association. The defendant denied the accusations and demanded acquittal, but the court sentenced him.
- 22: Ankara After the application made by Major E.Ş., who was dismissed from the Turkish Armed Forces, to Cimer, General D.A. was sentenced to "insulting the president" An investigation was launched with the allegation. According to journalist Müyesser Yıldız, E.Ş. stated that he witnessed D.A.'s words about President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his family while he was on duty and reported the situation via CIMER. E.Ş. argued that many disciplinary and judicial proceedings were initiated against him after this application. The investigation file was sent to the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office of the province where General D.A. served with a decision of non-jurisdiction.
- 23: Ankara The case for the fugitive defendants regarding the October 10 massacre, in which 103 people lost their lives at the Train Station, was held at the 4th High Criminal Court. It continued at the Heavy Penalty. Before the hearing, the Lawyers' Commission of the October 10 Ankara Massacre Case announced that the struggle for justice would continue until all those responsible were tried. Last week, the Gaziantep Regional Administrative Court lifted the decision not to grant permission for an investigation against Gaziantep Police Department personnel and opened the way for an investigation against the relevant security officials. The next hearing is on June 30, 2026.
- 23: Istanbul The Anatolian Chief Prosecutor's Office carried out a second operation within the scope of the investigation against Şile Municipality. In the operation, 22 people were detained on some financial charges. The prosecutor's office announced that as a result of the examinations based on statements and witness statements, HTS records and MASAK reports within the scope of effective remorse, a reasonable suspicion of crime was reached.
- 24: Ankara The Attorney General's Office has launched an investigation into some posts on social media regarding the plane crash that killed Libyan Chief of General Staff Mohammed Ali Ahmed Al Haddad and seven people accompanying him. The Chief Prosecutor's Office, after the accident "False post" announced that it has initiated proceedings with the claim that it was done.
- 24: Istanbul The trial of 53 people detained during the 23rd Istanbul Pride March was held at the 51st High Criminal Court. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Due to

the number of defendants, the hearing was moved to another hall, while 104 police officers were assigned around the courthouse and members of the press were prevented from following the hearing. The defendants and their lawyers described the violence during detention, the refusal to show the ban order and the targeting of journalists. The next hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2026.

24: Istanbul Legal proceedings have been initiated regarding the threats and insults against Halk TV presenter Gözde Şeker on social media. Şeker's lawyer Yaman Saygılı announced that his client was targeted and subjected to systematic attacks after his criticism of Victory Party Chairman Ümit Özdağ on a television program. Lawyer Saygılı stated that they filed a criminal complaint about the posts containing sexist insults and security threats. Press professional organizations also reacted to the attacks and called for the protection of press freedom.

24: Istanbul Ozan Deniz Ödemiş, a member of the Youth Committee and an e-committee writer, said, "Insulting Erdoğan" He was arrested on the charge.

24: Istanbul The 200 thousand lira compensation lawsuit filed by Turkuvaz Media Group Chairman Serhat Albayrak against academician and Evrensel newspaper writer Ceren Sözeri and Evrensel newspaper was heard at the 2nd Criminal Court. It continues in the Commercial Court of First Instance. Albayrak claimed that Sözeri's article titled "Who made the AKP lose votes?" dated April 7, 2019 damaged his commercial reputation. Sözeri's lawyer requested the dismissal of the case, stating that the article was an evaluation of the election results and did not violate his personal rights. The court decided to wait for the conclusion of the appeal process of the related file at the Court of Cassation and adjourned the hearing to May 13, 2026.

24: Diyarbakir About journalist Perihan Kaya "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" The case was retried at the 10th High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The prosecutor presented an opinion that Kaya should be punished. The decision hearing is on January 7, 2026. Kaya previously wrote in the same file "propaganda for a terrorist organization" He was sentenced to 1 year and 3 months in prison for the crime, "membership in a terrorist organization" He was acquitted of the charge.

25: Istanbul The hearing of the 10-year-old case, which was filed within the scope of solidarity with the closed Özgür Gündem newspaper, was held at the İ 13. It was held in the Heavy Penalty. At the retrial of Şebnem Korur Fincancı, Chair of the Central Council of the Turkish Medical Association, Erol Önderoğlu, RSF Turkey Representative, and writer Ahmet Nesin, the court decided to wait for the response to the instruction written abroad and adjourned the trial to March 31, 2026.

25: Istanbul Cumhuriyet newspaper columnist Barış Terkoğlu was detained for his publication about a prosecutor. Provincial Gendarmerie Command teams detained Terkoğlu in the Onlar TV building and took him to the Chief Prosecutor's Office. The prosecutor's office said about Terkoğlu "Publicly disseminating misleading information" He launched an investigation on the charge of leaving the country and released him on the condition of judicial control.

25: Istanbul The trial of 53 people detained during the 23rd Pride March was held at the 51st Criminal Court. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Before and during

the hearing, an intense police blockade was established around the courthouse, and journalists and spectators were prevented from entering the courtroom. The defendants and their lawyers stated that they were subjected to torture and ill-treatment during the detention process and that they were not informed of the ban decision. The next hearing is on June 5, 2026.

26 : Adana 12. Heavy Penalty sentences the defendant İ.E., who is on trial in the case against the Gülen Community, "Membership of an armed terrorist organization" He was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months in prison for the crime. The prosecutor's office stated that the defendant used ByLock, had HTS contact with the organization's private imams, and was a manager in a closed association.

26: Ankara The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office examined the allegation that municipal staff and resources participated in the rallies held in Karabük on May 9 and in Çankırı on May 11 against Metropolitan Mayor Mansur Yavaş. With the zoning plan in October, concert expenses in November and the Ankapark file in January, the number of investigation permits requested against Yavaş increased to four

26: Ankara CHP Deputy Chairman Burhanettin Bulut announced that he filed a lawsuit for 1 TL for non-pecuniary damages due to the criticisms made by the TRT management in the Parliamentary Plan and Budget Committee. Bulut for criticizing TRT's broadcasting of an entertainment program on November 10 "humiliating the institution". In his social media statement, Bulut said that the case could not cover up the truth and that TRT should be open to criticism as a public broadcaster.

26: Istanbul 15 of the 22 people detained in the second wave operation of the investigation against Şile Municipality were arrested. The Criminal Court of Peace issued arrest warrants for 15 people and judicial control orders for 5 people; 2 people are released due to health reports. It was reported that the activities of the criminal organization were determined through examinations based on HTS records and MASAK reports in the investigation.

26: Istanbul Sociologist Berfin Azdal, who is on trial within the scope of the HDK investigation carried out in Istanbul, said, "membership in an organization" He was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months in prison on the charge.

26: Istanbul The 42nd hearing of the case regarding the death of Ahmet Yıldız, who was killed by his father in 2008 because he was gay, was held at Anadolu 5th High Criminal Court. It was held in the Heavy Penalty. The court rejected the requests to hear Ahmet Yıldız's mother and sister and ruled for the continuation of the arrest warrant for the fugitive defendant father Yahya Yıldız. The case was adjourned to September 10, 2026. LGBTI+ organizations and human rights institutions followed the hearing.

26: Malatya İbrahim Burtakuçin, who was captured in Malatya with the joint operation of the National Intelligence Organization and the General Directorate of Security, was arrested on the allegation of being a member of ISIS. Security units stated that Burtakuçin was planning an attack on New Year's Eve, was operating on behalf of ISIS and was seeking to join the organization by going to conflict zones. It was determined that the suspect had contact with many ISIS members in the country and abroad. Burtakuçin was arrested by the judicial authorities and sent to prison.

- 27: Istanbul Within the scope of the corruption investigation against Bayrampaşa Municipality, four people, including the Head of the Fire Department of the Metropolitan Municipality and Deputy Secretary General Remzi Albayrak, were detained.
- 27: Izmir The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office regarding the Business People Örnekköy Housing Cooperative "embezzlement" It issued a detention order for 11 people, including former CHP İzmir Provincial Chairman Şenol Aslanoğlu.
- 29: Ankara About the posts made on social media after the ISIS operation in Yalova "Posts about the operation process and the activities of the security forces violated the confidentiality of the investigation An investigation was initiated with the claim.
- 29: Istanbul IMM Fire Department Head Remzi Albayrak, who was detained within the scope of the financial investigation against Bayrampaşa Municipality, was released with a ban on leaving the country.
- 29: Izmir In the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office with allegations of "embezzlement" against Izmir Businesspeople Örnekköy Housing Cooperative, 7 people, including former Metropolitan Mayor Tunç Soyer, former CHP Provincial Chairman Şenol Aslanoğlu and former İZBETON AŞ General Manager Heval Savaş Kaya, were referred to the Criminal Judgeship of Peace with a request for arrest. While Soyer and Kaya were detained within the scope of the file, Aslanoğlu was previously released.
- 30: Ankara Supreme Court 3. After being dismissed by a decree-law, the Criminal Chamber announced that "reinstatement" overturned the 10-year prison sentence given to Nuriye Gülmen for "DHKP/C membership". The chamber stated that the conviction was based on witness statements that were not heard at the hearing and that the right to defense was violated. The verdict against Yasemin Karadağ, who was tried in the same file, was also overturned for the same reasons. Despite the reversal decision, the Court of Cassation ruled for the continuation of Gülmen and Karadağ's detention. The file was sent to Istanbul 28. It was sent to the High Criminal Court.
- 30: Ankara Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya announced that 16 people were detained on December 30 for sharing posts described as "provocative" on social media about the operation against ISIS in Yalova. Yerlikaya stated that in the work carried out under the coordination of the Anti-Cyber Crime and Security units, action was taken with the claim that the posts contained disinformation. The Ministry stated that the investigation continues for the detained people
- 30: Diyarbakir The Supreme Court of Appeals has decided to sentence Ayşe Gökkan to "membership in an organization" and "Aiding the organization" The retrial was reversed at the 9th High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The prosecutor requested Gökkan's release, taking into account the long period of detention. The court rejected the requests for release and adjourned the trial to March 26, 2026.
- 31: Ankara The Constitutional Court in the case filed by 125 CHP deputies "Deferral of the announcement of the verdict", annulled paragraphs 5-14 of Article 231 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The court ruled that the absence of a clear regulation preventing the application of DAV in acts of torture, torture and ill-treatment of public officials was contrary to Article 17 of the Constitution. The Constitutional Court stated that

this situation leads to impunity and violates the state's obligation to punish proportionate to effective investigation. The annulment provision will enter into force on September 30, 2026.

31: Mardin The lawsuit filed by Mayor Ahmet Türk against the Ministry of Interior's appointment of a trustee to Mardin Metropolitan Municipality was rejected by the administrative courts. In its decision on November 17, the Mardin 1st Administrative Court cited the 10-year prison sentence given to Türk in the Kobanî case, which has not yet been finalized. The court argued that this sentence raised serious doubts about whether he could carry out his duty faithfully. Türk's request for a stay of execution was also rejected by the Antep Regional Administrative Court. Trustee practices continue.

3- Other Practices

02: Ankara CHP demanded that the proposal to amend the Criminal Procedure and TRT Law be put directly on the agenda of the General Assembly so that the IMM case could be broadcast live on TRT. The motion was rejected by the votes of AK Party and MHP deputies.

02: Istanbul HalkTV announced that its news did not appear in showcases such as Google News and Discover due to the algorithm-related restriction that Google has been applying for a long time and was pushed back in searches. Main News presenter Ece Üner said that Google's "*that he applied a strict blackout*" He called on readers to follow the news directly on Halk TV's website and application.

02: Istanbul Netflix "*Portrait of a Murder: The Münevver File*", the Law of First Instance decided to stop broadcasting. Münevver Karabulut's mother requested an interim injunction, stating that the publication of the documentary was inconvenient. The court banned the documentary from being shown on social media, television, Netflix and all digital or physical platforms until the end of the trial. In the decision, it was stated that the continuation of the publication before the research on the inheritance was completed "*irreparable damages*" It was stated that it could give birth.

02: Istanbul After the Pocket Cinema area used by the Cinema Club, which was closed in September at Yıldız Technical University, was given to another club for the event, the students filled the area during the hours of the event and prevented the activity from being held and the event was postponed. The university administration, on the other hand, launched disciplinary proceedings against the students who participated in the protest a month after the protest. The Pocket Cinema area was first taken from the club on the grounds that it would be renovated after the closure of the club, but then a new club was given an event permit.

02: Izmir The right to conditional release of sick prisoner Mehmet Sait Yıldırım, who has been held in Buca Kırıklar F Type Prison for 31 years, was prevented for the second time. The first postponement was at the Administration and Observation Board meeting on February 18 "*not in good behavior*" and "*He did not show remorse*" It was done on the

grounds. At the second meeting on November 25, the same reasons were repeated, and Yıldırım's release was postponed for another 9 months to August 27, 2026. Lawyer Fatma Demirer objected to the board's assessment that Yıldırım's "ties with the organization continued", but the Izmir 1st Execution Judgeship rejected the objection. The court ruled that the board "*that he did not show remorse and that he could turn to the same crime*" He argued that the decision was in accordance with the procedure.

03: Ankara The Constitutional Court published its decisions on the financial audits of the As Party, Young Anatolia Party, Eternal Order Party, Revolutionary Socialist Workers Party, Felicity Party and Ayyıldız Party in the Official Gazette. The Constitutional Court ruled that a criminal complaint be filed with the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office on the grounds that the As Party did not establish the registration system, carried out its income-expense movements outside the party account and took actions to obstruct the audit.

03: Istanbul Azerbaijani opposition politician and former MP Gultekin Hajibeyli was detained by the police while visiting his son. About Hajibeyli, "*foreigners who pose a danger to national security*" Deportation proceedings were initiated in accordance with the G-82 restriction code applied within the scope of the Convention. Hajibeyli stated that he was detained before the end of his three-month stay and despite having a valid residence permit, and said that if he was sent to Azerbaijan, he would be arrested on political grounds. His lawyers filed an appeal against the deportation decision.

04: Ankara The execution of Nimet Çaçan, who has been in prison since 1992, was postponed for the third time by the execution board on the grounds that the requirement for a statement of remorse was not fulfilled.

04: Istanbul The Freedom of Expression Association announced that two content published on its website dated October 25, 2024 and September 19, 2025, was published at the Istanbul 12th High Criminal Court. Criminal Court of Peace on December 3. The post on the X account of the EngelliWeb project was also made invisible from Turkey.

04: Istanbul IMM President Ekrem İmamoğlu's 59th Criminal Court, which handled the case that ran parallel to the cancellation of his diploma. It turned out that Criminal Judge of First Instance Ali Doğan filed a criminal complaint with the prosecutor's office three days before his appointment to Kahramanmaraş. Doğan claimed that the ground was prepared for the removal of his authority with the publications that he argued targeted him. The judge responded to the criticisms of conducting the hearing in the large hall in Silivri, reminded the principle of open trial and argued that the criticisms directed at the SEGBİS application did not have a legal basis.

04: Istanbul Freedom of Expression Association, Istanbul 9. Criminal Court of Peace announced on November 25 that access to news about Korkmaz Karaca was banned on the grounds of national security and public order. After the decision, access to the relevant content was restricted from Turkey.

05: Eskişehir A traffic police officer, Abdullah Öcalan, "*Turkey without terrorism*" He was suspended after his speech, which contained harsh criticism of the process, spread on social media. In his speech, which received applause, the police said that he

reacted to the process and politicians and that he could not sleep since the process started. After the images spread, the General Directorate of Security suspended the police officer from his duty and launched an investigation against him.

05: Istanbul Ekrem İmamoğlu's lawyers filed a lawsuit at the Istanbul 40th High Criminal Court, after the indictment and annexes of the IMM case have still not been uploaded to UYAP. He applied to the Heavy Penalty. The lawyers stated that it is unclear whether the 3,789-page indictment has been reviewed by the court and requested that the evidence be transferred to the system and that the physical copy of the file be made available for delivery.

05: Istanbul The investigation against U.Y. and N.B., who walked a woman on a leash in Beyoğlu and shared it on social media, has been completed. The prosecutor's office demanded a prison sentence of up to 7 years and 10 months for the two suspects on the charge of "publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility".

05: Mersin It was claimed that citizens were not allowed into the information meeting organized by the mining company in Arslanköy District and some environmental activists were beaten by the security forces. Mersin Environmental Platform, in its statement in front of the association, stated that the meeting was manipulated with fake signatures, "*We will not allow an attempt to silence the people*" used the phrases.

06: Istanbul 12. Criminal Judgeship of Peace, on the grounds of "personal rights" (*Cübbeli Ahmet's relative*) It blocked access to hundreds of news reports and social media posts about Muhittin Palazoğlu.

08: Istanbul The Freedom of Expression Association announced that Armut.com was blocked.

09: Istanbul The Association of Lawyers for Freedom has announced that torture and systematic violations of rights against political prisoners in Burdur High Security Prison "*State policy, not individual*" He called on the Ministry of Justice and the Parliament for an independent investigation.

09: Istanbul Private security intervened in the year-end tree decoration event of Yıldız Technical University students; In a statement, the university announced that the decorated blue spruce dried up due to environmental stress and that the event would be held with a decorative tree this year.

10: Ankara A trans man named Poyraz was found dead in the prisoner ward of Sincan Prison. It was claimed that the prosecutor's office came to the prison two days later for an examination after the death, and the statements of eyewitnesses were not taken. According to the news of Eylem Esen Arabacı from Pink Life, it was reported that four trans male prisoners who had been kept in isolation for a long time were taken to the psychiatric ward en masse on the same day, and when they returned to their wards, they found Poyraz hanging. It is stated that prisoners tried to give first aid by cutting the rope with a lighter, and the medical team did not come for a long time despite the call of the wardens. According to the prisoners, Poyraz's pulse was very weak at first, his hair was shaved and it was stated that the rope he was hanging on was a rope that was not found in the ward. The lawyers stated that there were serious doubts about the evaluation of the incident as suicide, and that some guards "*He already had*

- problems*" He stated that he used expressions such as.
- 10: Mus** Approximately 100 students were poisoned due to expired food in Alparslan Women's Dormitory. After the incident, students who protested the situation were threatened with being expelled from the dormitory.
- 11: Ankara** Reporter Elif Akkuş, who was reinstated for the second time by a court decision, was dismissed from TRT for the third time. An investigation was launched against Akkuş in 2024 for allegedly absenteeism for 168 days in 2022 and his employment contract was terminated. It was also claimed that Akkuş shared posts on an anonymous social media account about favoritism in the institution. Akkuş brought these proceedings to the judiciary and decided to reinstate him in two separate cases. Despite this, TRT management established a third dismissal process after court decisions. Akkuş's lawyer Hüseyin Ersöz announced that the decision was aimed at circumventing the court provisions and that a new lawsuit would be filed in the administrative judiciary.
- 12: Kayseri** CHP's *"The Nation Protects Its Will"* Municipal police collected the posters hung before the 75th of their rally. The rally organized by the CHP to demand freedom and early elections for imprisoned presidential candidate and IMM President Ekrem İmamoğlu was held on December 13 at 13.00 in Cumhuriyet Square. CHP Provincial Chairman Ümit Özer said that the posters hung for the invitation to the rally were removed in the evening, but the blocking of the posters increased the participation in the rally.
- 16: Ankara** After RTÜK launched an investigation, the Jasmine series was removed from the catalog of the platform where it was broadcast. The process of RTÜK, which started an investigation due to some scenes that allegedly damaged the family structure, continues.
- 18: Ankara** Netflix and HBO Max, which were investigated for obscene content, were fined from the upper limit. RTÜK argued that the broadcasts contained elements contrary to the general morality of the society.
- 18: Elazığ** During the search in Prison No. 2 on July 7, footage emerged of the guards torturing detainee Omer Cuma Salih. In the ward *"Compass"* During the search, the chief warden and correction officers destroyed the ward, broke the furniture and took Salih to the mezzanine floor and beat him. In the footage, Salih's *"Don't hit"* and bruising and swelling occurred on his face after the beating. Salih complained to the chief warden. The expert report prepared at the request of the Chief Prosecutor's Office also determined that Salih was ill-treated. The prison administration announced that the statements of the staff and convicts and the camera recordings were examined, there was no evidence of physical intervention and therefore no disciplinary penalty was imposed. The judicial investigation is ongoing.
- 18: Van** DEM Party Youth Assembly member Enes Sezgin was abducted by 7 masked people in the city center on the night of December 16. The attackers, who took Sezgin out of the city, tortured him and threatened him to leave the city. After the incident, members of the DEM Party Youth Assembly and democratic mass organizations organized a protest on Art Street. In the statement, it was stated that the attack was aimed at intimidating young people, and Enes Sezgin shared his experiences with the

- public and demanded that those responsible be revealed.
- 19: Kocaeli** Kocaeli University launched a disciplinary investigation against journalism student Abbas Vural, who stated that he was battered and insulted by a security guard. The university administration called on Vural to defend himself on charges of unauthorized video recording, hanging posters, conducting unauthorized commercial activities and obstructing education after the incident that took place during the club promotion stand held at the School of Foreign Languages on December 10. Vural denied the accusations and said that he was punished for not remaining silent about the violence he was subjected to.
- 20: Istanbul** CHP Chairman Özgür Özel said at a rally in Edirne that Medya AŞ General Manager Fatoş Pınar Türker, who was arrested as part of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality investigation, was subjected to a strip search and kept in a warehouse for four days. Özel stated that Türker was prevented from leaving the country on March 13, and although he applied to the prosecutor's office voluntarily, his statement was not taken. Türker's lawyers applied to the Constitutional Court with allegations of ill-treatment and violation of rights and demanded an end to his detention.
- 20: Istanbul** Koma Amed's concert planned to be held at the Yahya Kemal Beyatlı Show Center in Küçükçekmece has been canceled. The district governor's office rejected the hall allocation request and prevented the event from being held.
- 20: Istanbul** The Private Sector Teachers' Union made a press statement for academician Derya Barış Şen, who was dismissed due to a security investigation. The union stated that Fenerbahçe University terminated Şen's employment on October 27 without legal basis. In the statement, it was reminded that foundation university personnel are not subject to security investigation within the scope of the Security Investigation and Archive Scanning Law No. 7315. The union emphasized that the dismissal was unlawful and demanded Şen's immediate reinstatement.
- 20: Kırşehir** Cemil İvrendi, a seriously ill prisoner held in S Type Prison, was sentenced to deprivation of communication and communication tools for one month by the prison administration. The administration also imposed solitary confinement on İvrendi for one day, citing the letter he sent to the prison director. DEM Party Mersin Deputy Ali Bozan announced at a press conference in the Parliament that 61-year-old İvrendi has been in prison since 1994, and although he was supposed to be released in October 2024, his release was postponed by the decision of the administration and observation board. Reminding that İvrendi had undergone many heart surgeries, Bozan stated that the disciplinary penalties imposed delayed the release for at least one more year and demanded the immediate release of all sick prisoners.
- 21: Ankara** Retired Major General and İYİ Party Chief National Security Policies Advisor Rafet Kılıç announced that he was not allowed into the army houses even though the ban on entry to the army houses was canceled by a court decision. Kılıç stated that he was banned from entering the army houses about eight months ago after he criticized a statement by the Minister of National Defense, Yaşar Güler, and that this ban was lifted by the court on September 17. Kılıç said that a new ban was imposed before the decision was implemented, that he was not informed of the reason for the ban, and that he learned about the situation through a system warning while trying to enter

- the army house.
- 24: Ankara** The Radio and Television Supreme Council imposed an administrative fine on the competition program "The Power of Love" broadcast on Prime Video. RTÜK found that the program included discriminatory and sexist content against women, and used narratives that legitimized the oppression and objectification of women. The Supreme Council imposed a 3 percent administrative fine and the removal of the program from the catalog on the grounds that the provision of Law No. 6112 prohibiting abuse against women was violated.
- 24: Kayseri** The news about Mehmet Fatih Saraç, who was detained within the scope of Can Holding and betting investigations, was published at the 12th Criminal Court. Access was blocked by the decision of the Civil Court of First Instance. The court ruled to impose an interim injunction based on Articles 24 and 25 of the Turkish Civil Code. With the decision, news about Saraç was blocked from Turkey.
- 25: Ankara** The news about the allegations of irregularities in the Yunus Emre Foundation through nylon invoices and the resignations after these allegations were blocked. The decision was taken within the scope of Article 8/A of Law No. 5651 on the grounds of protecting national security and public order.
- 28: Ankara** İYİ Party Group Deputy Chairman Turhan Çömez shared with the public the written parliamentary question he submitted to the Ministry of Justice about Tayfun Kahraman, an MS patient who was not released despite the Constitutional Court's violation of rights and retrial decision. Çömez said that Kahraman had an MS attack in Silivri Prison, and on his return from the hospital. *"Drug distribution time has passed"* He stated that he was not given the neuropathic pain medication he should use regularly. Çömez, the incident in prison *"Inhumane treatment"* allegations were not opened, and the Ministry justified the *"District governor's permission was not given"* He explained that he answered. Çömez asked why the Constitutional Court's decision was not implemented and who would be responsible for the possible health consequences.
- 28: Elazığ** Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Mustafa Geylani, an ill prisoner held in High Security Prison No. 2, on the grounds that he told about the violations of rights in prison in a phone call with his family. In his weekly meeting with his brother Fahir Geylani, Geylani stated that on December 11, 16 and 19, room searches amounting to torture were carried out, and they were subjected to harassment and psychological pressure. According to the family's statement, the prison administration arbitrarily emptied the wards and changed the search hours and visit times. Mustafa Geylani's family announced that they will file a criminal complaint against the prison administration.
- 29: Ankara** The Radio and Television Supreme Council imposed a broadcasting ban on December 29 after three police officers lost their lives in the operation against ISIS in Yalova. RTÜK banned all kinds of news, images, interviews and social media posts about the incident, citing the confidentiality of the investigation carried out by the Yalova Chief Prosecutor's Office. The Board demanded the immediate removal of existing content and announced that administrative sanctions would be imposed on publications

contrary to the ban within the scope of Law No. 6112.

- 29: Istanbul** Journalist Furkan Karabay's X account (@frknkarabay). The decision was taken on the grounds of protecting national security and public order, and the account was made invisible from Turkey by X. Karabay's social media accounts had previously been blocked for similar reasons.
- 31: Diyarbakir** Serdar Büyükdeniz, a SES workplace representative working at the Children's Hospital, announced that he was subjected to exile and mobbing after reporting public damage. Büyükdeniz stated that he was exiled twice after reporting the irregularities in the hospital to Cimer, and that he returned to his duty after winning four lawsuits, but this time he faced systematic pressure. Büyükdeniz said that despite the health reports of the chief physician's office, he employed himself in unsuitable units. Stating that he could not get results from the Provincial Health Directorate and the Governor's Office, Büyükdeniz stated that torpedo prevailed instead of merit.

4- OTHER REPORTS

- 03: Ankara** According to the CHP's November Press Freedom Report, at least 68 journalists appeared before a judge in November due to their news or social media posts. Imprisoned journalist Fatih Altaylı said, "*Actual attack on the President*". He was sentenced to 4 years and 2 months in prison on the charge. In the same month, 14 journalists were fired from Sözcü TV; RTÜK imposed administrative fines on five broadcasting organizations. Şaban Sevinç, Yavuz Oğhan, Soner Yalçın, Ruşen Çakır and Batuhan Çolak were arrested in a dawn raid on their homes within the scope of the IMM investigation "*current expression*". He was taken to. Investigations were opened against BirGün and T24 employees; journalists Kayhan Ayhan, Rojda Altıntaş and Alican Uludağ were summoned to testify. A lawsuit was also filed against JinNews News Director Öznur Değer and Yeni Yaşam's former Editor-in-Chief Osman Akın. In the report, it was emphasized that three access bans on the official accounts of Presidential Candidate Ekrem İmamoğlu aggravated the censorship environment on the media.
- 03: Diyarbakir** The Dicle Fırat Journalists Association (DFG) has published its report on rights violations for November. According to the report, 15 journalists were sentenced to a total of 17 years and 5 months in prison; 8 journalists were detained, 8 journalists were prosecuted and a new investigation was launched against 14 journalists. The report stated that journalists were detained without evidence, faced high penalties and systematically prevented from covering the news by the police. In November, the trial of 79 journalists in 46 cases continued, while the cases of 8 journalists ended in acquittal. DFG has filed a lawsuit against JİNNEWS News Director Öznur Değer and journalist Ali Barış Kurt's "*that he does not regret*". He described his postponed release as arbitrary practices.
- 04: Istanbul** MLSA Media and Law Research Association, 11. He evaluated the effects of the Judicial Package on freedom of expression, personal rights, criminal justice, execution

regime and access to the judiciary. In the evaluation, internet access blocks, prepayment application in insult crimes, execution regulations, the use of children in organized crimes and changes in the lawyer disciplinary regime were examined. The MLSA noted that while the regulations have made progress in some areas, they present significant uncertainties and structural issues, particularly in terms of freedom of expression and the risk of arbitrariness.

05: Ankara During the discussion of the inclusion of the crime of insult within the scope of prepayment in the Parliamentary Justice Commission, the Ministry of Justice announced the 2024 data upon a question from CHP's Turan Taşkın Özer. According to the statistics shared by Deputy Minister Niyazi Acar, 534,505 investigations were opened with the allegation of insult on social media, and 60,276 of them turned into lawsuits; 11 thousand 161 people were convicted.

10: Diyarbakir The Mesopotamia Women Journalists Association (MKG) announced the November Report on Rights Violations Against Women Journalists. MKG emphasized that although the journalists' professional activities are within the scope of freedom of expression, they are the subject of accusations and that the pressures intensify especially during periods of political tension. The report also drew attention to the suspicious death of journalist Dilan Karaman and called for the investigation to be carried out effectively. In November, it was announced that one journalist was detained, three journalists were detained and several journalists were on trial.

13: Batman IHD Batman Branch, Batman Bar Association and Association of Lawyers for Freedom reported the results of their investigations in M Type, T Type, High Security and Open Penal Institutions in Batman. The report revealed that chronic violations of rights in prisons have become even more severe this year. According to the report, prisoners faced serious obstacles in accessing health services; Hospital referrals were made late or not at all, there were long delays in access to medicines, and referrals were disrupted even in emergencies. The report also stated that the sewage water in the Beşiri Prison Campus, where approximately 5 thousand prisoners are located, has been left open for years, the smell reaches an unbearable level in the summer months, and this situation is against human dignity.

22. Istanbul Journalist Ali Safa Korkut's "*What Does the Data Say? 2024 Internet Censorship Report*", It revealed that a total of 758,716 URLs were blocked in Turkey in 2024. According to the report, 8,762 news articles were blocked and most of the blocked news included corruption and irregularities. The most common reason for access bans is "*violation of personal rights*" While the majority of the decisions were made by the criminal judgements of peace in Istanbul.

29: Istanbul The courts continue to reject the cases of the Academics for Peace, who were expelled from universities on the grounds that they signed the peace declaration. Academician Mutlu Aslan shared the judicial balance sheet covering the 2016-2025 period and announced that approximately 400 academics were dismissed, while only 4 final extradition decisions were issued. According to the data shared, while 184 files were rejected and 170 files were accepted in administrative courts, many cases were not concluded. The academics emphasized that the dismissals were a violation of freedom

of expression and academic freedoms and reiterated their demands for justice.

29: Istanbul

FreeWebTurkey published its 2025 Internet Censorship Report on December 29. According to the report, in the first seven months of the year, 1,306 content and 3,330 URLs were blocked from Turkey by decisions taken by courts and administrative institutions. The censorship decisions mainly targeted journalistic activities, news websites and social media posts. It was stated that the most frequently used legal basis in the 105 access blocking decisions examined was Article 8/A of Law No. 5651. "*Protection of national security and public order*" It was noted that 496 contents were blocked for the reason, and this reason constituted 38 percent of all decisions. In the report, it was emphasized that access bans increased in parallel with political developments, and that Kurdish media, independent press and social media accounts of journalists were especially targeted.

30: Antalya

The Antalya Representative Office of the Association of Lawyers for Freedom announced its report on rights violations in Antalya, Manavgat, Burdur and Alanya prisons between June and December 2025. ÖHD Member Mehmet Baran Sarı said that sick prisoners are deliberately prevented from accessing hospitals, and handcuffed examinations, oral searches and isolation practices have become widespread. Sarı stated that hospital referrals were not made for months, emergency endoscopy, dental and heart treatments were delayed, medications were not given for weeks, and regular check-ups of chronic patients were not carried out. In the report, it was stated that the handcuffs were not removed during the examination, the detainees who refused to do so were sent back to prison without being examined, and the gendarmerie put pressure on the doctors. ÖHD announced that prisoners held in solitary cells in high-security prisons were deprived of social activities, Kurdish letters were censored, some newspapers and books were not given, and there were allegations of torture in Burdur Prison, including handcuffs behind their backs, beatings and threats.