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Violations of Freedom of Expression, Assembly and Association
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Hello,

What happened in Turkey in February 2026?

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

- Detention: 512
- Administrative/police intervention: 36
- Home raids: 27
- Injuries: 14
- Provincial general ban decisions: 4

INVESTIGATION - PROSECUTION

- Detention: 512
- Arrests: 121
- Judicial control / house arrest / ban on leaving the country: 73
- Newly opened investigations: 54
- Newly opened / indicted cases: 39
- Prison sentences: 33

OTHER APPLICATIONS

- Access block / content removal: 39

The pressures on CHP municipalities have not decreased, they have increased. The information provided by secret witnesses and those who want to benefit from "Effective Repentance" does not match, but corruption investigations and mass detentions continue.

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"**.

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, continued this month as well.

The work of the "National Solidarity, Brotherhood and Democracy Commission", *which started with the initiative of Devlet Bahçeli*, ended and a joint report was published. The discussion in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey will be held after the holiday.

1- Prohibitions, Police Interventions

- 01: Balıkesir** Two members of the SOL Party were detained in Gömeç district on the grounds that they hung a banner reading "Secular Democratic Republic against Sharia and fascism".
- 01: Izmir** DEM Party Provincial Organization gathered in front of Konak Pier to protest the events in North and East Syria. The group, which was also joined by DEM Party deputies Burcugül Çubuk and Mahmut Dindar, wanted to march from Konak to Cumhuriyet Square. Police teams prevented the march, stating that the notification was made only for the press statement. When the march was insisted on, there was a short scuffle between the group and the police.
- 01: Istanbul** Migros warehouse workers protested in front of the house of Anadolu Group Chairman Tuncay Özilhan in Beykoz with demands for wage increases and working conditions. Some workers were detained after the action. Umut-Sen Organization Coordinator Başaran Aksu, one of the detainees, *"insulting a public official"* and *"incitement to commit a crime"* He was transferred to Beykoz Courthouse on charges of DGD-SEN reiterated the demands of the workers for a net 50 percent raise, permanent work, payment of bank promotions and the payment of the tax burden by the boss.
- 02: Mardin** After the march organized as part of the February 1 Solidarity Day with Rojava in Kızıltepe district, many young people marching on the streets with slogans were beaten and detained by the police. In the intervention that took place after the march, which was attended by tens of thousands of people, the moments when the police laid the young people on the ground and pressed their throats were reflected on the cameras. In the footage, it was seen that many police officers surrounded a young man lying on the ground.
- 02: Mus** The police intervened against hundreds of people who gathered in the city center with the call of the Democratic Institutions Platform to protest the attacks on Rojava. The police tried to prevent the crowd that dispersed after the February 1 Solidarity Day with Rojava statement, which was also attended by Democratic Regions Party Co-Chair Keskin Bayındır, by saying "you will disperse one by one". The police teams attacked the group who wanted to march with slogans and reacted to the intervention of the police and detained two people with ill-treatment. During the intervention, the main street was blocked with shields and journalists were prevented from working in the area.
- 03: Hakkari** Simultaneous house raids were carried out by police teams in many neighborhoods of Yüksekova district. At least 20 people *"Being a member of an organization"* and *"making propaganda for an organization"* He was detained and taken to Yüksekova District Security Directorate. In the center of Şırnak, 2 of 4 people who were detained in house raids on January 30 were arrested and 2 people were released under judicial control. The judge issued the arrest warrant *"unauthorized possession of dangerous goods"* he based on his claim. The number of people arrested in Şırnak and its districts since January 13 has risen to 33. It was reported that 19 of those arrested were children. At least 65 people were detained throughout the city during the protests.
- 04: Istanbul** Migros warehouse workers protested in front of the house of Anadolu Group

Chairman Tuncay Özilhan in Beykoz against the 28 percent raise offer. In the action, which was also attended by DGD-SEN President Neslihan Acar, workers expressed their demands for permanent work and humane life. The workers who wanted to meet with Özilhan started a sit-in protest when they could not find an interlocutor. The police prevented the protest, blockaded the group and removed the journalists from the area, citing the ban decision of the Beykoz District Governorate. During the intervention, dozens of workers, including Neslihan Acar, were detained with handcuffs behind their backs.

05: Istanbul 55 of the 94 people detained in house raids against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP) were referred to the Criminal Court of Peace with a request for arrest without taking their statements by the prosecutor's office. It is reported that police statements of the remaining detainees will be taken on the same day. With the call of ESP, many political parties, democratic mass organizations and union representatives came together in front of the Istanbul Çağlayan Courthouse. In the statement, it was stated that the operation was a "political genocide". It was stated that ESP Co-Chair Murat Çepni, former co-chairs, Central Executive Committee members, SKM Spokesperson Tanya Kara, SGDF Co-Chair Berfin Polat, Limter-İş Chairman İleri Devrim Yurtsever and ETHA workers were among those detained.

06: Istanbul Migros warehouse workers gathered in front of the villa of Anadolu Group Chairman Tuncay Özilhan in Beykoz for the third time under the leadership of DGD-SEN as part of their resistance against the imposition of a 28 percent raise. The workers were first blockaded and then detained.

07: Istanbul DEM Party Provincial Presidency made a press statement on Sancaktepe Democracy Street regarding the developments in northern Syria. Speaking in the statement, Co-Chair Çınar Altan said that the attacks on Rojava target the search for a democratic solution to the Kurdish problem and the democratic life model established in the region. The police surrounded the DEM Party members and removed the journalists from the area. 4 people were detained.

07: Istanbul The rooms belonging to student clubs at Boğaziçi University were evacuated by the police raid at night. On the night of February 6, the police blocked the entrances of the South and North campuses, preventing students from entering the campus. The police, who entered the campus accompanied by TOMAs, riot police teams and detention buses, evacuated the rooms of the Music Club, Fine Arts Club, Underwater Sports Club and Sports Board with transport trucks. The students stated that the intervention was part of the policy of liquidating the student areas carried out by the trustee rectorate and announced that they would not leave their clubs. European Parliament Turkey Rapporteur Nacho Sánchez Amor also announced that he was watching the developments with concern.

09: Istanbul Students started a vigil in front of the South Campus against the decision of the Boğaziçi University Rectorate to move the rooms of four student clubs from Hamlin Hall to Hisar Campus. The Rectorate evacuated the club rooms on the night of February 7, accompanied by the police. Students organized a protest march and called for the decision to be withdrawn. In the press statement, the students said that the trustee rector Naci İnci prevented club activities and liquidated student areas. The police intervened with pepper spray against the students who

wanted to march to Hamlin Hall. Despite the intervention, the students broke through the blockade and entered the Student Activity Building and organized a forum.

- 10: Istanbul** Beşiktaş District Governorate will host the concerts of Slaughter To Prevail on February 10 and Behemoth on February 11 at Zorlu Performing Arts Center. *is incompatible with social values*" He banned it on the grounds that it was banned.
- 11: Istanbul** Ramazan Yıldız, President of the Adalar Youth Branch, was detained before the rally to be held in Büyükkada at 19.30 as part of the CHP's "The Nation Protects Its Will" rallies. CHP Deputy Chairman Burhanettin Bulut announced that Yıldız was detained on the grounds of a social media comment. Bulut stated that the detention made hours before the rally was unacceptable.
- 14: Istanbul** Two students carrying foreign currency were detained in the press statement made before Erdoğan's opening of the dormitory at Boğaziçi University North Campus. The prosecutor's office referred the students to the court with a request for arrest. The court released the two students on judicial control conditions and a ban on leaving the country.
- 15: Istanbul** The Peoples' Democratic Congress, the Free Women's Movement and the DEM Party made a press statement in Aksaray Square on the anniversary of Abdullah Öcalan's capture. After the statement, the police intervened in the dispersed crowd and detained 16 people with handcuffs behind their backs on the allegations of "making propaganda for an illegal organization".
- 15: Van** Hundreds of people gathered in front of Günpaş Market and wanted to march. The police prevented the march and there was a short-term tension. Despite the obstacles, the group marched in front of Hayat Hospital with phone lights and made a press statement there. The group dispersed after the statement.
- 16: Istanbul** The Governor's Office prevented the march of the CHP Provincial Presidency on February 17, 2026, to protest the privatization of bridges and highways from Ortaköy to Arnavutköy. The reason is that the requested route is not included among the routes determined within the scope of Law No. 2911 and traffic and safety will be adversely affected. CHP Istanbul Provincial Chairman Özgür Çelik announced that they will gather in Ortaköy on February 17 at 17.00 despite the decision.
- 17: Balıkesir** As part of an investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, house raids were carried out in the early hours of the morning. At least 9 people, including DEM Party Edremit District executives and Polen Ecology Collective activists, were detained. The authorities did not make a statement about the scope of the investigation and the reason for the detention.
- 17: Istanbul** In the early hours of the morning, many addresses were raided and many people were detained. Authorities did not make a statement regarding the reason for the operation.
- 17: Istanbul** The governor's office banned the march of the CHP Istanbul Provincial Presidency from Ortaköy to Arnavutköy against the privatization of bridges. In the evening, the police intervened against CHP members who gathered in Ortaköy and prevented CHP Istanbul Provincial Chairman Özgür Çelik from walking on the sidewalk. The CHP delegation went to Arnavutköy by sea and made a statement there. Three people

- were detained during the action.
- 18 Batman** Hung on an association building on Turgut Özal Boulevard "*Welcome, Ramadan, the month of mercy*" There was tension due to the banner. Police and municipal police teams stated that the banner was against the permit and measurement rules and asked for it to be removed. When the banner was not removed, the teams intervened; In the brawl that broke out, the riot police detained many people and an investigation was launched.
- 18: Şırnak** At least 37 children were detained in house raids during the protests held between January 8 and 27, 2026, following the attacks of the forces loyal to the Damascus administration on Rojava. 12 children between the ages of 15-17 were arrested and sent to Hatay Juvenile and Youth Prison, which is approximately 700 kilometers away from their families. Azat Bayram, a lawyer from the Association of Lawyers for Freedom, said that children were deprived of sleep in custody, subjected to night identification procedures and their requests for lawyers were not met.
- 20: Istanbul** Italian journalist Andrea Lucidi, who was planning to attend an informal meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the role of media coverage in the Ukraine crisis, was detained in Istanbul. Lucidi was expected to speak at the meeting to be held in New York at the initiative of Russia.
- 21: Istanbul** A foreign delegation of 6 people who came to Turkey to examine the violations of rights in well-type prisons were detained and deported with a "restriction" on their passports. The delegation included a lawyer, two journalists, two academics and a representative of a political party. Naim Eminoğlu, President of the Istanbul Branch of the Contemporary Lawyers Association, said that the delegation was detained after meeting with the People's Law Office, and that one of the members of the delegation was beaten because he refused to sign the deportation documents.
- 22: Istanbul** Journalist Mehmet Ali Ertaş was detained, the reason is unclear.
- 26: Iğdır** The police prevented the march of the Democratic Regions Party (DBP) Women's Assembly in the city center of Iğdır as part of March 8, International Women's Day, prevented the group from marching on the grounds of banners and placards and blockaded the area. The women then made a press statement in front of the DEM Party Iğdır Provincial Organization. The statement ended with halay and slogans.
- 26: Istanbul** The National Intelligence Organization and the General Directorate of Security organized a joint operation. Authorities claimed that four alleged members of DHKP-C were preparing an armed and bomb attack. Four people were detained as part of the operation. The investigation is ongoing.
- 27: Izmir** On the eighth day of the workers' resistance at Polyak Mining operating in Kınık district, Independent Maden-İş executives were detained. In a statement made on February 27, the workers claimed that the transfer of the mine from Fiba Holding to the Chinese company Qitaihe Longcoal Mining was fraudulent and gave company officials until March 2. The workers announced that they would seize the mine if the share transfer was not canceled. After the statement, Chairman Gökay Çakır, Başaran Aksu, Volkan Çetin and Öncü Çetin were detained by the order of the prosecutor's office.

2- Investigations and Trials

- 03: Istanbul** An investigation was launched against 30-year-old Ü.B., who shared a section taken from the Tarlabası episode of Ahmet Mümtaz Taylan's "Istanbul Account" program broadcast on the Gain platform on social media. It is reported that in the investigation carried out under the coordination of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, the post was examined with the allegation of "insulting the Turkish nation, the State of the Republic of Turkey, the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Turkey".
- 03: Istanbul** Raids were carried out in 22 provinces in Istanbul-based operations against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP), Socialist Women's Assembly (SKM), Socialist Youth Associations Federation (SGDF), Etkin News Agency (ETHA), DİSK/Limter-İş, Polen Ecology and BEKSAV. 93 people were detained. ESP Co-Chair Murat Çepni, many party executives, journalists, trade unionists and lawyers were among those detained. It was reported that the door of the ETHA office in Istanbul was broken into, the agency's equipment was confiscated and access to the agency's X accounts was blocked.
- 03: Istanbul** In the morning, a police operation was carried out against the Etkin News Agency (ETHA). The agency's door was broken into the office and the equipment was confiscated. ETHA reporters Nadire Gürbüz, Pınar Gayıp, Elif Bayburt, Müslüm Koyun and Züleyha Müldür were detained during the raid. At the same time, access to the agency's digital accounts was blocked. It is reported that the operation was carried out within the scope of the Istanbul-based investigation against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP). Many people, including ESP Co-Chair Murat Çepni, were detained. The Chief Prosecutor's Office announced that there was a detention warrant for 110 people within the scope of the operation.
- 03: Muğla** On the grounds that they protested the detention of Ekrem İmamoğlu, 2. Marmaris Mayor Acar Ünlü on trial at the Criminal Court of First Instance "*publicly insulting a public official*", "*Don't resist the officer on duty*" charge. CHP Muğla Provincial Youth Branch President Nazım Şardoğan "*Don't resist the officer in charge*" A judicial fine of 15 thousand TL was imposed on the charge, "*intentional injury to a public official*" He was sentenced to 1 year, 4 months and 7 days in prison. The court postponed the announcement of the prison sentence decision
- 03: Van** An investigation has been launched against journalist Öznur Değer for photographing police violence during the march for Rojava in Van on January 29 and sharing it on her digital media account. Attorney General's Office. The prosecutor's office has arrested Değer "*Provoking the public to hatred and hostility or humiliating them*" He accuses them of this. In his statement, Değer stated that he took the photo as part of his journalistic activity, and that tear gas and rubber bullets were used against journalists and the crowd during the police intervention, and many of his colleagues were injured.
- 04: Istanbul** Orhan Çelebi, a member of the Central Executive Board of the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP), was detained in a police raid on his house in Dersim in the morning.

At the same time, the ESP Dersim Provincial Office was raided and searched. The day before, many people from ESP, SKM, SGDF, DİSK/Limter-İş, ETHA, Polen Ecology and BEKSAV were detained in Istanbul-based operations.

04: Istanbul In the indictment, which was prepared as a result of the "political espionage" investigation carried out against Metropolitan Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, communication consultant Necati Özkan, Hüseyin Gün and journalist Merdan Yanardağ, a prison sentence of up to 20 years was demanded for the defendants each. The Attorney General's Office claims that during the 2019 elections, there was contact with foreign intelligence services and attempts were made to manipulate the elections. It is reported that the investigation was expanded upon Hüseyin Gün's statements within the scope of effective remorse.

04: Istanbul In the case filed against businessman Aziz İhsan Aktaş, where 200 people are on trial, Beşiktaş Mayor Rıza Akpolat claimed in his defense that he was asked to talk about the CHP Congress and to be a confessor, and that he was pressured to do so. Akpolat denied the charges of bribery, bid rigging and membership in a criminal organization. Avclar Mayor Utku Caner Çaykara, Adana Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Zeydan Karalar, Seyhan Mayor Oya Tekin and Ceyhan Mayor Kadir Aydar also made their defenses in the case. The trial will last until February 20.

04: Istanbul Dilek İmamoğlu's brother Ali Kaya was detained within the scope of the drug investigation carried out by the Smuggling, Narcotics and Economic Crimes Investigation Bureau of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that there was a detention warrant for 27 people within the scope of the file and that 19 people were detained in the operations

04: Istanbul In the case of 9 people who were tried for protesting trade with Israel during President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's speech, the 8th Criminal Court of First Instance was held. The police officers who testified at the Criminal Court of First Instance said that they were informed of the detention order before the program and that the intervention order came from the Presidential protection personnel. It is seen that the witness statements contradict the detention reports, expert reports and video recordings. The defense lawyers stated that no warning was given in the courtroom, "*Unlawful Assembly*" He stated that the elements of the crime did not occur and that the defendants acted within the scope of freedom of expression and demanded acquittal. The court decided to send the file to the prosecutor's office for the preparation of the final opinion as to the accusations and adjourned the trial to June 17.

05: Ankara The Ministry of National Defense, at the graduation ceremony, "*We are Mustafa Kemal's soldiers*" The court brought the court decision to the court of appeal regarding the annulment of the dismissal penalty given to Lieutenant Deniz Demirtaş, who was dismissed from the Turkish Armed Forces on the grounds that he shouted the slogan. Demirtaş was sentenced to "Separation from the Armed Forces" by the Turkish Armed Forces High Disciplinary Board on the grounds of indiscipline and actions incompatible with the dignity and dignity of the military profession, and as a result of the lawsuit, the court found the dismissal decision unlawful and annulled it. The case was also a precedent for other lieutenants who were dismissed for the same reason.

- 05: Izmir** Within the scope of the bribery investigation carried out under the coordination of the Chief Prosecutor's Office, an operation was carried out against Buca Municipality. 25 people were detained in the operation. It is reported that one suspect is abroad and efforts are underway to catch two suspects.
- 06: Adana** The case filed against lawyer Şiar Rişvanoğlu, a member of the Progressive Lawyers Association, on the allegation of "membership in a terrorist organization" was heard at the 11th High Criminal Court. It started at the Heavy Penalty. The only witness in the case, Merdan Rüştü Ovalıoğlu, said in his statement via SEGBİS that he gave his statement at the Ankara Police Headquarters and withdrew his previous statements. Ovalıoğlu stated that he did not know Rişvanoğlu and that his statement was taken with the promise of helping him in his files. Defense lawyers stated that with the withdrawal of the witness statement, there was no evidence against the defendant in the file and demanded acquittal. The court lifted the judicial control measure against Rişvanoğlu and adjourned the hearing to February 16.
- 06: Ankara** The Professional Football Disciplinary Board fined Amedspor 600 thousand TL for "ideological propaganda" during the Amedspor-Adana Demirspor match played in Diyarbakır on February 1. Football player Çekdar Orhan, who showed joy by braiding his hair after scoring a goal in the same match, was also banned from 5 official competitions.
- 06: Ankara** On the third anniversary of the February 6 earthquakes, Ankara Labor and Democracy Forces gathered in front of Kolej Metro Station and wanted to march to Yüksel Street, but the police prevented the march by setting up barricades. People's Houses Regional Representative Serdar Kibar was detained.
- 06: Erzurum** Victory Party Chairman Ümit Özdağ, who is on trial for his statements against Sheikh Said on his social media account, Hınıs Criminal Court of First Instance, shared the post made on November 9, 2024, with the following statements: "*public insult to the memory of the person*" and imposed a judicial fine of 6,500 TL on Özdağ, the announcement of the verdict was deferred.
- 06: Istanbul** The objection to the detention of IMM President Ekrem İmamoğlu and 104 people was rejected by the upper court. Istanbul 40. After accepting the indictment, the Heavy Penal Court decided to continue the detention of the defendants. The lawyers' objection was rejected by the 41. The High Criminal Court rejected it. In the indictment prepared by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, Ekrem İmamoğlu is demanded to be sentenced to up to 2,352 years in prison on 142 different charges for allegedly being the "founder and leader of an organization".
- 06: Istanbul** 19 people, including Ali Kaya, the brother of Ekrem İmamoğlu's wife Dilek İmamoğlu, were referred to the Criminal Court of Peace with a request for arrest. Judicial control is requested for 2 suspects.
- 06: Istanbul** People's Liberation Party (HKP) Chairman Nurullah Efe Ankut, in the morning hours "*Insulting the President*" He was detained on the charge. It was stated that the investigation initiated by the Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office was based on a video shared by Ankut on his X account on February 12, 2025, which contained allegations about President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's diploma and military service

- process.
- 06: Istanbul** The indictment prepared against social media celebrity Murat Övüç due to his headscarf video was sent to the Küçükçekmece Criminal Court of First Instance. Küçükçekmece Chief Prosecutor's Office, Övüç's "*publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He demanded a prison sentence of up to 3 years. Övüç has been detained for 46 days.
- 06: Istanbul** 30 more of the 96 people who were detained in the operations against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP) in 22 cities on February 3 were arrested. At the Çağlayan Courthouse, 24 of the 40 people who were referred to the Criminal Judgeship of Peace at the request of the prosecutor's office were arrested and 16 were released under judicial control. 6 people whose statements were taken via SEGBİS were also arrested in Malatya and Antep. Thus, the number of people arrested within the scope of the operation increased to 77. ESP Co-Chair Murat Çepni, journalists Züleyha Müldür, Pınar Gayıp and Müslüm Koyun are among those arrested.
- 06: Istanbul** Etkin News Agency (ETHA) editors Nadiye Gürbüz and Pınar Gayıp and reporter Müslüm Koyun were arrested. 56 of the 96 people detained on February 3 in the operation against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP) were referred to the Istanbul Çağlayan Courthouse. The prosecutor's office requested arrest for 56 people without taking their statements. The Criminal Court of Peace decided to arrest 47 people, including ESP Co-Chair Murat Çepni, and to release 9 people on judicial control conditions. ETHA reporter Züleyha Müldür was released under judicial control, while Müslüm Koyun was arrested and sent to prison.
- 06: Izmir** 16-year-old A.K. was detained on the grounds of the hair braiding video he shared on his social media account. The prosecutor's office has taken the child to "*propaganda for a terrorist organization*" and referred him to the court with a request for arrest. The court decided to arrest A.K. and he was sent to Şakran Juvenile Closed Prison. DEM Party Group Deputy Chairman Gülistan Kılıç Koçyiğit also reacted to the decision and stated that this practice against children is intimidation.
- 06: Sırnak** In the case filed in İdil district in 2016, 13 people, including Kurdish politicians, were sentenced to a total of 96 years and 3 months in prison. Şırnak 3. The High Criminal Court sentenced the defendants for "membership in a terrorist organization". Former İdil Co-Mayor Nevin Girasun, former Değta Dare Town Co-Mayor Nuri Akman, DEM Party İdil District Co-Chair Songül Erden, HDP Party Assembly Member Resul Sadak and 8 people were sentenced to 7 years and 6 months in prison each. The court sentenced Erhan Malgaz to 6 years and 3 months in prison, while Şehmus Öztaş and Abdulsalam Öz were acquitted.
- 07: Diyarbakir** The court of appeal reversed the case regarding the death of 19-year-old Şahin Öner, who was hit by an armored vehicle on February 10, 2013. 1. Heavy Penalty to police officer Selahattin Korkmaz "*Causing death by negligence*The sentence of 3 years and 4 months in prison for the crime of ", Regional Court of Justice 3. By the Criminal Chamber "*Determination of excess penalty*" It was overturned on the grounds. The file was sent to the 1st Criminal Court for a retrial. He was sent to the Heavy Penalty. The hearing is scheduled for February 11.

- 07: Istanbul** Bektaş Kamburoğlu, the bodyguard of imprisoned Istanbul Metropolitan Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, was detained as part of the IMM-focused "corruption" investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office. Kamburoğlu was the bodyguard of his wife Dilek Kaya İmamoğlu and his family after İmamoğlu was imprisoned.
- 08: Eskişehir** Mehmet Emin Korkmaz, who shared a post on social media about Mihalgazi district Mayor Zeynep Güneş, was detained. Korkmaz shared Güneş's photo and used expressions "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He was detained on the charge. Minister of Justice Yılmaz Tunç stated that the post was disruptive to public peace and discriminatory. İYİ Party initiated a disciplinary process against Korkmaz with a request for expulsion.
- 08: Muğla** O.K., who lives in Menteşe district, shared a pig figure with a sheet produced with artificial intelligence on his social media account. While reactions rose on social media after the post, Eğitim-Bir-Sen Branch President Önder Uçak called the judicial authorities to duty. O.K. closed his social media account after the reactions, but "*openly inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He was detained on the charge.
- 09: Ankara** The trial of the defendants in the case regarding the death of journalist Uğur Mumcu, who was killed in a bomb attack in Ankara on January 24, 1993, will be held at the 5th High Criminal Court. Heavy Penalty continued. The court adjourned the hearing to July 14 in order to eliminate the deficiencies in the file and to receive the expected letter responses.
- 09: Istanbul** Journalist Fuat Yaşar was sentenced to 63 for his post on the X platform in 2015. A judicial fine of 116 days was imposed by the Criminal Court of First Instance. The lawsuit filed against former Yeni Şafak columnist İbrahim Karagül for allegedly insulting him was previously dropped on the grounds of statute of limitations. Regional Court of Justice 24. Upon the application of Karagül's lawyer, the Criminal Chamber overturned the decision to dismiss and ordered a retrial. In the re-trial, the court decided to postpone the announcement of the verdict against Yaşar and ordered him to pay an attorney's fee of 45 thousand liras.
- 09: Istanbul** The Press Crimes Investigation Bureau of the Anatolian Chief Prosecutor's Office prepared an indictment against journalist Sedef Kabaş for her social media posts. The prosecutor's office announced Kabaş's posts on the X platform "*Public incitement to commit a crime*" and demanded a prison sentence of up to 5 years. Kabaş was arrested on January 26 for the same posts. "*Insulting the President*" and "*incitement to commit a crime*" He was detained on charges and released under judicial control, which included a ban on leaving the country and a signature requirement two days a week.
- 09: Izmir** The prosecutor's office had issued a detention order for 28 people, including the License and Inspection Manager, for allegedly issuing licenses in violation of the legislation in zoning and planning transactions in return for bribes. Izmir Police Department teams detained 26 people in an operation on February 6. İ.B., C.B., C.Ş., G.P., M.G., C.S. and S.K. were arrested and 19 people were released on judicial control conditions. It is reported that efforts to catch 2 suspects are continuing, including 1 person determined to be abroad.

- 09 Kutahya** Conscientious objector İnan Mayıs Aru, "*Opposition to the Military Penal Code*" He was arrested on February 3 after his prison sentence was finalized. On November 10, 2025, the 3rd Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced Aru to 3 months and 22 days in prison on the same charge and did not apply the good behavior reduction and deferral of the announcement of the verdict, citing his previous convictions. Aru was released on probation on February 6, 2026. It is reported that there are 3 separate files pending appeal against Aru and there is a possibility of a total prison sentence of approximately 25 months.
- 09: Şırnak** He was beaten and detained by the police in Cizre district on January 14 and "*making propaganda for a terrorist organization*" The objection to the detention of Ajansa Welat reporter Nedim Oruç, who was arrested on the charge, was rejected. The 1st Criminal Court of First Instance rejected the arrest decision, stating that it was based on concrete evidence and was proportionate. Oruç has been detained for 23 days.
- 10: Ankara** About CHP Çorum Deputy Mehmet Tahtasız, he used the phrase "*pure sugar*" In the lawsuit filed due to his statement, the Civil Court of First Instance decided on compensation. The court ruled that Tahtasız's words violated his personal rights and ordered him to pay non-pecuniary damages. It was reported that Tahtasız will appeal against the decision.
- 10: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Terror Crimes Investigation Bureau announced that FETÖ/PDY "*TAF private services*" Within the scope of the investigation into the structuring, a detention order was issued for 8 suspects. 8 people, 2 of whom were previously dismissed from public service, were detained in the operation held in Ankara. During the searches carried out at the addresses of the suspects, 2 million 500 thousand TL promissory notes, 173 thousand 895 TL, 31 thousand 960 dollars, 12 thousand 865 euros, 91 grams of gold, 1 whole and 11 quarter gold coins and many digital materials were seized. One of the detained suspects was arrested.
- 10: Ankara** Regional Court of Justice 31. The Criminal Chamber rejected the appeals against the sentence and acquittal decisions given in the case regarding the armed attack on academic Cenk Yiğiter in front of his house in Ankara on May 20. The chamber found the verdicts for the defendants İkbâl Önal, Atilla Karapınar and Mehmet Karapınar and the juvenile E.A., who was dragged into crime, to be appropriate. The court found the sentences given for the crimes of unlicensed weapon and intentional injury to be lawful and upheld the acquittal decision for threatening with a weapon.
- 10: Antalya** The 41-page indictment prepared against 702 suspects, including Metropolitan Mayor Muhittin Böcek, his son Mustafa Gökhan Böcek and former Provincial Police Chief İlker Arslan, was accepted by the 6th Criminal Court. It was accepted by the Heavy Penalty. About Muhittin Böcek arrested on July 5, 2025 "*extortion by extortion*", "*unfair acquisition of property*" and "*Laundering of assets arising from crime*" accusations were made. Mustafa Gökhan Böcek "*extortion by extortion*", "*influence peddling*" and "*Unfair Acquisition of Property*" He allegedly aided in their crimes. In the indictment, it was stated that a legal evaluation was made in terms of 26 actions. the first hearing is on March 16.
- 10: Istanbul** The prosecutor of the hearing stated in his opinion as to the accusations against manager Ayşe Barım, who is on trial for allegedly directing artists in the Gezi Park

protests *"Aiding the attempt to overthrow the Government of the Republic of Turkey"* by changing the accusation of Barım's *"Attempt to overthrow the Government of the Republic of Turkey"*. The verdict hearing is on February 11.

10: Istanbul Within the scope of the investigation against the Peoples' Democratic Congress *"being a member of an organization"* Journalist and İlke TV commentator Ercüment Akdeniz, who is on trial for the allegation, was sentenced to prison at the Istanbul 26th High Criminal Court. Witness Ali Deli said that he did not know Akdeniz and that he did not have any information about the file. Akdeniz repeated his previous defense. His lawyer Özcan Karakoç demanded that the witness who was not heard be given up and the ban on leaving the country be lifted. The court board gave up hearing the witness and sent the file to the prosecutor's office for the opinion as to the accusations. The next hearing is on June 2. The ban on leaving the country continues.

10: Istanbul Karar reporter Feyza Nur Çalıkoğlu was sentenced to 2. In the Criminal Court of First Instance *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* He is on trial on the charge. The prosecutor demanded that Çalıkoğlu be sentenced in his opinion as to the accusations. In his defense, Çalıkoğlu said that he made the news to inform the public. The court gave additional time for the defense and adjourned the hearing to February 26.

10: Istanbul Pekay Salmanoğlu, one of the lawyers of the Istanbul Bar Association, was detained due to an argument with a judge during a judicial proceedings at the Küçükçekmece Courthouse. The police detained Salmanoğlu for about 20 hours. The Criminal Court of Peace released Salmanoğlu with a ban on leaving the country. İbrahim Kaboğlu, President of the Istanbul Bar Association, said that Salmanoğlu's detention while on duty was against the Constitution and the Attorneyship Law. Pursuant to Article 58 of the Attorneyship Law, investigations against lawyers are subject to the permission of the Ministry of Justice.

10: Izmir Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, an operation was carried out against the current structure of FETÖ. Izmir Police Department teams detained 12 of the 14 suspects for whom a detention order was issued. Efforts to catch 2 suspects continue.

10: Izmir Because of the hair braiding video he shared on his social media account *"making propaganda for an organization"* The objection to the detention of 16-year-old A.K., who was arrested on the allegation, was rejected by the 5th Criminal Court. It was rejected by the Criminal Judgeship of Peace. The 39th Criminal Court of First Instance stated that the judicial control measure would be insufficient, citing the current state of evidence and the lower and upper limits of the crime. Lawyer Edhem Kuruş emphasized that detention is an exceptional measure in juvenile trials and announced that an individual application will be made to the Constitutional Court on the grounds that the decision constitutes a violation of fundamental rights.

10: Kocaeli Two separate investigations and a lawsuit were opened against journalist Alican Uludağ. The Gebze Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against Uludağ for his social media posts regarding the responsibility of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure regarding the Arslan Apartment, which collapsed on October 29, 2024,

in which four people died "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" He launched an investigation on the charge. Upon the complaint of Yüksel Kocaman, a member of the Court of Cassation and former Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor, Uludağ "*slander*", "*insult*" and "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" A second investigation was opened on the charges. In addition, the indictment prepared by the Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office demanded a prison sentence of 1 to 3 years due to Uludağ's post that Berk Akand, who was sentenced to 18 years and 9 months in prison in the Şule Çet case, was released.

- 10: Siirt** 5 people, including a child, were detained in house raids in Congbayır neighborhood on the grounds that they participated in the protests against the attacks on Rojava.
- 10: Van** At least 8 people were detained in house raids. The police, who raided the house of DEM Party Youth Assembly Member Lorin Aryen Turğut in the Köyiçi neighborhood of Edremit district at 6 in the morning, broke the door and entered. Turğut was not at home. The police put the family members on the ground, threatened her sister with detention and battered her brother with the butt of a gun. It is reported that his brother suffered a fracture in his head as a result of the beating.
- 11: Giresun** CHP's Görele Mayor Hasbi Dede appeared before the judge again as part of an investigation initiated due to a correspondence on social media in Giresun. Upon the objection of the prosecutor's office against Dede, who was previously released under judicial control and with a ban on leaving the country, the court decided to arrest Dede.
- 11: Istanbul** 26. Heavy Penalty sentences manager Barım, who is on trial for allegedly being one of the planners of the Gezi Park protests, "*Attempt to overthrow the Government of the Republic of Turkey*" He first sentenced him to aggravated life imprisonment, then reduced the sentence to 15 years, ruling that the crime remained at the assistance stage. The court applied a good behavior reduction and determined the sentence as 12 years and 6 months. Barım was released on the condition of a ban on leaving the country and judicial control until the Supreme Court process is completed.
- 11: Istanbul** Ceylan Publications representative Hüseyin Gültepe, who was detained during the operations against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP), was arrested. 77 of the 102 ESP members detained within the scope of the investigation were previously arrested.
- 11: Istanbul** The 10th Criminal Court of Peace decided to release Şişli Mayor Resul Emrah Şahan, Deputy Mayor Ebru Özdemir and Reform Foundation Director Mehmet Ali Çalışkan, who were detained within the scope of the "Urban Reconciliation" investigation, with a ban on leaving the country. Resul Emrah Şahan will not be released from prison as he is detained as part of a separate investigation.
- 11: Istanbul** Aslı Aydemir, an academic for peace who was arrested on July 4 and released on January 14 for reacting to the attack on LeMan magazine on June 30. "*Resistance to prevent the execution of duty*" The case in which he was tried on the charge of 8. It started at the Criminal Court of First Instance. In his defense, Aydemir said that he defended himself in the incident on Mis Street and that he did not intend to injure the police officer. The next hearing is on June 23.

- 12: Batman** Journalist Mehmet Üçar's articles published in Yeni Özgür Politika and PolitikArt "*being a member of an organization*" The case in which he was tried on the charge of 2. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The prosecutor's office demanded that Üçar be sentenced on the grounds of his articles and magazines found in his house and that the ban on leaving the country be continued. The court accepted the defense's request for time and adjourned the hearing to April 3.
- 12: Istanbul** CHP Adalar Youth Branch Chairman Ramazan Yıldız, who was detained before the rally organized by CHP Chairman Özgür Özel in the Islands on February 11, was arrested for allegedly insulting Justice Minister Akın Gürlek.
- 12: Izmir** A 16-year-old boy shared a hair braiding video on his social media account. "*terrorist propaganda*" for He was arrested on the charge. The 39th Criminal Court of First Instance rejected the objection to detention on February 12. The child's lawyer, Edhem Kuruş, said that the arrest was "*last resort*" He stated that it is contrary to the principle and announced that they will apply to the Constitutional Court. Father Halit Kaya said that his daughter was psychologically affected during the prison interview, that she was subjected to strip searches and that she was beaten in the ward.
- 13: Ankara** In the statement made by the Human Rights Defenders Solidarity Network regarding the lawsuit filed against Defne Güzel, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the May 17 Association, it was stated that a book and exhibition catalog prepared on intersex rights "*Against public morality*" It was stated that the lawsuit targeted freedom of expression and association. The first hearing was held on May 12 at Ankara 74th High Criminal Court. It is reported that it will be held at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The network criticized the continuation of the case despite the expert reports revealing that the activities were in accordance with the legislation and demanded the termination of the judicial process.
- 13: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office carried out operations in 7 provinces based in Istanbul for allegedly sharing obscene content and laundering proceeds of crime on OnlyFans, which is blocked in Turkey, and 25 suspects were arrested. "*obscenity*" and "*laundering proceeds of crime*" He initiated proceedings with the accusations. The police detained 16 people. The Attorney General's Office stated that the suspects accessed OnlyFans via VPN and directed their followers to the platform via social media. Within the scope of the investigation, two companies, 10 immovables and 14 vehicles were seized. It was announced that the value of the seized assets was approximately 260 million TL.
- 13: Istanbul** Deniz Gider, the Construction-Work Organization Officer, was detained from his home on the morning of February 13. The union said that Gider "*did not testify*" He announced that he was taken by the order of the prosecutor's office and taken to the Gebze Courthouse. Gider was detained during GBT interrogation in March 2025 and sent to Kartal Prison due to a finalized prison sentence. This sentence was given as a result of the lawsuit filed by the boss during the resistance for the receivables of TekYol Plus Yapı workers. Barış Pehlivan, Seda Selek, Serhan Asker, Suat Toktaş and Kürşad Oğuz "*recording and publishing non-public conversations between individuals*" The case in which he was tried on the charge of 54. It continues at the Criminal Court

of First Instance. The case was filed due to the publication of the phone conversation with the expert Satıl Büyükcanayakin, announced by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu. The court heard the complainant Büyükcanayakin, who had not been heard for four hearings, in an interim hearing on January 21, but did not inform the defendants and their lawyers of the interim hearing. The defendant's lawyers stated that their right to ask questions to the complainant was prevented and demanded the judge's recusal. The court sent the request for recusal to the heavy penal court on duty for the examination of the file. The next hearing is on June 12.

13: Istanbul The Human Rights Association made a statement on February 13 for the acceptance of the application for a postponement of execution for Hatice Onaran, who is held in Gebze Women's Closed Prison. Istanbul 13. The High Criminal Court sentenced Onaran to 4 years and 2 months in prison on the charge of "violating the Law on the Prevention of the Financing of Terrorism". The court justified the verdict by Onaran for depositing amounts ranging from 200 to 450 TL to sick and poor prisoners. The association stated that the money deposited was spent under the supervision of the prison administration and that the action was within the scope of humanitarian solidarity. İHD announced that Onaran, who has colon cancer and a 79 percent disability report, has worsened his health condition, new lesions were detected in the PET scan, and chemotherapy was started on February 10, 2026. The association reported that Onaran was kept in handcuffs during the transfer and treatment process to the hospital and that there was a violation of privacy. İHD demanded Onaran's release in accordance with the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights regarding the right to life and the prohibition of ill-treatment.

15: Adana At the hearing held at the 11th High Criminal Court, the prosecutor's office decided that lawyer Şiar Rişvanoğlu "*Being a member of an armed terrorist organization*" demanded that he be punished on the charge. Witness Merdan Rüştü Ovaloğlu retracted his previous statement; However, the prosecutor's office gave an opinion based on the law enforcement statement. The next hearing is on April 10.

15: Ankara 52 tax inspectors were arrested within the scope of the Gülen Community investigation carried out at the Ministry of Treasury and Finance.

15: Ankara The Constitutional Court rejected the application regarding university student Aydın Erdem, who was killed by a police bullet during the protests in Diyarbakır on December 6, 2009, as follows: "*unacceptable*" found. The Family and İHD Diyarbakır Branch had filed an application stating that the right to life, the right to an effective remedy and the right to a trial within a reasonable time were violated. The case will be taken to the European Court of Human Rights.

15: Istanbul 59. Criminal Court of First Instance, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu at the hearing held in Silivri. "*Forgery of official documents*" to July 6, waiting for the reasoned decision of the Istanbul 5th Administrative Court to come to the file. On January 23, the Administrative Court rejected İmamoğlu's lawsuit against the cancellation of his diploma. İmamoğlu was detained after his diploma was canceled by the university administration on March 18 and was arrested on March 23

- 15: Istanbul** Küçükçekmece 5. The Criminal Court of First Instance accepted the indictment prepared against social media phenomenon Murat Övüç. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that due to the video shared by Övüç wearing a headscarf "*Publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He wants him to be sentenced to up to 3 years in prison. The trial date is March 13, Övüç's detention continues.
- 15: Istanbul** 73. Criminal Court of First Instance, Medyascope reporter Furkan Karabay "*Not leaving the residence*" rejected the objection to the decision. The prosecutor's office accused Karabay of Karabay for two news articles he made within the scope of the IMM investigation. "*publicly disseminating misleading information*" and "*targeting people who took part in the fight against terrorism*". The court ordered a ban on leaving the country and house arrest for Karabay.
- 15: Istanbul** In the investigation against OnlyFans content creators, the prosecutor's office has arrested 25 people "*laundering proceeds of crime*" and "*obscenity*" He initiated proceedings with the accusations. 17 women were arrested. The assets of the two companies were seized in the operation; It was determined that the total value of 10 immovables, 14 vehicles and company assets belonging to the suspects was approximately 300 million TL. The prosecutor's office stated that the suspects accessed OnlyFans via VPN and directed their followers to the platform and Telegram channels through their social media posts.
- 17: Ankara** Cartoonist Öznur Kalender for the New Year's themed cartoon she drew at Ankara Train Station "*Insulting the President*" He was detained on the charge.
- 17: Diyarbakir** About journalist-writer Mehmet Şahin "*being a member of an organization*" The lawsuit filed with the allegation of 5. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The court sent the file to the prosecutor's office for the preparation of the opinion on the merits and adjourned the hearing to June 11.
- 17: Istanbul** Küçükçekmece Chief Public Prosecutor's Office about journalist Enver Aysever "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation*" He prepared an indictment demanding up to 3 years in prison. Aysever was arrested on December 10, 2025, due to his statements on his YouTube broadcast and sent to Marmara Prison in Silivri
- 17: Istanbul** 44. Civil Court of First Instance, CHP Youth Branch Chairman Cem Aydın "*Anatomy of the Mobile Guillotine: Akin Gürlek*" It decided that Aydın should pay 60 thousand liras for non-pecuniary damages to the Minister of Justice Akin Gürlek. Aydın was previously charged with the same video "*Insulting a public official because of his duty*" He was sentenced to 1 year 5 months and 15 days in prison for the crime, and the announcement of the verdict was deferred.
- 17: Izmir** 2. Juvenile Heavy Penalty for sharing a video in support of a hair braiding protest "*Terrorist propaganda*". The indictment prepared against the child was accepted. The court decided to continue detention on the grounds of strong suspicion of crime and the possibility of escape and set the trial date as March 3, 2026.
- 17: Rize** The trial of journalists Genççağa Karafazlı and Şenol Öksüz was held at the 2nd High Criminal Court. It started at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Journalists for reporting on the private toilet built by Rize Provincial Director of National Education

Halil İbrahim Akmeşe in his office "*Violation of privacy*" He is on trial on the charge. The next hearing is on June 4.

- 17: SanlıUrfa** DEM Party Provincial Executive Hüseyin Aslan was arrested on January 8, 2026, for participating in the Kobanê march held in Pirsus.
- 18: Hakkari** The retrial of Co-Mayor Mehmet Siddik Akış, who was replaced by a trustee, was held at the 1st High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. Akış attended the hearing held after the Van Regional Court of Justice's reversal decision via SEGBİS from Van High Security Prison. Akış rejected the charge of "leading a terrorist organization" and argued that the arrest was aimed at appointing a trustee. The detention continues, the next hearing is on April 29.
- 18: Istanbul** The trial of Beykoz Mayor Alaattin Köselers was held at Anadolu 17. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. Köselers, who was previously released, was sentenced to 18. He was re-arrested by the decision of the Heavy Penalty. The next hearing is on April 28.
- 18: Istanbul** Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office announced that social media phenomenon Deniz Sinan Demir was sentenced to "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation*" He launched an ex officio investigation on the charge. The prosecutor's office instructed the Security Branch to identify, detain, search and seize Demir.
- 18: Istanbul** The case against journalist Nisanur Yıldırım on the complaint of Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Nuri Ersoy was held at Bakırköy 2nd High Criminal Court. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The prosecutor stated that due to Yıldırım's statements in the news report dated July 15, 2025, "*Insulting a public official*". The court gave time for the defense and adjourned the hearing to June 11.
- 18: Şırnak** 2. The Heavy Penalty sentenced village guard Siddik Babat to life imprisonment for the intentional murder of Ahmet Gün in the Şenoba town of Uludere on December 11, 2023, in the case of the murder of DEM Party executive Ahmet Gün, and then "*Unjust provocation*" and "*good behavior*" reduced the sentence to 15 years. BaAbdürrahim Gün was sentenced to 5 years in prison for the crime of injury and decided to continue his detention. Enver Babat, Ebubekir Babat and Ömer Yarar were acquitted.
- 19: Ankara** After President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan targeted him, Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin signed a petition signed by 168 intellectuals. "*We Defend Secularism Together*" He announced that he would file a lawsuit against the declaration titled. In his statement to TGRT, Tekin argued that the declaration was malicious. In the declaration, Turkey's "*under a reactionary-sharia siege*" and it was stated that secularism would be defended.
- 19: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation against journalist Alican Uludağ on February 19, 2026, on charges of "publicly insulting the President" and "publicly disseminating misleading information" for his posts on his X account. On the instructions of the prosecutor's office, Uludağ was detained in Ankara and asked to appear present at the prosecutor's office in Istanbul on February 20, 2026.
- 19: Istanbul** Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against content producer Deniz Sinan Demir on February 19, 2026, for his statements against Sunnis in a video

shared on social media *"inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation"* He launched an investigation on the charge. Demir and H.Ç., with whom he was broadcasting live, were detained. Demir was arrested by the criminal peace judgeship on duty; H.Ç. was released after his statement to the prosecutor's office.

19: Izmir The lawyer, who wanted to record the fact that his client was tortured during the statement procedures at a police station, said that the prosecutor on duty *"Slander against the police"* He was detained upon the instruction he gave with the allegation. The prosecutor's office referred the lawyer to the courthouse presently.

19: S.Urfa The Suruç Chief Public Prosecutor's Office prepared an indictment against journalist Ceylan Şahinli on the charge of "violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations" for participating in the commemoration of Nazım Daştan and Cihan Bilgin held in Pirsûs on December 23, 2024. Suruç Criminal Court of First Instance accepted the indictment. In the same file, a lawsuit was also filed against DBP Amed Provincial Co-Chair Mehmet Şirin Gürbüz, DEM Party's former Dîlok Provincial Co-Chair Hacer Ayhan and Riha Provincial Co-Chair Bekir Karakeçili.

20: Istanbul Journalist Alican Uludağ, in the X posts of the Chief Prosecutor's Office *"Public insult to the President"* and *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* He was arrested on charges. Uludağ, who was detained in Ankara, was taken to Istanbul by land; The court arrested Uludağ.

20: Istanbul 200 defendants, including 7 CHP mayors, are on trial *"Aziz İhsan Aktaş criminal organization"* case 1. Heavy Penalty continues. At the hearing held in the hall opposite the Marmara Closed Penal Institution, the defendants made their defense and denied the accusations. The next hearing is on February 23.

23: Ankara The trial against KaosGL.org Editor-in-Chief Yıldız Tar and writer Halit Elçi on charges of "membership in a terrorist organization" within the scope of the HDK investigation will be held at the 17th High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The court did not lift the ban on leaving the country. The hearing was adjourned to June 24.

23: Ankara Regional Court of Justice 25. The Civil Chamber ruled that CHP Chairman Özgür Özel pay 25 thousand liras in the non-pecuniary damages lawsuit filed by Süleyman Soylu. Soylu demanded 1 million liras on the grounds that Özel's social media post dated June 24, 2022 was an attack on his personal rights

23: Istanbul The case filed against 25 people, including CHP Provincial Chairman Özgür Çelik 18. Criminal Court of First Instance continues in . The case was filed on January 31, 2025, due to the tension in front of the Courthouse in Çağlayan, where Ekrem İmamoğlu went for a statement. About the defendants *"resisting to prevent the execution of duty"*, *"participating in unlawful meetings and marches"*, *"intentional injury"* and *"Damage to public property"* A prison sentence of up to 17 years is sought on the charges. The court adjourned the hearing to September 14.

23: Istanbul The report prepared by the Büyükçekmece Prosecutor's Office regarding the death of journalist Hakan Tosun, who was beaten to death in Esenyurt on October 10, 2025, has become public. Tosun's lawyers stated that the incident *"Intentional killing"* instead of *"Causing death as a result of injury"* and the request for unfair provocation reduction. If the proceedings turn into an indictment in this way, the two detained

- defendants will be released after approximately 2.5 years.
- 24: Ankara** West 14. Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced 7 journalists covering the final hearing of the Kobani case on May 16, 2024 *"Audio and Video Recording"* He sentenced them to 18 days in prison on the charge. The sentence was converted to judicial fines for some journalists. The lawyers of the journalists stated that the only evidence in the file was the law enforcement report and that there was no technical examination, and announced that they would object to the decision.
- 24: Istanbul** 27. The Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced Selahattin Demirtaş's lawyer Ramazan Demir for his social media posts in 2013-2015 under Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code. *Insulting the Turkish Nation, the State of the Republic of Turkey and its institutions* He sentenced him to 7 months and 15 days in prison for the crime. Demir was previously sentenced to 11 years and 3 months in prison in another file.
- 24: Istanbul** About People's Liberation Party Chairman Nurullah Efe *"Insulting the President"* The hearing of one of the cases filed on the charge of 52. It was held at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The court determined that the indictments were not served to the defendant in the file, which combined 14 investigations and 5 case files, and adjourned the hearing to September 17 for the defense.
- 25: Ankara** Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin on February 25, 2026 *"We Defend Secularism Together"* He announced that he filed a lawsuit against 168 intellectuals and artists who signed the declaration. Tekin argued that the Ramadan Circular was in accordance with the constitution and laws and described the declaration as an insult. The declaration was signed by approximately 50 thousand people.
- 25: Istanbul** ETHA reporter Pinar Gayıp was detained on February 3, 2026, as part of an operation carried out in 22 cities, and on February 5, *"Being a member of an armed terrorist organization"* and *"making propaganda for an organization"* He was arrested on charges. The police accused Gayıp of the protests, hearings and funerals he was following the news. Gayıp denied the accusations and stated that he was engaged in journalistic activities. Saturday Mothers also reacted to the arrest.
- 26: Erzincan** An investigation was launched against CHP Youth Branch Provincial Chairman Deniz Turan for hanging Ekrem İmamoğlu's banner. Turan was summoned to testify on February 26 at around 01:00 at night and was released after giving his statement.
- 26: Istanbul** A lawsuit has been filed against four young people who protested trade relations with Israel at the TRT World Forum 2024 event held at the Congress Center and announced that they were subjected to strip searches and ill-treatment during the detention process. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office said about the young people *"publicly disseminating misleading information"*. The 50th Criminal Court of First Instance accepted the indictment. The first hearing will be held on September 16. The prosecutor's office decided not to prosecute ANKA News Agency and two news websites.
- 26: Istanbul** After the rally held in Saraçhane on July 1, 2025 *"Participating in unlawful meetings and marches unarmed and not dispersing despite warnings"* The trial of 35 people on the charge of 64. It continues at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The prosecutor demanded that the defendants be sentenced separately for the crime of violating Law

No. 2911. At the hearing, some matches in the expert report were challenged and it was stated that a female defendant was described as having an "almond mustache" in the report. The verdict hearing is on March 4.

26: Izmir Due to the hair braiding video he shared on his social media account, "*making propaganda for an organization*" The objection to the detention of 16-year-old A.K., who was arrested on the charge, was rejected. The 1st Juvenile Heavy Penal Court stated that there was a strong suspicion of crime and unanimously decided to continue his detention.

27: Istanbul "CHP 38. In the case regarding the dismissal of the provincial chairman and administration elected at the Ordinary Provincial Congress, 45. The Law of First Instance continued its decision regarding the congress. The court decided that Gürsel Tekin, who continues to serve as the Provincial Chairman, will continue his duty. The case was adjourned to May 15.

27: Istanbul Ekrem İmamoğlu, who was suspended from his position as Metropolitan Municipality Mayor, "*Insult*" The case against him was tried at Bakırköy 33rd High Criminal Court. It started at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The prosecutor's office demanded up to 2 years and 4 months in prison and a political ban under Article 53 of the Turkish Penal Code for İmamoğlu due to his remarks against complainant Serkan Şahin at a fairground held in Bakırköy on October 26, 2024. İmamoğlu's lawyer Kemal Polat stated that the crime was subject to prepayment and asked for the payment to be made and the case to be dropped. The prosecutor also agreed with this view. The court adjourned the hearing to March 5 due to the excuse of the complainant's lawyer.

27: Istanbul The trial of the police officers for Onur Yaser Can's death after being ill-treated in custody was held at the 6th High Criminal Court. It continues in the Heavy Penalty. The prosecutor demanded a prison sentence of up to 13 years for the defendant police officers. The defendant's lawyers requested a recusal judge. The court rejected the request for additional time and adjourned the hearing to April 10. Previously, two police officers were sentenced to prison for "corrupting, destroying or concealing an official document", and the court of appeal overturned the file for the evaluation of a good behavior reduction. Family lawyers demanded that the defendants be sentenced to the upper limit.

28: Adana The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation into ANKA News Agency's broadcast from around Incirlik Air Base and ordered the detention of two journalists within the scope of Law No. 2565 on Military Forbidden Zones and Security Zones. Officials stated that the public sharing of images of military facilities poses a national security risk. ANKA News Agency announced that the title of the live broadcast caused misunderstandings and apologized to the public.

28: Ankara About some of the names who signed the declaration titled "We defend secularism together", "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" An investigation was launched with the allegation. Ankara Security Directorate summoned some signatories, including Prof. Dr. Korkut Boratav, Ahmet Telli, İknur Başer, İsmail Arı and Bahadır Bedircioğlu, to testify. Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin announced that he filed a lawsuit against the statement and argued that the statements in the statement

contained insults.

- 28: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against lawyer Ömer Kavili as "*insulting a public official because of his duty*" He filed a lawsuit on the charge. The prosecutor's office accused Kavili of re-sharing a news report dated May 10, 2021 on his social media account and demanded up to 2 years and 4 months in prison. The 61st Criminal Court of First Instance ruled that Arif Çetin should participate in the case, that a mental health report should be obtained from a full-fledged state hospital, stating that there was doubt about the criminal responsibility of lawyer Kavili, rejected the request for recusal and adjourned the hearing to July 1.
- 28: Bolu** CHP Mayor Tanju Özcan was detained as part of the "extortion" investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office. The prosecutor's office initiated proceedings against 13 people, including Özcan and Deputy Mayor Süleyman Can. The crime of extortion is regulated in Article 250 of the Turkish Penal Code and stipulates a prison sentence of up to 10 years. In a statement on his social media account, Özcan said that he was detained because of giving scholarships to students.

3- Other Practices

- 03: Slap** The protest tent of Şık Makas/CRS workers, who have been continuing their resistance for 121 days under the leadership of the United Textile, Weaving and Leather Workers' Union (BİRTEK-SEN) to demand the payment of their receivables, was set on fire. It was reported that the tent, which was set up opposite the Şık Makas factory, was burned in the morning. BİRTEK-SEN Chairman Mehmet Türkmen announced that the police officers who arrived at the scene left the area without collecting camera recordings and taking evidence. The union stated that there are 24-hour security guards and camera systems around the factory and demanded that the footage be examined and the statements of the security guards be taken. In the union statement, it was stated that the attack may have been carried out by the Şık Makas boss and the Öz İplik-İş Union, which targeted the workers. The workers reiterated that they will continue their resistance despite the attack and their call for solidarity.
- 03: Van** 5 people, including a child, were arrested among 16 people detained during police raids on houses. 11 people are released on judicial control conditions.
- 04: Ankara** The Professional Football Disciplinary Committee (PFDK) of the Turkish Football Federation has decided to refer Amed Sportive Activities Club and its football player Çekdar Orhan. In the PFDK statement, it was stated that in the Amedspor-Adana Demirspor match played at Diyarbakır Stadium on February 1, 2026 "*ideological propaganda*" It was stated that the club and Çekdar Orhan were referred to the PFDK in accordance with Article 42 of the Football Disciplinary Instruction. It was noted that Çekdar Orhan went to the stands after his goal and did a "hair braiding" action. It was stated that the action was part of the solidarity campaigns launched after the murder of a YPJ woman in North and East Syria.
- 04: Ankara** The Chief Prosecutor's Office blocked access to 5 social media accounts that it claimed were linked to terrorist organizations. In the statement, it was claimed that the accounts in question were associated with the YPG/PKK and carried out digital media campaigns targeting Turkey
- 04: Çanakkale** Access to the news about the dismissal of MHP Çanakkale Provincial Chairman Hakan

İmamoğlu, who started his duty after the interview despite ranking ninth in the recruitment of lecturers at Balıkesir University, was blocked by a court decision. Çanakkale 1. The Civil Court of First Instance ruled to impose an access block through an interim injunction in accordance with Articles 24 and 25 of the Turkish Civil Code. It was reported that the decision covered the news about İmamoğlu's dismissal by a court decision.

04: Istanbul "Long live sharia" was written on the cap of the SOL Party Istanbul Provincial Organization building at night. It was stated that the attack took place after house arrest orders were given to party members due to anti-sharia banner work. At the same time, an anti-sharia banner hung in Üsküdar was also attacked. SOL Party Central Executive Board Member Lawyer Deniz Demirdöğen announced that the banners had been removed before and judicial processes were activated. Demirdöğen stated that house arrest orders were issued for six party members in the last two days, and that the attack on the provincial building was carried out deliberately and during the hours when the building was empty.

05: Ankara The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) announced that it will request an access block from YouTube if TELE2 News does not apply for a license within 72 hours. Tuncay Keser, a member of RTÜK from the CHP, announced that the Board had taken a "double license" decision on TELE2 News. Keser reminded that Fatih Altaylı, Flu TV, Cumhuriyet TV and BirGün TV were previously given a deadline to apply for licenses. TELE2 News was founded on October 24, 2025, by journalists who resigned after the appointment of a trustee to TELE1 and continued its live broadcasts on YouTube.

05: Bursa Serkan Bebek, General Education Secretary of the All Teachers' Union Union (TÖBSEN), was exiled again by the decision of the upper court. Bebek, who was exiled three times in four years due to assignments to different schools in Muş, Van and Bursa, announced that although he was found right by the courts of first instance in the lawsuits he filed, the decisions were overturned by the higher court. Bebek stated that he was targeted because of his union activities, his anti-ÇEDES work and his defense of secular education. Bebek will start a resistance with his family in front of Bursa Provincial Directorate of National Education.

05: Diyarbakir Access to the Turkish, Kurdish and English X accounts of the Mesopotamia Agency (MA) was blocked by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK). The agency's social media accounts are being blocked for the fourth time in the last month following the attacks on North and East Syria. Mezopotamya Agency announced that it continued its broadcasting activities by opening new X accounts after the blocking decisions.

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- 05: Istanbul** Access to many news articles in which AKP Deputy Chairman Sevilay Tuncer Uludağ was mentioned was blocked. The Freedom of Expression Association (İFÖD) announced that the decision was made by the Istanbul 6th Criminal Court of First Instance. By the Criminal Judgeship of Peace "*Protection of national security and public order*" He explained that it was taken for the reason. It was stated in the news that the owner of the company that carried out the restoration work on the Galata Tower was Uludağ. The decision covers news published between 2020 and 2025.
- 05: Istanbul** Boğaziçi University Rectorate asked the Sports Board (SK), Underwater Sports Club (BÜSAS), Music Club (BÜMK) and Fine Arts Club (GSK) in Hamlin Hall to vacate their rooms. The Rectorate announced in August 2025 that Hamlin Hall, which has been used as a dormitory for 154 years, will be converted into a classroom. The clubs were informed that they had to vacate their rooms by Friday and move to the Hisar Campus. GSK and BÜMK members stated that the areas proposed to them were insufficient in terms of infrastructure and use. The clubs stated that the decision was aimed at narrowing the student areas and announced that they would not leave their workshops. Boğaziçi University Student Representative Board called for a march and vigil in South Square on February 6.
- 05: Istanbul** Access to 135 news reports about a deputy minister and his wife was banned by a court decision. Istanbul 8. Criminal Judgeship of Peace blocked access "*Protection of national security and public order*" justification. It was reported that the access ban decision covers a large number of news and content published in different media outlets.
- 07: Ankara** Democratic Regions Party (DBP) Co-Chair and Batman MP Keskin Bayındır's X account was blocked at the request of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority. Making a statement on a new social media account, Bayındır stated that the access ban was an intervention against the will of the people and freedom of expression.
- 07: Ankara** The Directorate of Communications and the General Directorate of Security's Anti-Cyber Crimes Department blocked access to social media accounts that were stated to have shared posts about Jeffrey Epstein's files. In the statement, it was stated that "*creates information pollution*" and "*Targeting Turkey and state administrators*" It was reported that 13 alleged X and 7 TikTok accounts were disabled. An investigation was launched against the identified account users. Jeffrey Epstein, who was accused of sexual abuse of underage girls and establishing a prostitution network, was found dead on August 10, 2019 in New York's Manhattan Metropolitan Correctional Facility, where he was detained.
- 09: Ankara** The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK) banned access to four news articles published in bianet, three of which were dated August 2020 and one dated January 2026. In an e-mail sent on February 5, BTK stated that the decision was based on Article 8/A of Law No. 5651, but did not provide any justification. The three blocked news articles included the restoration works carried out at the Galata Tower in 2020, the political connections of the owner of the company that carried out the restoration, the images of the wall broken with a hilti and the criminal complaint

of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. The fourth news was the English translation of a study on NEET youth. BTK did not disclose who requested the decision, and bianet was not notified of the court within four days. Decisions taken pursuant to Article 8/A must be submitted to the approval of the criminal judge of peace within 24 hours.

10: Ankara Access to the content of dokuz8HABER and some media outlets that reported on CHP Chairman Özgür Özel's statements about Mücahit Ören, whose name was mentioned in the Epstein documents, at a group meeting in Kahramanmaraş was blocked. The decision was based on the justification of protecting national security and public order. T24's news on the subject was removed from the broadcast; Halk TV, BirGün and ABC Newspaper also removed similar content from their websites.

10: Ankara DEM Party deputies brought to the agenda of the Turkish Grand National Assembly the non-delivery of a Kurdish book sent to a prisoner in a prison. In the parliamentary question submitted with the request of Minister of Justice Yılmaz Tunç to answer, the reason for the blocking of the book, the legal basis of the practice against Kurdish publications in prisons and the number of similar practices were asked.

10: Istanbul The Freedom of Expression Association announced that access to news reports about the CEO of İhlas Holding was blocked. Istanbul 8. It is reported that the content on various websites is blocked by the decision of the Criminal Court of Peace dated February 9, 2026 and numbered 2026/901. It was stated that the blocked content was news about the allegations made public.

11: Ankara The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) imposed administrative fines on Halk TV and NOW TV. RTÜK imposed an administrative fine of 2 percent on the channel due to the expression used by journalist Uğur Dündar in his quote from poet Can Yücel in the "Para Siyaset" program broadcast on Halk TV. NOW TV, on the other hand, was fined 3 percent on the grounds that the themes of extramarital affairs and betrayal were intensely dealt with in three episodes of the series "Jealousy" and that this was contrary to national and moral values. The decisions were taken by majority vote. CHP's RTÜK Representative Tuncay Keser said that constantly punishing the same channels despite similar content damages impartiality.

11: Ankara JINNEWS' official account on the X platform has been blocked. It was reported that the account was closed from Turkey in line with the decision taken by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority. No official statement was made regarding the reason for the decision. JINNEWS announced that it has opened a new account and continues its broadcasting activities.

11: Istanbul Tayfun Kahraman, an urban planner who was sentenced to 18 years in prison in the Gezi trial and has been detained since April 25, 2022, was referred to the hospital after he had an acute MS attack. His wife Meriç Kahraman announced that Kahraman was sent to Cerrahpaşa Hospital for treatment. On July 31, 2025, the Constitutional Court ruled that Kahraman's right to a fair trial was violated and that he should be retried, but the 13th Criminal Court ruled that he should be retried. The Heavy Penal Court rejected the requests for retrial and release. Kahraman has been struggling with MS since 2005.

12: Ankara Hacettepe University Rector Mehmet Cahit Güran demanded a suspension of up to 4

years for the students who participated in the protests during the March 19 process. The university administration opened an investigation against more than 100 students and sent notices to the students to submit a written defense within 10 days. Mert Ekinci, one of the students' lawyers, said that non-violent actions should be considered within the scope of freedom of expression and that the restraining requests were disproportionate. The investigation process continues.

13: Ankara Professional Football Disciplinary Board (PFDK), TFF 2. The league penalized Batman Petrolspor, which competes in the White Group, for the Elazığspor match played in Êlih on January 8. PFDK, the fans scored in the match "*Bijî berxwedana Rojava*" slogans and "*Ugly and bad cheering*" imposed a fine of 1 match without an audience and a fine of 24 thousand TL. The Board fined 38 thousand TL for not leaving the stairwells empty and 110 thousand TL for field incidents. In addition, goalkeeper coach Salih Aydın was fined 20 thousand TL with a ban on entering the locker room and bench in 1 official competition due to his unsportsmanlike behavior towards the referee. The total fine was 172 thousand TL.

13: Istanbul After the announcement that President Erdoğan will visit Boğaziçi University on February 13, security measures were increased on campus. The Rectorate announced that the courses will be held online on the grounds of the program to be held on the South Campus and restricted the entrance to the campus. The police detained some students who wanted to protest at the North Gate. Students stated that they were notified that the dormitories on campus would be searched. University sources stated that Erdoğan will attend a program on campus.

13: Kocaeli There was tension with the press at the TOKİ draw ceremony and MUSIAD program, which was attended by the Minister of Urbanization and Climate Change Murat Kurum on February 13. Journalists stated that the Authority's team made it difficult for them to work throughout the day. During the participation photo shoot in the MUSIAD program, a member of the Institution's team told the journalists to leave the hall. During the argument, the bodyguards took Son Kocaeli Newspaper reporter Serkan Üldeş out of the hall and closed the doors. The Kocaeli Representative Office of the Journalists' Union of Turkey condemned the interventions against members of the press and demanded that action be taken against those responsible.

14: Ankara The President of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority blocked access to live broadcast platforms named Bigo, MICO, SUGO, Poppo, MIGO, SoulChill, LiveMe, Cheero and LopMe. BTK took the decision through administrative action. Previously, Ankara 4. The Criminal Court of Peace imposed an access block on Bigo Live on October 14, 2024; In August 2025, access to many video chat and dating platforms was also blocked.

14: Ankara BirGün columnist İsmail Arı's news report that former Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Mehmet Özhaseki from AKP filed a complaint alleging that he was blackmailed with a video and demanded 1 billion TL, and later withdrew his complaint, was blocked from access. Reason "*protection of national security and public order*".

16: Ankara The 9th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to BirGün columnist Timur Soykan's

news report on the recruitment of civil servants without KPSS and torpedo allegations in the Ministry of Family and Social Services. The news included allegations that the nephew of Deputy Minister Zafer Tarıkdarođlu was made a civil servant and later arrested on charges of aggravated sexual abuse. The judgeship based this decision on the grounds of "protecting national security and public order".

- 16: Ankara** RTÜK imposed a 5 percent administrative fine on HBO Max Turkey on the grounds that some scenes in the series "Jasmine" were against national and moral values and decided to remove the relevant episodes from the catalog. The platform first removed the 1st episode, then the 2nd, 4th and 6th episodes. HBO Max Turkey announced on February 18, 2026 that the series will be completely removed from the platform.
- 16: Diyarbakir** The Prison Commission of the Association of Lawyers for Freedom made a statement against ill-treatment and rights violations in front of Erzurum Dumlu Prison No. 2. The members of the commission stated that the isolation practices in the prison were deepened, social communication was cut off, arbitrary disciplinary penalties were imposed and the right to health was violated. The association demanded an independent and effective investigation into the allegations of ill-treatment.
- 16 Gaziantep** The 5th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to many news articles in which the names of IC Holding, CCN Holding group companies, İbrahim Çeçen and Murat Çeçen were mentioned. Judge's decision "*protection of national security and public order*".
- 17: Kayseri** The 4th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to the news about the blocking of access to the news about former Minister Mehmet Özhaseki being blackmailed with a video. Reason "*Protection of national security and public order*".
- 18: Ankara** RTÜK Member İlhan Taşcı applied to RTÜK for an investigation for the episodes of the series "Under the Same Rain" broadcast on ATV on February 9 and 16, 2026. Taşcı stated that polarizing expressions were used over religious identities and lifestyles in the series and that there was a violation of Article 8 of Law No. 6112, and it was requested that the issue be put on the agenda of the Supreme Council.
- 20: Ankara** The Personal Data Protection Board has launched an ex officio investigation into TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, X and Discord on the grounds of protecting children's personal data and "best interests of the child". The Board announced that it will investigate how social media platforms process children's data and what measures they take.
- 21: Ankara** CHP Group Deputy Chairman Gökhan Günaydın said that Ekrem İmamođlu was not allowed to meet with any of the deputies at the General Assembly of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey "*Isolation*" He claimed that it was implemented. Minister of Justice Akın Gürlek made the allegations "*administrative change*" and stated that visits will be allowed from next week.
- 23: Istanbul** Journalist Ali Barış Kurt, who is being held in Maltepe L Type Closed Prison No. 1, was supposed to be released in November 2025, but continues to be held in prison by the decision of the Prison Administration and Observation Board, "*he does not regret it*" He stated that his release was unanimously prevented and that the execution judgeship and the high criminal court found this decision appropriate. Kurt has been in prison for 400 days.

- 24: Ankara** The Directorate of Communications blocked access to 52 social media accounts for allegedly spreading disinformation and terrorist propaganda. The Presidency announced that a judicial process has been initiated against the accounts.
- 24: Istanbul** It was revealed that male students at Istanbul Arnavutköy Necip Fazıl Kısakürek Imam-Hatip Secondary School were taught the "Muvahhiddin Oath" with Salafi content. It was stated that the text was the same as the content read at the meetings of the Tawhid and Sunnah Community, led by Halis Bayancuk, who is known to be affiliated with ISIS. The images were circulated on the social media accounts of the Bayancuk group. The same group started a competition for children between the ages of 0-12 and announced that 10 children who read the oath would be given a book signed by Bayancuk. Discussions on the Ramadan Circular of the Ministry of National Education and religiousization in education continue.
- 24: Istanbul** Nusret Atayman, the father of former Medya AŞ General Manager İpek Elif Atayman, who is detained in the IMM case, reacted to the decision to physically bring his daughter from Afyon Prison to the Silivri hearing on March 9, 2026, at 10:00 in the morning. Atayman said that the approximately 600-kilometer dispatch process is against human rights and "*Enemy Law*" He said that they acted with the understanding. The family announced that if the decision is not changed, Atayman will use his right not to attend the hearing.
- 24: Izmir** Inspectors who came to Tefvik Fikret Schools on February 20, 2026, took the students they selected from the 4th grade of primary school to high school level from the classes and questioned them in the library. Inspectors told 9-year-old children "*What do you understand when you say religion?*" and "*Is the president insulted in class?*" He asked the questions and had them sign by taking their ID numbers. Parents reacted to the interrogation of children without the knowledge of their families and announced that they would apply to the prosecutor's office.
- 25: Kocaeli** At Derince Çenesuyu Secondary School, the recess bell was held as "*Pilgrims in the Kaaba say Hu*" parent Soner Akbal, who reacted to the change of hymn with a hymn, was detained in Istanbul. The police had previously summoned Akbal for a statement; however, his lawyer Eray Akbal said that his client was hastily detained after President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's speech at the group meeting.
- 26: Istanbul** Turkish Language and Literature teacher Smibey Güşeli, who works at Avcılar Firüzköy Anatolian High School, was given a disciplinary penalty on the grounds that he brought the Agos and Evrensel newspapers to the teachers' room and made flattering statements about some political figures and faith groups. The Provincial Directorate of National Education imposed a one-year suspension of grade advancement and a deduction from salary on Güşeli. Güşeli was appointed to Küçükçekmece Kadriye Moroğlu Anatolian High School. Güşeli filed a lawsuit with the Istanbul Governor's Office for the cancellation of disciplinary penalties and the change of place of duty. The Administrative Court rejected the request for a stay of execution. It is reported that the file is under appeal review.
- 27: Ankara** According to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, a woman with dual Turkish-Israeli citizenship was briefly detained in Turkey last week. Authorities stated that the

woman was questioned about her compulsory military service in the Israel Defense Forces about six years ago. It was reported that Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar stepped in and diplomatic contact was established through the US Embassy. The woman was released, but she was informed that she could be summoned to court in the future. In the news, it was stated that after the Gaza war, applications filed against Israeli soldiers in different countries within the scope of the principle of universal jurisdiction increased and there were 37 indictments filed against Israeli officials in Turkey.

27: Ankara In her speech at the General Assembly of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey on February 27, DEM Party Mardin Deputy Beritan Güneş brought up the rights violations against children who were detained and arrested during the protests after the attacks on Rojava in January 2026. Güneş said that some children were subjected to strip searches, physical violence and pressure during detention and prison processes. He stated that nine children were arrested in Şırnak and some children were transferred to Hatay. Güneş called on the ministries of Interior and Justice to investigate the allegations and initiate proceedings against those responsible. Güneş demanded the release of the detained children and the Parliament to take action.

27: Istanbul The Freedom of Expression Association announced that access to a news report about businessman Fuat Tosyalı was blocked. It was stated that the decision was based on the allegation of violation of personal rights. The association noted that there has been an increase in access blocking decisions for similar content recently.

4- Other Reports

03: Diyarbakir The Dicle Fırat Journalists Association (DFG) announced its report on rights violations against journalists for January 2026. In the report, it was stated that 14 journalists were detained, 1 journalist was arrested, 22 journalists were prevented from following the news and access to 458 digital media content was blocked throughout the month. The DFG emphasized that violence and repression against journalists have increased with the attacks on Rojava. In the report, it was stated that Ajansa Welat reporter Nedim Oruç was arrested after being beaten and detained in Cizre, and that many journalists were subjected to police violence in Suruç and Van. As of February 3, 2026, the number of journalists detained in prisons is 26

03: Diyarbakir The Association of Lawyers for Freedom (ÖHD) published a report on the law enforcement interventions carried out throughout Turkey against those protesting the attacks of the forces loyal to the Damascus administration in North and East Syria. According to the report, which covers interventions against press statements, marches and protests between January 1 and February 2, 2026, at least 49 separate law enforcement interventions took place across the country, at least 840 people were detained and at least 118 people were arrested. Judicial control was imposed on at least 133 people. Öner stated that most of the detentions and arrests were made on the grounds of participation in peaceful assemblies and demonstrations, and that constitutional rights were de facto suspended. In the report, it was determined

that at least 99 children were detained, arrest warrants were issued for 25 children, and children were subjected to practices such as battering, handcuffing behind their backs and being detained with adults. It is also stated that at least 106 people were beaten, threatened, insulted and ill-treated during or after detention, and their health examinations were not carried out properly.

04: Istanbul The Freedom of Expression Association has published a report on the administrative fines imposed by the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) on digital broadcasting platforms. The report stated that throughout 2025, Netflix, Disney+, BluTV and similar digital platforms were fined numerous for content. The association emphasized that the penalties have serious problems in terms of freedom of expression and broadcasting principles.

05: Diyarbakir The Mesopotamia Women Journalists Association (MKG) announced its report on rights violations against women journalists for January 2026. According to the report, 5 journalists were detained, 58 digital media accounts were closed and access to 3 websites was blocked in January. The MKG stated that journalists faced violations such as detention, ill-treatment, threats and prevention of news coverage. In the report, it was reminded that 5 journalists were detained while covering the protests against the attacks on Rojava in Nusaybin. MKG emphasized that digital censorship especially targets women-oriented and critical media institutions and called for the freedom of the press and expression to be guaranteed in line with universal legal principles.

19: Istanbul Media Freedom Rapid Response's 2025 report says that 137 press freedom violations and 259 victimizations were recorded in Turkey. According to the report, 131 journalists were deprived of their liberty through detention, arrest or imprisonment; at least 22 were convicted. In the report, it was emphasized that legal mechanisms have turned into a tool of systematic oppression, RTÜK sanctions have increased and the murder of Hakan Tosun has not been clarified.

25: Ankara The Human Rights Association has published the "Marmara Region Prisons Rights Violations Report 2025". According to the report, as of January 2, 2026, there are 402,014 prisoners in 403 prisons, and 96,728 people are overcapacity in prisons with a capacity of 305,286. The report emphasizes that children, women, sick and elderly prisoners are kept in harsh conditions.