

Violations of Freedom of Expression, Assembly and Association In July 2026

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Hello,

First, let's summarize what happened in July 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: 406
- Administrative/police intervention: 15
- Home Raids: 8
- Injuries: 4
- Provincial general ban decision: 4

INVESTIGATION - PROSECUTION

- Detention: 420
- Arrests: 169
- Judicial control / house arrest / ban on leaving the country: 69
- Newly opened investigations: 17
- Newly opened / indicted cases: 5
- Prison sentence: 6

OTHER APPLICATIONS

- Access ban / content removal: 18
- Suspension / dismissal / discipline etc.: 8

Pressure on CHP municipalities continues to increase.

Currently, five provincial mayors, including Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IMM) Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, are under arrest. The number of imprisoned district mayors is 24, 14 of them are from Istanbul. Seven provincial mayors, including İmamoğlu, were suspended. The number of suspended district mayors is 28.

After the transfers after the March 31 Local Elections, the local election map changed. Since March 31, 76 mayors have joined the ranks of the AK Party. Since the 2023 general elections, 14 deputies have moved to the AK Party benches in the parliament. 34 mayors left the New Welfare Party and switched to the AK Party. The number of mayors who switched from CHP to AK Party reached 17, 9 names from the İYİ Party, 7 from the independents, 3 from the DEVA Party, 2 from the Felicity Party and 1 from the Democrat Party decided to continue their path under the umbrella of the AK Party in the new period. 2 town Mayors from Şanlıurfa and Batman were also recorded as names who switched from DEM Party to AK Party. It is explained that the system works as follows:

First, many people are arrested in an investigation. Then, they are forced to give false testimony about CHP deputies, the Mayor and his team in order to benefit from "*effective remorse*" and be released. This time, the fake report prepared is put in front of the CHP members and they are asked to choose. "*Either join the AKP or go to jail*"

After the 2023 general elections, 14 deputies switched to the AK Party benches. The highest participation was from the İYİ Party with 8 deputies. 4 names from the Future Party, 1 each from the New Welfare, CHP and Deva Party switched to the AK Party, thus increasing the number of seats in the parliament to 275.

Özgür Özel, who tried to save CHP with a new congress, founded the New Party when he gave up hope of achieving this. New Party became the main opposition party in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey with 90 deputies who resigned from the CHP with him. Kılıçdaroğlu's CHP has 44 deputies.

On the other hand, the work of the *"National Solidarity, Brotherhood and Democracy Commission"*, which started with the initiative of Devlet Bahçeli, is to bring a "Framework Law" draft to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, albeit slowly.

1- Prohibitions, Police Interventions

- 01: Adana** On the first day of the 10-day ban on demonstrations declared by the Governor's Office on the grounds of the NATO Summit, the police detained three members of the People's Houses who hung anti-NATO banners and six members of the Social Freedom Party who were distributing leaflets on Atatürk Street.
- 01: Elazığ** The Governor's Office banned indoor and outdoor activities throughout the province for 14 days until 23:59 on July 12, citing the protests against the NATO Summit to be held in Ankara on July 7-8. The decision also covered the entry and exit of people and vehicles coming from the surrounding provinces to participate in the protests.
- 03: Istanbul** Theater artist Deniz Göktaş in her show "Dead Sea" *"Insulting the President"* and *"publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* He was arrested on charges and sent to Tekirdağ Karatepe Prison. Political parties, artists and professional organizations reacted to the arrest decision.
- 05: Ankara** Members of the Communist Party of Turkey protested the NATO Summit in Ankara and Istanbul. Hundreds of people marching to Kızılay Square in Ankara were blocked by the police. The police detained more than 100 TKP members, including party executives. TKP members also organized a protest in front of the Atatürk Cultural Center in Taksim Square in Istanbul.
- 05: Ankara** Members of the People's Liberation Party gathered in front of the First Parliament in Ankara on July 5 to protest the NATO Summit. The police prevented the group's advance and detained 19 people, including party executives.
- 05: Istanbul** Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, the police carried out simultaneous raids on 63 addresses in eight provinces regarding the youth structure of THKP/C DEV-YOL. The teams detained 39 people in Istanbul, Kocaeli, Ankara, Aksaray, Kırklareli, Niğde, Ağrı and İzmir.
- 05: Istanbul** At the graduation ceremony at the Technical University Stadium, students who are members of the Labor Youth *"Killer NATO, get out of Turkey"* marched with a banner written on it. After the ceremony, security guards wanted to take the closed banner. When ITU student Berkant Tatlı did not give the banner, seven security guards

- attacked Tatlı and dragged him on the ground.
- 05: Sirnak** The police detained Azadîya Welat Editor-in-Chief Berfin Ay at the checkpoint at the entrance of Cizre district. No explanation was given regarding the reason for detention.
- 05: Turkey** Police raided many houses in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Kocaeli, Bursa, Antalya, Eskişehir, Denizli, Dersim and Urfa ahead of the NATO Summit. Members of political parties, associations and youth organizations, lawyers, academics and journalists were detained during the raids. Revolutionary Youth Associations announced that approximately 100 of its members were detained in Istanbul. Among those detained were Contemporary Lawyers Association Istanbul Branch President Ezgi Önalın, academics Sibel Özbudun and Temel Demirer, and journalists Buse Söğütlü and Ceren Erdoğdu.
- 07: Ankara** “No to NATO Coordination” protested the NATO Summit in Kurtuluş Park. The police surrounded the protesters with shields, prevented journalists from filming and detained many people with handcuffs behind their backs. The police also intervened against the members of the People's Houses and Student Collectives who were marching on Dikmen Street. TİP Deputy Sera Kadıgil announced that a total of 73 people were detained in two demonstrations.
- 07: Ankara** The police detained two women who protested the NATO Summit in Ankara in front of the Kızılay Shopping Mall. Women who define themselves as Palestinian-friendly activists chanted anti-NATO and anti-government slogans. The Palestinian Causes demanded the release of the detainees.
- 07: Eskişehir** The police intervened in those who gathered to protest the NATO Summit with the call of the No to NATO Coordination and detained 35 people, including SOL Party provincial executives and lawyers.
- 07: Istanbul** NATO and the Anti-Imperialist War Youth Union protested the NATO Summit. Young people marching from Söğütluçeşme Street to Kadıköy Pier shouted slogans demanding the withdrawal from NATO and the closure of military bases. The police intervened in the march and detained many young people.
- 11: Sirnak** The police arrested Mahir Can Ada at the checkpoint in Cizre on his way to the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government. *will join the organization* He was detained on the allegation that there was a report in the direction of the Prophet. Ada stated that she was made to lie face down in an armored vehicle, beaten, her ankles were stepped on and she was threatened with death. Şırnak State Hospital issued a battering report against Ada.
- 16: Ankara** Teachers who could not be appointed, who objected to the results of interviews with private sector teachers, made a press statement in front of the Ministry of Treasury and Finance. After the statement, the police stopped the teachers who wanted to march to the Ministry of National Education and detained 49 people, including the mothers of teachers. The teachers, who were later released, gathered again in front of the Private Sector Teachers' Union and reiterated their demands for base salaries and appointments.
- 17: Ankara** Public workers who were dismissed by a state of emergency decree wanted to hold a sit-in protest in front of the Ministry of Justice in Ankara to demand reinstatement

and justice. The police prevented the protest after the press statement and detained nearly 20 people, including KESK executives and Eğitim Sen members.

- 22: Ankara** Yunus Emre Thermal Power Plant workers marched to Ankara to demand their wages that have not been paid for three months and to improve their working conditions. The police prevented the workers from advancing from Oğuzkent to Ayaş with tear gas and detained DİSK Enerji-Sen Chairman Süleyman Keskin and Secretary General Emin Atsız. The workers announced that they will continue the struggle until their wages are paid and collective bargaining negotiations begin.
- 29: Ordu** The gendarmerie detained about 20 people who gathered to prevent the mining drilling activities of the Taşyapı company in the Turnalık Plateau of the O Korgan district. Citizens started resistance in the work area after the company brought the construction equipment back to the region. The gendarmerie demanded that the area be evacuated; intervened when citizens continued the protest arm in arm.
- 30: Ankara** Doruk Mining workers, a subsidiary of Yıldızlar SSS Holding, chained themselves in front of the holding headquarters in Ankara because they would receive unpaid wages, overtime and severance pay. The workers stated that the payment promise was not kept and announced that they would continue the protest until their receivables were deposited in their accounts. The police intervened in the protest and detained the workers and trade unionists.
- 31: Tunceli** The police confiscated the books of Ceylan Publications and Peri Publications, which were offered for sale on Art Street as part of the 24th Munzur Culture and Nature Festival, on the instructions of the prosecutor's office. The officials said that the contents of the books would be examined.

2- Investigations and Trials

- 01: Bolu** The gendarmerie carried out simultaneous raids on the addresses determined within the scope of the investigation against the Municipality and its subsidiaries. Teams, "*embezzlement*" and "*laundering the assets arising from crime*" detained 10 people, including Municipality Private Secretary and General Manager of Municipal Companies Özgür Nihat Yıldız. During the searches carried out in the homes and municipal units of the suspects, many documents and digital materials were seized.
- 01: Istanbul** Cumhuriyet reporter Gülnur Saydam after her news about the armed attacks in Göktürk, Istanbul, allegations of organized crime and the security concerns of local residents "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" He was detained on the charge. The police released Saydam after a health check. In his news, Saydam conveyed the statements of the security officials that there were no unsolved crimes in the region and the allegations of extortion, threats and armed attacks by the shopkeepers and residents of the neighborhood.
- 01: Istanbul** The police detained journalist Fatma Sibel Gürcihan for her social media post about Berat Albayrak. In his post, Gürcihan criticized Albayrak's words about his relationship with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and referred to Damat İbrahim Pasha.
- 02: Gaziantep** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office decided for the second time that there was no need to investigate the public officials who were allegedly responsible for the October 10 Ankara Massacre. The prosecutor's office argued that fault could not be attributed

- to public officials and cited the statute of limitations for allegations of neglect of duty. The Lawyers' Commission of the October 10 Ankara Massacre Case stated that despite the decision of the Regional Administrative Court to carry out a direct investigation, no action was taken on the file, and announced that it would object to the decision.
- 02: Istanbul** At the 61st hearing of the IMM case, Ekrem İmamoğlu said that it was not possible to complete the hearing on July 9 because there were defendants whose defenses were not taken. The presiding judge stated that they would not change the order of interrogation and that they would finish the process on the specified date. After the argument, the presiding judge took İmamoğlu out of the courtroom.
- 02: Istanbul** The police detained comedian Deniz Göktaş at Istanbul Airport, where he returned from abroad. The prosecutor's office sentenced Göktaş to death for his statements in the stand-up show "Dead Sea". *"Insulting the President"* and *"Publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* He referred him to the court with charges.
- 02: Istanbul** Journalist Fatma Sibel Gürcihan was arrested for her social media post about Berat Albayrak. In his post, Gürcihan criticized Albayrak's words about his relationship with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and referred to Damat Ibrahim Pasha.
- 03: Aydın** The prosecutor's office launched an investigation against Aydın Bar Association Vice President Ayşe Ögünçlü and five lawyers who were following the Pride March held in Kuşadası on June 14 for legal observation and support. Aydın Bar Association reacted to the investigation by stating that lawyers were in the area to observe possible violations of rights, to provide legal support to citizens and to monitor law enforcement procedures.
- 03: Bolu** For the municipality *"embezzlement"* and *"laundering the assets arising from crime"* Of the 12 people detained within the scope of the investigation, Municipality Private Secretary Özgür Nihat Yıldız was arrested. The gendarmerie searched the addresses of the suspects and municipal units and confiscated the digital materials. The other 11 people who were referred to the courthouse were released.
- 03: Diyarbakir** The 5th Heavy Penalty sentenced Ramazan Şimşek, the owner of Pine Cafe, to 1 year and 3 months in prison for deciding to serve only in Kurdish on May 15, Kurdish Language Day. Şimşek was detained after being targeted on social media and was placed under house arrest for six months. Şimşek, who made his defense in Kurdish throughout the trial, said that the accusations were constantly changed and that the main purpose was to punish the decision to serve in Kurdish. The lawyers will appeal the decision.
- 03: Istanbul** Şişli District Governorate banned all indoor and outdoor activities in the district for one day before the solidarity event planned to be organized by the Federation of Idea Clubs in Maçka Park after the arrest of comedian Deniz Göktaş. The police blockaded the area by blocking the entrances of the park with barriers. The district governor's office claimed that the event could threaten social internal peace. The FKF canceled the event after the ban and police blockade.
- 03: Istanbul** Comedian Deniz Göktaş, arrested for *"insulting the president"* and *"insulting religious values"* was first transferred to Metris Prison and then to Çorlu Karatepe High Security Y Type Prison.
- 04: Adana** Two members of the Lever Movement who distributed anti-NATO leaflets were detained.
- 04: Ankara** Police raided AKA-DER Tuzlucaıyr Branch before the NATO Summit. They detained at least 7 people and searched the building. Detainees were restricted from seeing their

- lawyers for 24 hours.
- 04: Hatay** Police raided many houses simultaneously before the NATO Summit to be held in Ankara and detained 9 members of the Leverage Movement.
- 05: Sırnak** The police detained Azadiya Welat Editor-in-Chief Berfin Ay at the Habur Border Gate, where she was on her way to the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government, upon a tip-off that was later found to be unfounded. The judge released Ay on the condition that he sign once a week.
- 06: Düzce** People's Liberation Party Central Board member Ramazan Kap was detained. The HKP stated that the detention was linked to operations carried out before the NATO Summit in Ankara. The party announced that 19 of its members, who were detained during the NATO protest in front of the First Assembly the day before, are also being held in police station.
- 06: Istanbul** The police detained journalist Hazar Dost on the grounds that his statement was missing in the file related to a protest he participated in in 2018. Dost, who spent the night at the police station, was released after giving his statement at the Küçükçekmece Courthouse. Dost stated that he was prevented from going to the toilet and using his medication during his detention, and that he was subjected to insults and physical violence in the police vehicle and announced that he would file a criminal complaint.
- 06: Istanbul** The 25th High Criminal Court decided to continue the detention of Ekrem İmamoğlu, journalists Merdan Yanardağ, Necati Özkan and Hüseyin Gün, who are on trial on charges of "political espionage". The court also rejected the request to lift the trustee decision on TELE1 and adjourned the hearing to September 29.
- 06: Istanbul** Due to the expressions used by comedian Tuba Özlem Ulu about Suleiman the Magnificent and Hürrem Sultan in her stand-up show *"publicly humiliating a segment of the public based on gender difference"* He is on trial for the crime. At the hearing held at the 13th Criminal Court of First Instance, the prosecutor argued that the words insulted women and were suitable for disrupting public peace. The next hearing is on July 14.
- 06: Muğla** Milas 3. Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced Esra Işık, who was detained while protesting the hasty expropriation decisions in Akbelen. *"Resistance to prevent the execution of duty"* He sentenced him to 2 years and 1 month in prison. The court also imposed a judicial fine of 442 days and deferred the announcement of the verdict for this sentence. Işık was arrested on March 31 and released 41 days later with a ban on leaving the country.
- 07: Istanbul** Conscientious objector Mehmet Erkin Ekren was arrested. There was no other information about the place, reason and process of the arrest in the file.
- 07: Istanbul** The police detained BirGün reporter Kayhan Ayhan from his home on charges of "spreading misleading information to the public" in his news and social media posts about the IMM case. On the same day, the police detained journalist Hazar Dost at the greengrocer where he was shopping, on the grounds that his statement was missing in the file related to a protest he participated in in 2018.
- 08: Ankara** The detention period of approximately 130 TKP members detained in anti-NATO demonstrations has been extended by one day. The police statements of 73 members

- of TİP, Revolution Party, EHP, EMEP, People's Houses and Student Collectives who were detained during the protests in Kurtuluş Park and Dikmen were not started. Eight lawyers, including the President of the People's Houses, Linda Sevinç Hocaoğulları, were released without being referred to the courthouse after their statements at the police station. While nine people from the HKP were released, four people were referred to the judge with a request for judicial control.
- 08: Ankara** The YouTube video of Deniz Göktaş's stand-up show "Dead Sea", which was watched approximately 12.5 million times, was blocked. YouTube has not yet made the video invisible from Turkey. X posts with sections from the show before "*National Security*" and "*Protection of public order*" It was blocked from Turkey for reasons.
- 08: Istanbul** Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against people who took audio and video recordings and shared them on social media during the hearing of the IMM case. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office stated that the recordings taken in the courtroom at the Marmara Penal Institutions Campus were taken and published without authorization within the scope of Article 286 of the Turkish Penal Code.
- 08: Istanbul** Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against Ekrem İmamoğlu for his remarks in the IMM case "*Threat to public officials*" He launched an investigation on the charge. İmamoğlu was taken out of the courtroom after an argument with the presiding judge. The court decided to release six defendants, including Beyoğlu Mayor İnan Güney, and to continue the detention of İmamoğlu and other detained defendants. The hearing was adjourned to August 17.
- 08: Istanbul** Before the NATO Summit, 43 people, including members of the Revolutionary Youth Associations, the Revolutionary Movement and the Contemporary Lawyers Association, and journalists, were detained in Istanbul. The prosecutor's office referred 33 people to the judge with a request for arrest and 10 people for judicial control. The court arrested 25 people, including Ezgi Önalın, President of the Istanbul Branch of the Contemporary Lawyers Association, and lawyer Yunus Emre Işık. 18 people, including journalists Buse Söğütlü and Ceren Erdoğan, were released under judicial control.
- 08: Istanbul** Anatolia 78. The Criminal Court of First Instance accepted the indictment prepared against journalist Fatma Sibel Gürcihan for her social media post about Berat Albayrak. The prosecutor's office announced Gürcihan's post "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" He evaluated it within the scope of the crime. The court decided to continue Gürcihan's detention and adjourned the first hearing to Aug. 4.
- 08: Mersin** Members of the People's Houses wanted to open a banner in front of the AKP building in Yenışehir district to protest the NATO Summit. The police detained four members of the People's Houses. The prosecutor's office referred four people to the judge with a request for arrest on charges of "resisting the police", "insulting the president", "damaging public property" and violating the law on meetings and demonstrations. The judge arrested two people and released two people under judicial control.
- 09: Bursa** Three of the people detained in the operations carried out before the NATO Summit were arrested.
- 09: Diyarbakir** The 4th High Criminal Court did not lift the travel bans on 19 journalists and press workers who were tried on charges of "membership in a terrorist organization" and

- "propaganda for a terrorist organization". Lawyer Resul Tamur stated that the bans that have been in place since 2022 have prevented journalists from seeing their families and doing their job, and asked for the measures to be lifted. The court rejected the request and adjourned the hearing to November 10 for the preparation of the prosecution's opinion.
- 09: Kocaeli** Police detained many people in house raids in Kocaeli on July 5 before the NATO Summit. Türker Demirci, representative of the Friendship and Culture Association, was arrested among the 14 people referred to the courthouse. The court released nine people under judicial control and four people without any precautions.
- 09: Turkey** Those detained in house raids in Adana, Hatay, Antalya, Istanbul and Bursa before the NATO Summit were referred to the courthouse. The courts arrested 27 people in Istanbul, 3 in Bursa and 2 in Antalya. A total of 8 people were placed under house arrest in Adana and Antalya. 10 people detained in Hatay were released under judicial control.
- 10: Ankara** Police detained four young Young Struggle members who came from Germany to protest the NATO Summit. The court banned the young people from leaving the country, who were referred with a request for arrest, and the young people were taken to the removal center for deportation procedures. The center did not accept the young people at first, then it was reported that the young people were placed in the removal center. Lawyers will object to the ban on leaving the country.
- 10: Hakkari** The police detained eight young people in night operations in Yüksekova district. The prosecutor's office referred the young people to the court with a request for arrest on charges of "membership in a terrorist organization" and "propaganda for a terrorist organization". The court released six young people under judicial control and arrested E.T. and N.A.
- 11: Istanbul** The police detained the President of the Ahbap Association, Haluk Levent, as part of the investigation against the Ahbap Association. The Chief Prosecutor's Office alleges that Levent transferred money from the association's accounts to some people, made high bets between 2020 and 2026, and used the donations for other purposes. *"laundering the assets arising from crime", "opposition to the Law on Associations"* and *"membership of a criminal organization"* accusations.
- 12: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued a detention order for 36 people, including Mayor Hüseyin Can Güner, within the scope of the investigation against Çankaya Municipality. The police searched the municipality building and the homes of some bureaucrats and detained 27 people. The Chief Prosecutor's Office investigated *"establishing a criminal organization", "membership in a terrorist organization", "bribery"* and *"bid rigging"* accusations.
- 12: Istanbul** Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against CHP First Deputy Mayor of the Municipal Council Nazife Aktaş and Council Member Gencay Özkan, who allegedly used the term "theater" for the coup attempt in the July 15 commemoration program at the Bahçelievler Municipality Council *"inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* He launched an investigation on the charge.
- 12: Kırşehir** The gendarmerie carried out a two-month technical follow-up on the sharing of traffic and public order enforcement points in WhatsApp groups. The teams detained seven people who shared location information with five managers of the two groups. Access to groups with a total of 1,276 active members was blocked, and work was initiated to identify other members.

- 12: Istanbul** The number of people detained within the scope of the Chief Prosecutor's Office's investigation against the Ahbap Association increased to 20. After Haluk Levent, the police detained members, including Alper Çelik, one of the founders of the association, and lawyer Ece Güner, and confiscated some documents at the association's headquarters. Prosecutor's Office; He claims that earthquake donations were used for other purposes, high amounts of money were transferred to some accounts and bets were placed.
- 13: Diyarbakir** The 9th Heavy Penal Court announced the reason for the 19 years and 6 months prison sentence it gave to Ayşe Gökkan, the former spokesperson of the Free Women's Movement, on the charge of "membership in a terrorist organization". The court; It considered Gökkan's activities at the Democratic Society Congress, her statements on femicides and violence, her demands in Kurdish, the actions she participated in and her work on women's organization as elements of crime. In the decision, witness Gül Tanrıverdi's statements were also used as evidence, despite objections that she had given contradictory statements in previous trials.
- 14: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued a lawsuit against Çankaya Municipality on "*criminal organization*", "*bribery*" and "*bid rigging*". In the investigation, 30 people, including Mayor Hüseyin Can Güner, were referred to the criminal judgeship of peace with a request for arrest. Güner argued that the tender processes were not his responsibility, that the municipality was not harmed and that there was a public interest in the transactions. His lawyers stated that the investigation was based on the statements of anonymous witnesses and that no evidence was collected in favor of him.
- 14: Istanbul** Haluk Levent, who was detained in the Ahbap Association investigation, exercised his right to remain silent, stating that some of the statements he wanted to say were not recorded in the report. Levent said that his statements about politicians and state institutions were related to the investigation. The lawyers stated that the part where Levent mentioned former Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu was not included in the report and his right to defense was restricted.
- 14: Istanbul** 13. Criminal Court of First Instance against comedian Tuba Ulu, who was tried for her joke about Suleiman the Magnificent. "*Public humiliation of a segment of the public*" and deferred the announcement of the verdict. Ulu and his lawyer requested acquittal, stating that the joke did not humiliate women and that the elements of the crime did not occur.
- 14: Istanbul** The prosecutor announced that LeMan cartoonist Doğan Pehlevan was sentenced to 36. In the Criminal Court of First Instance "*Insulting the President*" He demanded that he be punished in the case where he was tried on the charge. Pehlevan stated that the X account where the posts were made did not belong to him. The court maintained the ban on leaving the country and adjourned the hearing to October 6.
- 14: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office detained 14 more people in the second wave of the investigation against the Ahbap Association. Thus, the number of people detained within the scope of the investigation increased to 36. The prosecutor's office is examining high-amount money transfers, money transferred to betting accounts and title deed transfers through MASAK reports and bank movements.
- 14: Izmir** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office "*establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime*", "*bribery*" and "*Extortion*". Within the scope of the investigation, it issued a detention

- order for seven people. The gendarmerie detained Ahmet Günay, the son of the suspended Mayor Mustafa Günay, his daughter-in-law İmren Günay, his brother Hüseyin Günay and H.B.
- 15: Ankara** Ministry of Interior, "*establishing a criminal organization*", "*bribery*" and "*rigging the tender*" temporarily suspended Çankaya Mayor Hüseyin Can Güner, who was arrested on charges. The court arrested 24 people, including Güner, and released six people as part of the investigation. Güner argued that the tender processes were not his responsibility and that there was no public damage in the municipality.
- 16: Ankara** The 84th Criminal Court of First Instance rejected the objection to Emel Memiş's detention. The file did not include the reason for the decision, the accusations against Memiş and any other information about the trial process.
- 16: Diyarbakır** The prosecutor stated that Aram Publishing House owner Hakkı Boltan and his employee Delil Zengeralp, who were tried after two books were confiscated at the TÜYAP Book Fair. "*Aiding the organization*" He demanded that he be punished for his crime. The case was initially filed on charges of "terrorist propaganda". Diyarbakır 4. The High Criminal Court gave time for the preparation of a defense and adjourned the trial to December 1, 2026.
- 16: Istanbul** Lawyers have filed criminal charges alleging that police mistreatment nine people who were detained and arrested before NATO protests were discussed. The application included allegations of beatings during house raids, handcuffs behind their backs, confiscation of medicines, forcibly turning on phones, prevention of the right to water and toilets, and cutting cakes in front of detainees in the detention room after the arrest warrant. The prosecutor's office requested the camera recordings at the Çağlayan Courthouse and the Anti-Terrorism Branch Directorate and started an investigation.
- 16: Istanbul** The police detained former AKUT President Nasuh Mahruki for his social media post about the July 15 coup attempt. The Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation against Mahruki on the charge of "inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation". In his post, Mahruki claimed that the coup attempt was noticed in advance, but it was not prevented for regime change.
- 16: Istanbul** Beykoz Chief Prosecutor's Office regarding the period of former Mayor Alaattin Köşeler "*Bribery*" and "*Extortion*" Two of the six people detained in the investigation were arrested. The court released four people under judicial control and issued an arrest warrant for the two suspects who could not be caught.
- 16: Istanbul** The Criminal Court of Peace arrested 14 people, including Haluk Levent, in the investigation against the Ahbap Association, and released 11 people under judicial control. Judgeship; bank movements, MASAK reports, telephone examinations and witness statements constituted a strong suspicion of crime, and the assets of the suspects were confiscated. The file did not include any other information about the scope of the seizure decision, its legal justification and which suspects it was applied to.
- 16: Istanbul** Police detained two Russian tourists who were allegedly reading the Bible aloud in the visiting section of Hagia Sophia. About "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" I.F. and V.F., who were charged with the crime, were referred to the Provincial Immigration Administration. Russian diplomatic authorities announced that they were dealing with the case.

16: Izmir	The police detained Levent Üzümcü, General Art Director of the Metropolitan Municipality City Theaters, for his social media post and said, " <i>inciting the public to hatred and hostility</i> " and referred him to the judge with a request for arrest. The judge released Üzümcü under house arrest.
16: Manisa	Police against Manisa Metropolitan Municipality " <i>Bribery</i> " and " <i>Establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime</i> " carried out simultaneous operations in five provinces within the scope of the investigation. During the operations, 12 people, including Demirhan Gözaçan, advisor to Metropolitan Mayor Besim Dutlulu, were detained
17: Diyarbakir	The prosecutor announced that journalist Berivan Kutlu was sentenced to 4. In the Heavy Penalty " <i>making propaganda for an organization</i> " He demanded that he be punished in the case where he was tried on the charge. In the indictment, Kutlu's television connections and X posts after the February 6 earthquakes were cited as evidence. The next hearing is on December 1.
17: Istanbul	The police detained Alper Çelik, one of the founders of the Ahbap Association. The prosecutor's office claimed that Haluk Levent used Çelik's accounts and that high amounts of bets were placed from these accounts between 2020 and 2026. The criminal judgeship of peace on duty arrested Çelik.
17: Istanbul	The police detained internet publisher Oğuzhan Uğur as part of the investigation against the Ahbap Association. The Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued a detention order for nine people, including Uğur, and arrested seven people in simultaneous operations. The investigation was carried out on charges of "violating the Law on Associations", "laundering the assets arising from crime" and "membership in a terrorist organization".
17: Istanbul	Bakırköy Criminal Court of Peace arrested former AKUT President Nasuh Mahruki, who was detained due to his social media post about the July 15 coup attempt, on the charge of "inciting the public to hatred and hostility". Mahruki argued that his post was a political evaluation and criticism of the coup attempt. Police detained Mahruki on his return from South Africa.
17: Mardin	Melek Akarmut, known as "Marilyn Monroe from Mardin", was arrested after her social media post. The file did not include any other information about the identity of the person, the content of the post, the accusation and the reason for the arrest warrant.
18: Duzce	The former Mayor of Akçakoca was arrested again. The file did not include any other information about the name of the arrested person, the accusation, the scope of the investigation and the reason for the arrest warrant.
18: Istanbul	The police detained Özgür Güner, the brother of lawyer Ece Güner, who was detained as part of the Ahbap Association investigation. Authorities determined that Güner transferred 400 thousand euros abroad and then bought a ticket to go abroad. After his bank accounts were blocked, Güner was detained.
19: Istanbul	The 33rd High Criminal Court did not accept the request of Ekrem İmamoğlu's lawyers for the recusal of the court panel. The lawyers made this request on the grounds that İmamoğlu was removed from the courtroom before he could complete his defense at the hearing on July 8, that his right to defense was violated and that the panel lost its impartiality
20: Ankara	The Police Department summoned Erkut Kibar, a member of the Hopa Community Center, to testify due to his social media post before the NATO Summit. The police asked Kibar about the photo he shared with a photo from the NATO protest in Hopa.

- "Killer NATO, get out of the Middle East"* He asked for his words. Kibar argued that the post and the actions he participated in did not constitute a crime.
- 20: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office referred nine people, including Oğuzhan Uğur, who was detained in the Ahbap Association investigation, to the criminal judgeship of peace with a request for arrest. The prosecutor's office told the suspects *"abuse of trust due to service"* and *"laundering the value of assets arising from crime"* he made the accusations. Özgür Ömer Güner was sent to the judge with a request for judicial control.
- 20: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office separately filed a lawsuit against ETHA reporters Pinar Gayıp and Elif Bayburt. *"Membership of an armed organization"* He prepared an indictment on the charge. Prosecutor's Office; He accused journalists' coverage of hearings, funerals, commemorations and protests, news footage, phone calls and their work at ETHA. The indictments include journalists exercising their right to remain silent and going on hunger strikes in custody *"organizational attitude"* It was evaluated as.
- 20: Kocaeli** The police detained 28 people, including Mayor Fatma Kaplan Hürriyet, her husband Murat Hürriyet and CHP District Chairman Gökhan Ercan, as part of the investigation against İzmit Municipality. Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, 31 people *"establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime"*, *"bribery"* and *"bid rigging"* He issued a detention order on charges.
- 21: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against content producer Fatma Soydaş for her social media posts. *"Public insult to the religious values adopted by a section of the public"* He issued a detention order on the charge. The 5th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to Soydaş's TikTok and Instagram accounts. The prosecutor's office gave instructions for the arrest of Soydaş, who was in Istanbul
- 21: Ankara** DW Turkish reporter Alican Uludağ was detained for his social media post. The prosecutor's office sent Uludağ *"Humiliating the Turkish nation and state institutions"* by *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* He makes his accusations.
- 21: Istanbul** Theater artist Levent Üzümcü was detained because of his social media comment about the sentence given to comedian Tuba Ulu for the joke of Suleiman the Magnificent. The police told Üzümcü *"inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* he accused. The court released Üzümcü with a ban on leaving the country and house arrest.
- 21: Istanbul** The police detained CHP Silivri District Chairman Doruk Bulut as part of the "corruption" investigation against Silivri Municipality. Bulut was arrested by the criminal judgeship of peace on July 22 after police and prosecutorial procedures.
- 21: Istanbul** Nine people, including Oğuzhan Uğur, who was detained in the Ahbap Association investigation, were arrested. The prosecutor's office has suspicions. *"Abuse of trust due to service"* and *"laundering the assets arising from the crime"* He accuses them of this. Özgür Ömer Güner was released under judicial control. With the latest decisions, the total number of detainees in the investigation increased to 24.
- 22: Ankara** Journalist Alican Uludağ was released on the condition of signing at the police station four days a week and a ban on leaving the country. Uludağ was detained on July 21 for a social media post in which he criticized the judicial system in Turkey. Uludag, *"Insulting Turkishness, the republic and state institutions"* and *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* He is accused of this.

- 22: Antalya** The police detained journalist Ali Taş for reposting Alican Uludağ's social media post. The file did not include any other information regarding the charges against Taş, the legal justification for the detention decision and the scope of the investigation.
- 22: Istanbul** Nine people, including Oğuzhan Uğur, who was detained in the Ahbap Association investigation, were arrested. The prosecutor's office has suspicions. *"Abuse of trust due to service"* and *"laundering the assets arising from the crime"* He accuses them of this. Özgür Ömer Güner was released under judicial control. With the latest decisions, the total number of detainees in the investigation increased to 24.
- 22: Istanbul** The police detained Eyüpsultan Deputy Mayor H.K., Municipality Private Secretary G.G. and municipal subsidiary employee B.E. in Istanbul as part of the investigation against Çankaya Municipality. The suspects were taken to Ankara after their procedures. No official statement was made regarding the reason for the detention decisions.
- 23: Ankara** Content producer Fatma Soydaş said, *"publicly insulting the religious values adopted by a section of the public"* He was detained on the charge of ". The 5th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to Soydaş's Instagram accounts with 284 thousand followers and TikTok accounts with 232 thousand followers. Two accounts were made invisible from Turkey.
- 22: Hakkari** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office stated that the forensic examination reports and the camera footage of the custody and police station in the investigation carried out on the allegation that Salah Bimari and Rasul Bimari, who were arrested after being detained at the border in Şemdinli, were subjected to torture and ill-treatment, did not constitute sufficient evidence to file a public prosecution *"non-prosecution"* made the decision. The Hakkari Bar Association, the Human Rights Association and the Association of Lawyers for Freedom will appeal the decision.
- 23: Kocaeli** Within the scope of the investigation against Izmit Municipality, 20 people, including Mayor Fatma Kaplan Hürriyet, her husband Murat Hürriyet and CHP Izmit District Chairman Gökhan Ercan, were arrested. The prosecutor's office requested arrest for 21 of the 30 suspects referred to the courthouse and judicial control for nine of them. The judgeship imposed judicial control measures on 10 people.
- 24: Ankara** Two people, including Eyüpsultan Deputy Mayor Hasan Karabulut, who were detained in the Chief Prosecutor's Office's investigation into Çankaya Municipality, were arrested. The court imposed a judicial control measure on one person.
- 25: Ankara** RTÜK launched an investigation due to the expressions used about Syrian Interim President Ahmed Shara in the News Hour program broadcast on Sözcü TV. The Board argued that the words were incompatible with Turkey's foreign policy vision and diplomatic approach and could harm good neighborly relations.
- 25: Istanbul** Citizens gathered in Sarıyer Square with the call of the DEM Party Provincial Organization and protested the attack on four Kurdish shopkeepers in İstinye. Four people were injured in the attack by about 70 people. In the statement, it was requested that the incident be investigated in all aspects, and a call was made for peace and brotherhood against racism and lynch culture.
- 26: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into BirGün's news that paid extras were brought to the CHP's badge-wearing ceremony through caste agents. CHP Istanbul Provincial Chairman Gürsel Tekin argued that the news was untrue. *"Publicly*

- disseminating misleading information*" He filed a complaint with the accusation.
- 26: Istanbul** The police detained 13 people in the fourth wave of the investigation against the Ahbap Association. In the investigation, housing and container purchases, suspicious real estate transfers, checks issued by the association, and financial and commercial relations were examined. Journalist Uğur Dündar, singers Mahsun Kırmızıgül, Gülben Ergen and Hayko Cepkin, and actor Elçin Sangu were also called to testify.
- 26: Izmir** The police detained rapper Erol Can Güncü, known as Uzay, at the entertainment venue where he performed in Çeşme. An investigation was launched against Güncü due to the lyrics he allegedly wrote and sang for fugitives wanted with a red notice.
- 27: Istanbul** The 5th Criminal Court of First Instance rejected the request for release of comedian Deniz Göktaş, who was arrested for her show "Dead Sea". The lawyers argued that Göktaş had returned from abroad voluntarily, that there was no suspicion of fleeing and that the grounds for detention lacked legal basis.
- 27: Izmir** Rapper Erol Can Güncü, known as Uzay, was arrested on charges of making propaganda for a terrorist organization. The police detained Güncü for the lyrics he allegedly wrote and sang for fugitives wanted with a red notice while he was performing in Çeşme.
- 28: Ardahan** A member of the CHP Provincial Assembly was arrested on charges of insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The file did not include the name of the arrested person, the word or post on which the accusation was based, and any other information regarding the detailed justification of the decision.
- 28: Istanbul** The objection to the detention of Nasuh Mahruki, who was arrested for his social media post about the July 15 coup attempt, was rejected. Mahruki's lawyer said in his client's post "*Theater*" He argued that there was no statement and that an arrest warrant was issued based on an unused word.
- 28: Kastamonu** Furkan Oğlak was racially attacked by passengers because he was listening to Kurdish music on the bus on his way to work in Kastamonu. The police detained Oğlak the next day. The prosecutor's office made social media posts about Selahattin Demirtaş, Yılmaz Güney and the peace process the subject of the accusation. The court arrested Oğlak and sent him to Kastamonu E Type Prison.
- 28: Mugla** The police detained T.G., the head of the Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Youth Center, in Marmaris. Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime teams then searched the municipal youth center in Atatürk Park. The teams confiscated computers, camera recordings and documents. The investigation was carried out on allegations regarding T.G.'s private meetings with municipal employees, bureaucrats, business people and Antalyaspor executives at the headquarters.
- 29: Istanbul** The Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office carried out an operation against Üsküdar Municipality over allegations of irregularities in the building permit and settlement processes. The police detained Mayor Sinem Dedetaş, Deputy Mayor Ceyhun Ünlü, Private Secretary Alihan Koçoğlu, architect Burçin Çevik, business follower Adem Altıntaş and contractor Bülent Orhan Tozkoparan. The teams searched 11 addresses and seized a large number of digital materials.
- 29: Istanbul** The 8th Criminal Court of Peace transferred the management authority over the assets of the Ahbap Association to a three-person trustee committee within the scope

of the investigation carried out against the Ahbap Association. The court assigned Rıdvan Can, Mustafa Göktuğ Kaya and Ahmet Kasım Han to manage the association's immovables, vehicles and bank accounts. The management of 13 commercial enterprises and companies affiliated to the Ahbap Association was left to the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund.

- 29: Butler** 15 people were detained in the new operation against the municipality. There is no detailed information in the file about the reason for the operation, the identities of the detainees and the scope of the investigation.
- 30: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against 24 people, including journalist Sema Bingöl, who was detained at the commemoration held on the 13th anniversary of the death of Ethem Sarısülük, who was killed in the Gezi protests. The police detained Mezopotamya Agency reporter Bingöl by beating him during the commemoration and then released him from the police.
- 30: Ankara** 52 people, including Etimesgut Mayor Erdal Beşikçioğlu, were detained. The Ankara West Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into allegations of irregularities in some tenders of the municipality, issuance of fake documents, and benefits in parking lot rental transactions and zoning and license processes. The suspects are charged with establishing and membership in an organization, embezzlement, bribery, extortion, rigging tenders and performances, and abuse of office.
- 30: Bursa** 2. Ağırceza decided to continue the detention of Bursa Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Mustafa Bozbey, who was tried in pre-trial detention within the scope of the investigation into Nilüfer Municipality. In the same file, 20 people, including former Nilüfer Mayor Turgay Erdem, continued to be detained. The court decided to release 16 defendants. The case was adjourned to October 5.
- 30: Istanbul** Seven people, including businessman Hüseyin Başaran, who was detained in the fourth wave of the investigation against the Ahbap Association, were arrested. Investigation; housing and container purchases, suspicious real estate transfers, checks issued by the association and financial and commercial relations. Among those arrested are Deniz Şimşek, Hüseyin Başaran, Ayhan Çevik, Murat Yaren, Nejdett Kuy, Emin Arat and Muhammed Ali Yılmaz.
- 30: Istanbul** Journalist Cem Küçük was detained. The file did not include detailed information about the reason for the detention, the investigating authority and the charges against Küçük.
- 31: Istanbul** Mayor Sinem Dedetaş, Private Secretary Alihan Koçoğlu, architect Burçin Çevik and contractor Bülent Orhan Tozkoparan, who were detained within the scope of the investigation against Üsküdar Municipality, were arrested. Judicial control orders were issued for Deputy Mayor Ceyhun Ünlü and Adem Altıntaş. In the investigation, the suspects are charged with bribery and establishing and managing an organization for the purpose of committing crimes.

3- Other Practices

- 01: Istanbul** The 4th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to Tamar Tanrıyar's YouTube channel Siber Haber upon the request of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. Tanrıyar, who

was previously detained and released, thanked his supporters in the video he published and announced that he would request a meeting with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

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- 02: Ankara** About Sendika.Org's X account "*National Security*" and "*Protection of public order*" An access ban decision was made for the second time. X has not yet made the account invisible from Turkey. Sendika.Org's account was previously blocked on October 8, 2025, on the same grounds.
- 02: Ankara** The Information and Communication Technologies Authority blocked access to Nûmedya24's website and X account from Turkey. BTK also blocked access to the websites of Azadiya Welat and Ajansa Welat, which broadcast in Kurdish, and Ajansa Welat's X account. Nûmedya24 announced that no court decision or justification was reported in the decision regarding its website. Blocked sites and accounts remained accessible from outside Turkey.
- 03: Istanbul** The Boğaziçi University administration canceled the alumni card of a graduate who refused to shake hands and take a photo with academician Yasin Ramazan Başaran at the graduation ceremony of the Department of Philosophy and banned him from entering the campus for five years. The graduate withdrew his diploma, which Başaran did not want to give.
- 04: Ankara** About soL Haber's X account with more than 920 thousand followers "*National Security*" and "*Protection of public order*" An access ban decision was made on the grounds. X has not yet made the account invisible from Turkey. soL Haber announced that they were not notified of the decision and that they learned about the access ban from the Freedom of Expression Association's EngelliWeb post.
- 05: Ankara** The 10th Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to the website and X, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and YouTube accounts of the Özgürüz news platform, founded by Can Dündar. Reason "*National Security*" and "*Protection of public order*" based on the reasons.
- 05: Antalya** Gürkan Türkoğlu, who went on a hunger strike for 266 days to demand the closure of well-type prisons and his transfer to another prison, lost his life. Authorities took Türkoğlu to the intensive care unit of the City Hospital on April 13. Türkoğlu ended his hunger strike on April 21 after his request for transfer was accepted.
- 07: Ankara** X made soL Haber's official account with 924 thousand followers invisible from Turkey. Access blocking decision "*National Security*" and "*Protection of public order*" It was given with reasons. A separate investigation was launched against the account holders.
- 08: Ankara** Ahead of the NATO Summit, X made many opposition individuals, institutions, political organizations and independent media accounts invisible or suspended from Turkey. Sendika.Org newly opened accounts of editorial board members Ali Ergin Demirhan and Nisan Çıra were also blocked again. Access to People's Houses, Revolutionary Youth Associations, Red Party, SOL Youth, Labor Youth, Leverage Movement, SODAP and many other accounts "*National Security*" and "*public safety*" It was blocked for reasons.
- 08: Ankara** The Information and Communication Technologies Authority suspended the Socialist

- Refoundation Party's X account with 23 thousand followers.
- 09: Ankara** Before and during the NATO Summit, X made many opposition individuals, institutions, political organizations and independent media accounts invisible or suspended from Turkey. While the new accounts of Sendika.Org editorial board members Ali Ergin Demirhan and Nisan Çıra were blocked again, the new account of soL Haber was also suspended. A large number of accounts, including the People's Houses, Revolutionary Youth Associations, the Red Party, the SOL Youth, the Lever Movement, SODAP and the Labor Youth "*National Security*" and "*Public safety*".
- 09: Ankara** The Council of Higher Education at the graduation ceremony of Yeditepe University Faculty of Law on July 7 "*Be upright as you are commanded*" started an investigation into the tension between the students due to the banner with the verse. The university administration also opened an administrative investigation into the incident. The Rectorate announced that they did not institutionally prevent the opening of the banner and that the tension was experienced among the students.
- 09: Ankara** The Information and Communication Technologies Authority blocked access to the official X account of the Labour Movement Party and the personal account of Chairman Hakan Öztürk from Turkey, citing posts about the NATO Summit. EHP stated that the decision aims to silence views critical of war and armament policies.
- 09: Ankara** The X account of Sendikal Haber, which publishes news about the labor struggle, was blocked from Turkey. DSD Turkey Executive announced that the access ban is part of the practices aimed at silencing dissenting voices.
- 15: Ankara** The Parliamentary Plan and Budget Committee accepted Articles 19, 24 and 25 of the bill transferring some of the powers of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority on the internet to the Cyber Security Presidency. The regulation gave the presidency the powers of intervention and measures whose boundaries were not clearly defined, and stipulated that the decisions would be implemented within two hours at the latest. The Freedom of Expression Association stated that the proposal creates a broad and uncontrolled authority in the areas of access blocking, bandwidth throttling, traffic data monitoring and control of digital platforms.
- 15: Istanbul** At the graduation ceremony of Yeditepe University Faculty of Medicine, Dean Prof. Dr. Sina Özcan did not read the phrase "sexual orientation of the patient" in the Hippocratic Oath. The students completed the oath by reading the part that the dean skipped together. A similar practice was experienced a year ago at the graduation ceremony of Istanbul University Çapa Faculty of Medicine.
- 16: Ankara** The Central Executive Board of Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, who was brought to the CHP administration by a court decision, dismissed the provincial presidents of Edirne, Isparta, Kastamonu, Konya, Tokat, Zonguldak, Yalova and Rize, as well as the executive and disciplinary boards. The administration appointed new presidents to seven of the eight dissolved provincial organizations. Konya and Tokat provincial presidents were referred to the High Disciplinary Board with a request for dismissal.
- 16: Istanbul** İrfan Yılmaz, who is 96 percent disabled and has cerebral palsy, was arrested by the Forensic Medicine Institute. "*He cannot stay in prison*" Despite his report, he continued to be held in

- Marmara L Type Closed Prison No. 2. Yılmaz stated that he could not meet his daily needs on his own, that his ward mates took care of him and that he could not access health needs such as air mattresses. The prison administration ordered the release to the police station. "*Community Safety*" He said that he blocked it based on his reasoned letter.
- 17: Ankara** Access to Ekrem İmamoğlu's YouTube channel with 787 thousand subscribers and the X account of the Presidential Candidate Office with 222 thousand followers was blocked. The decision is within the scope of Article 8/A of Law No. 5651 "*National Security*" and "*Protection of public order*" It was taken with the reasons. YouTube and X have not yet made the accounts invisible from Turkey.
- 17: Istanbul** 9. Criminal Court of Peace ruled that the news published between 2020-2026 about Met-Gün İnşaat and company owner Metin Güneş "*National Security*" and "*Protection of public order*" He blocked access on the grounds. The decision also included a news report on Diken, which was previously blocked on the grounds of personal rights and the Constitutional Court found a violation of rights. Content reporting on access bans about Metin Güneş was also blocked.
- 17: Istanbul** A total of nine legislative immunity motions, including three files belonging to CHP Group Chairman and Manisa Deputy Özgür Özel, were submitted to the Presidency of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. In the motions, it was demanded that the immunity of nine deputies be lifted.
- 17: Diyarbakir** Trendyol closed the store where Diyarbakır-based Pirtûkakurdî sold Kurdish books without explaining the reason. Store owner Bawer Berşev argued that the decision was not a technical problem and was part of a systematic blocking of Kurdish-language publications. Publishers stated that a significant part of Kurdish book sales are made online and that the closure decision made it difficult for readers to access books.
- 18: Tekirdag** The Provincial Mufti's Office launched an administrative investigation against Erkanak Mosque Imam İ.İ., who prayed at the opening of a monopoly dealer in Çerkezköy. The imam stated that he learned during the ceremony that the workplace was a monopoly dealer and left the area when he realized the situation. İ.İ. resigned from his position as Diyanet-Sen Çerkezköy District Chairman after the investigation.
- 19: Karabuk** The Governor's Office demanded that the "No to NATO" banner hung by the Felicity Party on the provincial building be taken down. Law enforcement officers fined the party 3,705 liras for allegedly violating the Misdemeanor Law. The Felicity Party announced that it would take legal action against the fine with the order to take down the banner.
- 20: Istanbul** Access to Haluk Levent's X account with 9 million followers, who was arrested as part of the Ahbap Association investigation, was blocked. X made the account invisible from Turkey on July 22.
- 22: Ankara** The CHP Central Executive Board dismissed the provincial presidents of Kütahya, Uşak, Karaman and Çankırı and the central district administrations and dissolved the organizations. The party management also appointed new provincial presidents to Eskişehir, Karaman, Sivas, Kırşehir and Uşak. CHP Spokesperson Müslim Sarı announced that the changes were made in order to reorganize the provincial organizations before the congress process that will start in September.

- 23: Ankara** Access to journalist Alican Uludağ's X account and 13 posts was blocked on the grounds of "*national security*" and "*protection of public order*". X has made all 13 posts invisible from Turkey but has not yet closed the account. Among the blocked content were posts about the judicial system, investigations against journalists, detentions before the NATO Summit and municipal operations.
- 24: Ankara** The Ministry of Interior temporarily suspended the arrested Mayor of Izmit, Fatma Kaplan Hürriyet. The Ministry, the decision "*establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime*", "*rigging the tender of public institutions*" and "*Don't take bribes*" He based it on the investigation carried out on the accusations. Within the scope of the investigation, 20 people, including Hürriyet, were arrested, one person was placed under house arrest and nine people were given judicial control orders.
- 29: Ankara** The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Tobacco and Alcohol imposed an administrative fine of 82,244 liras on Şükrü Mısırlıoğlu, a 67-year-old Çaykur retiree living in the Hopa district of Artvin, for the photos of the locksmith's table he shared on his social media account. The Ministry considered the posts as alcoholic beverage advertisements. Mısırlıoğlu's lawyer objected to the penalty, stating that there was no advertising purpose and no income.
- 29: Ankara** The Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against Çetin Fındık and İsmail Yekta Değer, who allegedly illegally obtained voter data belonging to the CHP Headquarters. Anti-Cyber Crime teams examined the materials seized during the searches and the computer belonging to the CHP.
- 29: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office blocked access to all social media accounts of Nurican Tolun, known as "Canbequit", on allegations that she published content that could have a negative impact on family structure and children, advertised illegal betting, and eliminated the perception of reality with obscene content created by artificial intelligence.
- 30: Ankara** Access to JINNEWS' Turkish-language X account was blocked. The file did not include detailed information about the reason for the decision and the scope of the application.
- 31: Tunceli** The police confiscated the books of Ceylan Publications and Peri Publications, which were offered for sale on Art Street as part of the 24th Munzur Culture and Nature Festival, on the instructions of the prosecutor's office. The officials said that the contents of the books will be examined.

4- Other Reports

- 02: Istanbul** The report titled "*Violations of Freedom of Expression, Assembly-Demonstration and Association in June 2026*" report has been published by The Initiative for Freedom of Expression. According to the report, there were at least 527 law enforcement interventions, 643 arrests, 125 judicial controls, house arrests and travel bans during this month. The report is prepared by scanning 96 sources every day with the help of artificial intelligence.

- 03: Istanbul** In its weekly report on freedom of the press and expression in Turkey, Expression Interrupted reported that journalist Fatma Sibel Gürcihan and Radio Sputnik programmer Ali Çağatay were arrested, Evrensel reporter Doğa Baskan was released, and an indictment was prepared against journalist Pınar Gayıp on charges of "membership in a terrorist organization." The report also stated that access to many media outlets and social media accounts was blocked, journalist Zişan Gür and 65 defendants were acquitted, and at least 23 journalists and media workers were in prison as of July 3
- 03: Diyarbakir** The Dicle Fırat Journalists Association announced its report on rights violations against journalists in June 2026. According to the report, 10 journalists were detained, 4 journalists were arrested, 9 journalists were investigated and 2 journalists were prosecuted during the month. Two journalists were sentenced to a total of 7 years and 6 months in prison, and the trial of 36 journalists continued. In addition, 20 websites were closed, access to 43 news articles and 126 social media content was blocked, and RTÜK fined 7 channels and 9 broadcasts.
- 10: Diyarbakir** The Human Rights Association announced its "PKK-Peace Process Monitoring Report" in Diyarbakir, in which it evaluates the developments in Turkey in the last 21 months. İHD stated that the clashes stopped after the PKK's decision to end the armed struggle and the gun-burning ceremony on July 11, 2025, but democratization steps were not taken. In the report, it was noted that there was a decline in the areas of judicial independence, trustee practices, freedom of expression and press, right to assembly, discrimination and right to life. İHD demanded the enactment of a social integration law, an end to the practice of trusteeship, the guarantee of the right to education in mother tongue and the establishment of an independent truth mechanism.
- 20: Ankara** Lawyers for Justice published its report on rights violations regarding the NATO Summit process held in Ankara. According to the report, at least 668 people were detained, 179 people were arrested and 34 people were placed under house arrest across Turkey. Protest bans were imposed in many cities, especially in Ankara, which lasted for days. In the report, handcuffs behind their backs, ill-treatment, restriction of freedom of movement and violations of the right to defense were recorded.