

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 these data are "AT LEAST". Because what can be reflected in the media is just the tip of the iceberg.

POLICE INTERVENTIONS

- Detentions: **189**
- Administrative/police intervention: **10**
- Home raids: **2**
- Injuries: **4**
- Provincial general ban decision: **1**

INVESTIGATION – PROSECUTION

- Detentions: **259**
- Arrests: **62**
- Judicial control / house arrest / ban on leaving the country: **19**
- Newly opened investigations: **19**
- Newly opened / indicted cases: **5**
- Prison sentence: **8**

OTHER APRACTICES

- Access block / content removal: **14**
- Suspension / dismissal / discipline etc.: **3**

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 26. 12 of them are from Istanbul. Seven provincial mayors, including İmamoğlu, were suspended. The number of suspended district mayors is 29.

The system applied is the same in almost every example. First, many people are arrested through an investigation. Then, they are forced to give false testimony against 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 CHP members and they are asked to choose. *"Either join the AKP or go to jail"*.

The New Party, founded by Özgür Özel when he gave up hope of bringing the CHP together with a new congress, grew rapidly. It became the main opposition party in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey with 91 deputies. Kılıçdaroğlu's CHP has 44 deputies. The objection to the Absolute Nullity decision was submitted to the Supreme Court the day before the start of the judicial recess, and will be handled when the new judicial year begins.

On the other hand, the "framework Law" prepared by the "National Solidarity, Brotherhood and Democracy Commission", *which started with the initiative of Devlet Bahçeli*, was accepted by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey with 467 votes.

1- Prohibitions, Police Interventions

- 07: Adana** Service vehicle operators, who opposed the Metropolitan Municipality's tender decision for 300 new service plates, protested in front of the municipality building. When members of the Adana Service Vehicle Enterprises Chamber of Tradesmen and Craftsmen tried to enter the municipality building, there was a scuffle with security guards. The police intervened with pepper spray against the protesters and removed the group from the building. Chamber President Aydın Bulut announced that 2,500 service vehicles will not serve if the new license plates are put on the market.
- 09: Izmir** The Rectorate of Ege University requested permission from the Rectorate for events such as demonstrations, marches and press statements to be held on campus. Reacting to the letter sent to the faculty dean's offices with the signature of Rector Musa Alci, the students argued that the decision would have deterrent results, stating that the decision limited the freedom of expression and the democratic participation rights of students, and that the spaces for thought and expression in universities were gradually narrowing.
- 10: Ankara** Workers of Doruk Mining and Elazığ Eti Gümüş Mining, affiliated with Yıldızlar SSS Holding, wanted to go to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources in Ankara to demand their unpaid wages and compensation. The police blockaded the workers and intervened against the group. Nearly 80 people, including Independent Maden-İş Chairman Gökay Çakır and union executives, were detained. Eti Gümüş workers are demanding unpaid salaries and severance pay, while Doruk Mining workers are demanding wages for the unpaid leave period and union and notice pay.
- 13: Ankara** Workers of Elazığ Eti Gümüş and Doruk Mining, affiliated with Yıldızlar SSS Holding, continued their protest in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources for their unpaid wages and compensation for their fourth day. After the meeting with the holding officials, the workers announced that they would not leave the area until their receivables were paid in full and the Ministry officials met with them. After removing the members of the press from the area, the police blockaded the miners and started a detention process. Many people, including Independent Maden-İş Chairman Gökay Çakır and Organization Expert Başaran Aksu, were detained. Two workers who fell ill during the intervention were taken to the hospital.
- 15: Ankara** "Doruk Mining and Elazığ Eti Gümüş workers and their families, affiliated with Yıldızlar SSS Holding, were detained at the AKM Metro exit while they were trying to attend the AKP's 25th anniversary rally to make their voices heard. The miners were also detained on August 13 while trying to go to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources for their unpaid wages and compensation. In this action, 84 people, including Independent Maden-İş Chairman Gökay Çakır and Organization Expert Başaran Aksu, were detained. The union announced that it aimed to convey the demands of the workers to President Erdoğan by participating in the rally with a delegation.
- 17: Ankara** The police intervened in the protests of Elazığ Eti Gümüş and Doruk Mining workers,

affiliated to Yıldızlar SSS Holding, in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources for their unpaid receivables and detained Independent Maden-İş President Gökay Çakır, Organizing Expert Başaran Aksu and other unionists in the field. The union announced that they will continue their actions until the promises made by the Ministry are fulfilled and the demands of the workers are met.

18: Ankara Independent Maden-İş members Doruk Mining and Eti Gümüş workers were again blockaded by the police in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources on the ninth day of their protest for unpaid wages and other labor receivables. Union executive Volkan Çetin said that some workers were given partial payments, but they would continue the protest until all receivables were paid. A Doruk Mining worker stated that the Ministry was a guarantor of the previous agreement and asked it to take responsibility for the collection of payments. Independent Maden-İş Chairman Gökay Çakır and Organization Expert Başaran Aksu, who were detained the day before, were released under judicial control.

18: Rize Four fishermen, Hacer Kanbay, Ahmet Tafralı, İbrahim Oğuz and Muhammet Yağcı, who opposed the Günvak 1 and Günvak 2 cage fishing projects carried out by the Kuzuoğlu Group off the coast of Zelek Port in Pazar district, were detained by the gendarmerie. Local fishermen have been fighting against the projects for about two years. The fishermen had started a vigil after the company placed cages again off the port, despite the previous commitment to abandon the project. While Yeni Party Rize Deputy Tahsin Ocaklı reacted to the detentions, İHD Rize Representative Günay Karafazlı was initially prevented from entering the port by the gendarmerie.

20: Ankara Doruk Mining and Eti Gümüş workers faced police intervention on the 11th day of their protest for their unpaid wages and compensation. Independent Maden-İş announced that approximately 100 miners, including Organizing Expert Başaran Aksu, were detained. The union also stated that members of the press who were following the protest were beaten by the police. The miners announced that they would be in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources again at 11:00 the next day after they were released from custody and that they would continue their protest until all their receivables were paid.

24: Ankara Relatives of martyrs and veterans wanted to march to the Ministry of National Defense as part of their protest for their personal rights, but the police prevented the march. When the veterans sat on the road with their prostheses and crutches, the police intervened and started to put the protesters on buses. During the intervention, some veterans fell ill and some young people who supported the protest were detained. İYİ Party Bursa Deputy Selçuk Türkoğlu, who was in the area, also fell ill during the intervention and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

25: Ankara The police intervened against the workers who protested for unpaid wages, severance pay and insurance receivables in the mines of Yıldızlar SSS Holding. Independent Mine-Work Organization Expert Başaran Aksu, a union executive and two miners were detained in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources. The union's chairman Gökay Çakır said at the union headquarters in Soma, "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He was detained on the charge. On the same day, the miners met with the Ministry officials and demanded the establishment of a negotiation table with the company under the arbitration of the Ministry and announced that they would march to the Presidency if no result was obtained.

31: Istanbul The 4th Criminal Court of Peace decided to confiscate the printed and ongoing copies of the book "The Nation is My Witness", which consists of the defense of

imprisoned Metropolitan Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu in the IMM case, and to ban its distribution and sale. The judgeship evaluated that the book contained insulting and humiliating statements against the President, the judicial organization, the Government of the Republic of Turkey and public officials, and that some expressions could increase the tension in the society and disrupt public order and security. The decision was based on the Press Law No. 5187. The book was scheduled to be published on August 30.

2- Investigations and Trials

- 01: Uşak** For the municipality *"Qualified fraud to the detriment of public institutions and organizations"* Nine people were arrested in the investigation. The prosecutor's office claimed that some of the people who were shown to be insured in municipal companies were employed in private enterprises belonging to Mayor Özkan Yalın. Within the scope of the investigation, a detention order was issued for 22 people and 17 people were detained. It was based on HTS and base records that the suspects were in businesses belonging to Yalın instead of the municipality during working hours. Nine of the 12 people referred to the courthouse were arrested, and judicial control orders were issued for three people. Five people were released.
- 02: Ankara** The prosecutor's office referred 44 people, including Beşikçioğlu, to the criminal judgeship of peace with a request for arrest and judicial control of 10 people among 55 people, including Mayor Erdal Beşikçioğlu, who were detained in the investigation against Etimesgut Municipality. One person continued to be treated in hospital. The Ankara West Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into the allegations that the municipality benefited from some tenders, parking lot rental transactions, zoning and license transactions. Suspects *"establishing and managing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime", "being a member of an organization", "embezzlement", "bribery", "extortion" and "bid rigging"* He is accused of.
- 02: Istanbul** The Attorney General's Office launched an investigation against 21-year-old H.D., who uses the name "Alyanure" on social media, on charges of "obscenity" and "publicly insulting the religious values adopted by a section of the public". The police detained H.D. and confiscated his digital materials.
- 03: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office has launched an investigation against TİP Spokesperson and Istanbul MP Sera Kadıgil for her speech in Izmir on July 31. *Insulting the President" v "threat"* He opened an ex officio investigation on the charges.
- 03: Istanbul** The Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office demanded a prison sentence of up to four years and six months in the indictment it prepared against Nasuh Mahruki for his social media post about the July 15 coup attempt. The prosecutor's office accused Mahruki of "inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation" **la n** accuses. In his post on July 15, Mahruki claimed that the coup attempt was noticed in advance but was not deliberately prevented for the purpose of regime change. Mahruki had previously been accused of his social media post *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* and was sentenced to 11 months and 20 days in prison.

- 03: Istanbul** The Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation against photographer Bennu Gerede on charges of "obscenity" due to her statements on a YouTube program she participated in. The investigation was cited as the reason for Gerede's description of the necklace she wore around her neck in the program as a "portable vibrator".
- 03: Istanbul** Journalist Fatih Altaylı gave a statement within the scope of the investigation launched after the BirGün news about the CHP's badge-wearing event that paid extras were brought in. The Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation upon the complaint of Gürsel Tekin, who was appointed as a trustee to the CHP Istanbul Provincial Chairmanship. In the news of BirGün reporter Ebru Çelik, it was stated that hundreds of people from different casting agencies were brought to the event for 950 liras. Ömer İne, the owner of Merss Production, one of the agencies, confirmed that he provided extras to the organization, but said that he did not receive a fee from the CHP. Ebru Çelik, Uğur Koç, Berkant Gültekin, Timur Soykan and Nedim Bayhan had also testified within the scope of the investigation.
- 03: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against journalist Ertuğrul Özkök for his statements in a program he participated in. *"Insulting the President"* He launched an ex officio investigation on the charge. In the program, Özkök described the current regime in Turkey as based on the personality of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and made evaluations about the end of the Franco regime in Spain in the past.
- 03: Istanbul** About journalist Can Bursalı News and posts about the IMM case and the Bartın mine massacre Due to *"publicly disseminating misleading information"* An investigation was launched on the charge.
- 04: Ankara** Chief Public Prosecutor's Office about Özgür Özel and Malatya MP Veli Ağbaba *"Receiving bribes in a chain"* and sent it to the Ministry of Justice. In the report, it was claimed that in return for Muhittin Böcek being nominated as a candidate for Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor, Böcek and his son Mustafa Gökhan Böcek were benefited. Ağbaba also received financial benefits during some municipal tenders and the March 31, 2024 local elections. *Supply* It was claimed that he did. The prosecutor's office demanded that Ağbaba's legislative immunity be lifted.
- 04: Istanbul** Gazete Window reporter Can Bursalı gave a statement to the Chief Prosecutor's Office within the scope of the investigation launched against him due to his news and social media posts. The prosecutor's office told Bursalı *"slander"*, *"insult"* and *"Humiliation of state institutions"* He made the accusations. Bursalı did not accept the accusations, stating that his news and posts were within the scope of journalistic activity. The criminal judgeship of peace released Bursalı with the measures of signing at the police station three days a week and a ban on leaving the country.
- 04: Istanbul** Photographer Bennu Gerede, *"obscenity"* He was detained within the scope of the investigation. Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office, Gerede's YouTube program *"portable vibrator"* He launched an investigation under Article 226 of the Turkish Penal Code after he showed the necklace he said it was. Gerede was released with a ban on leaving the country.

- 04: Izmir** 21 people, including Mayor İlkey Çiçek, were detained in the operation against Menderes Municipality. The file did not include information about the reason for the investigation and other details.
- 05. Ankara** Sendika.Org reporter Nisan Çıra for sharing photos she took while covering the anti-NATO protest in Ankara on June 27 on social media "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" An investigation was launched on the charge. Access to Çıra's previous X account was blocked on June 27, and the "ciranisan" account, where he shared the photos, was blocked on July 7.
- 05: Eskişehir** Labor Party Provincial Chair Ceren Kökoğlu for an anti-NATO social media post "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He was summoned to testify on the charge. Kökoğlu used expressions critical of NATO by quoting his party's post on July 2.
- 05: Istanbul** Küçükçekmece Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, regarding the asphalt tender held by the Avcılar Municipality Directorate of Science Affairs in 2022 "*bid rigging*" started an investigation. The prosecutor's office claimed that the tender cost was artificially increased by receiving high bids without a cost investigation. 12 people were detained in simultaneous operations in Istanbul, Ankara, Balıkesir and Bitlis.
- 05: Izmir** Deputy Mayor Rüzgar Sönmez and 13 people are in custody as part of the Chief Prosecutor's Office's investigation into Menderes Municipality. Suspects "*Bribery*", "*Extortion*", "*Establishing a criminal organization*", "*Forgery of official documents*", "*Abuse of office*" and "*causing zoning pollution*" accusations are being leveled.
- 05: Manisa** NEW Party Provincial Chairman İlksen Özalper was detained and taken to Ankara. The police also searched Özalper's house as part of the detention order. It was claimed that the investigation was based on the statements given by the suspended Uşak Mayor Özkan Yalım within the scope of effective remorse, as well as MASAK reports and HTS records. In the same file, Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Advisor Demirhan Gözaçan, his driver Anıl Demir and Şehzadeler A.Ş. General Manager Cem Yüzer were previously arrested on charges of "being a member of a profit-oriented criminal organization" and "bribery".
- 06: Istanbul** The 33rd High Criminal Court decided to continue the detention of 53 defendants, including Presidential candidate Ekrem İmamoğlu, in the IMM case. The next hearing is on August 17.
- 06: Istanbul** Bahar Yalçinkaya, who was deported to Turkey with her two children from the removal center in Zurich, Switzerland, was detained after entering the country and arrested a day later. Yalçinkaya was sent to Bakırköy Women's Closed Penitentiary Institution with her 15-month-old baby. Her lawyer Murat Özten explained that there are ongoing investigations and lawsuits against Yalçinkaya in Turkey, so she informed the Swiss authorities in advance of the risk of arrest if she is deported.
- 06: Izmir** In the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, Hür Ağbaba, the older brother of NEW Party Malatya Deputy Veli Ağbaba, and Ferat Yetişsin were arrested.
- 06: Samsun** In Canik district, the police detained Yüşa Keskin, known as "Rapper Keskin", Doğanur Urkapı, Doğu Karagül and Salihcan Özüygür, after footage of a rap clip

using a long-barreled gun. About the suspects *"praising the crime and the criminal"* and *"Deliberately endangering general security"* Proceedings were initiated with the charges.

07: Ankara	104 people were detained in operations against ISIS in 30 provinces. The Ministry of Interior claimed that the suspects provided finance through people affiliated with the organization and so-called aid organizations, made propaganda for the organization on social media and were members of ISIS.
07: Istanbul	A trustee was appointed to the management of the Ahbap Association. A lawsuit was previously filed in the Civil Court of First Instance for the dissolution of the association. A three-person trustee committee was previously appointed for the management of the assets of the Ahbap Association. With the latest decision, a trustee was appointed directly to the management of the association.
07: Istanbul	12 people were arrested in the tender investigation against Avcılar Municipality. The file did not include any other information regarding the identities of the arrested people, the charges against them and the details of the court process.
07: Istanbul	In the indictment prepared against journalist Ali Çağatay, who was arrested for his social media post, the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office cited Çağatay's post about the kidnapping of Erhan Karaal, Deputy General Manager of İBB Kültür A.Ş. <i>"publicly disseminating false information"</i> and <i>"Publicly humiliating the Police Department"</i> He demanded a prison sentence of 6 months to 5 years on the charges.
07 Izmir	The criminal judgeship of peace arrested 10 people, including Mayor İlkey Çiçek, who was detained in the investigation against Menderes Municipality, and released six people on judicial control conditions. The prosecutor's office <i>"establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime"</i> , <i>"being a member of a criminal organization"</i> , <i>"bribery"</i> , <i>"extortion"</i> , <i>"forgery of official documents"</i> , <i>"abuse of office"</i> and <i>"causing zoning pollution"</i> accusations.
07: Izmir	The Istanbul Chief Prosecutor's Office against Kuşadası Municipality <i>"Bribery"</i> and <i>"Extortion"</i> 15 of the 21 people for whom a detention order was issued were detained. It was stated that the simultaneous operations carried out in İzmir, Aydın and Antalya were based on witness statements, effective expressions of remorse, HTS records and MASAK reports. Ezgi Tezcan Yaşar, the daughter of YENİ Party Aydın Deputy Bülent Tezcan, and his wife Umut Yaşar were among those who were detained. Mayor Ömer Günel was previously arrested as part of the same investigation.
08: Ankara	The Radio and Television Supreme Council imposed an administrative fine of approximately 8 million liras on the channel due to a content in the program ""Esra Erol'da" broadcast on ATV. RTÜK evaluated that the broadcast made through a DNA test on who the father of a child was in the program could harm the physical, mental or moral development of children and young people and imposed a 1 percent penalty on ATV. Turkuvaz Media reacted to the decision with the analysis it published in A Haber and argued that there are double standards in the control of television channels and digital platforms.
08: Manisa	Yeni Party Manisa Provincial Chair İlksen Özalper was arrested. The file did not

- include the reason for the arrest and any other information about the judicial process.
- 09: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office stated that there was a riot in Sincan Prison against İYİ Party Group Deputy Chairman Turhan Çömez, "*publicly disseminating misleading information*" opened an ex officio investigation on the charge.
- 09: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office detained Sebahattin Şirin, one of the leaders of the Galatasaray tribune, due to his social media posts. The Chief Prosecutor's Office initiated proceedings against Şirin on charges of "violating Law No. 6222", "using drugs", "organized black market ticket fraud" and "publicly disseminating misleading information". Şirin had previously written an open letter to Justice Minister Akın Gürlek, claiming that there were rumors that some people within the state wanted to make Fenerbahçe a champion and called on Gürlek to remain impartial.
- 09: Zonguldak** In Devrek district, Ufuk Ören applied grease to a banner with the image of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on August 8 and removed the banner. After the intervention of Devrek Municipality employees, the police caught Ören. Ören, who was referred to the courthouse, was released with judicial control measures in the form of an obligation to sign and a ban on leaving the country. Devrek Mayor Özcan Ulupınar announced that they filed a criminal complaint against Ören.
- 11: Aydın** 17 people who were detained in the "bribery" and "extortion" investigation of the Istanbul Chief Prosecutor's Office against Kuşadası Municipality were referred to the courthouse. The criminal judgeship of peace arrested 14 people, including Private Secretary Şebnem Kars Şenol, CHP Assembly Member Ali Kotan, municipal staff, business people and technical personnel. Judicial control measures were imposed on Macit Günel in the form of house arrest and a ban on leaving the country, while İsmail Yurtseven and Şefik Çalık were subject to a signature obligation and a ban on leaving the country. The search for four people continues within the scope of the investigation.
- 11: Istanbul** A prison sentence of up to 92 years was demanded for CHP's Şile Mayor Özgür Kabadayı. The 27th High Criminal Court accepted the case. The file did not include any other information about the nature of the charges, the details of the indictment and the judicial process.
- 11: Zonguldak** Ufuk Ören, who removed the poster after applying grease to President Erdoğan's poster, was arrested. The file did not include any other information regarding the reason for the arrest warrant and the details of the judicial process.
- 12: Adana** Kurdish artist Nuarin, who came to Turkey after 11 years, was detained at Çukurova airport. The file did not include the reason for the detention and the information about the charges against the artist.
- 12: Ankara** The Ministry of Family and Social Services filed a criminal complaint with the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office about the content shared on social media with the title "We will set an example for little trans children". The Ministry stated that the content was primarily "*obscenity*" and "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" crimes. The Ministry will also request an access block for the posts.
- 12: Ankara** The protest started by the miners who are members of the Independent Maden-İş in Ankara for their unpaid wages and other labor receivables continued on its third

day. After the Ankara Governor's Office banned the protest, the police blockaded the miners and prevented members of the press from contacting the workers. Independent Maden-İş Chairman Gökay Çakır said that they were detained when they went to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and were held until the night hours. The union announced that it would continue the protest until the receivables of Doruk Mining and Eti Gümüş workers were paid.

12: Istanbul The person, who was investigated under the Law No. 5816 on Crimes Committed Against Atatürk due to the photo of the Lenin statue he shared on social media 11 years ago, said that the Lenin statue destroyed in Ukraine *"I hope they will all be upside down"* He shared it with the statement. The prosecutor stated that the post was considered an insinuation against Atatürk and that the investigation was opened for this reason.

13: Istanbul An "obscenity" investigation was launched against singer Mabel Matiz due to the song "Ha Leylim", which was released on August 11. Seda Sayan and Çağlar Ökten also took part in the music video of the song, whose lyrics and music belong to Matiz. The artist was previously tried and acquitted on the same charge due to the lyrics in the song ""Perperişan"".

13: Yozgat Leylanur Mavili, a member of the People's Houses, was detained for hanging a banner on one of the boards placed on the protocol road before the NATO Summit in Ankara and for the speech she made there. Mavili, who went to the prosecutor's office to give a statement in Ankara, was transferred to Yozgat because the investigation was carried out in Yozgat and there was a detention warrant for him. The prosecutor's office accused Mavili of "membership of a terrorist organization" and cited his speech with a banner as evidence. Mavili, who was detained for four days, was released on judicial control condition by the criminal judgship of peace, to which he was referred with a request for arrest.

14: Diyarbakir Amedspor football player **Deniz Naki's brother** İnan Naki at Diyarbakır Airport, where he arrived from Germany **Detained**. The file did not include the reason for the detention, the time and any other information regarding the charges against the person. Deniz Naki, He was banned for 12 matches and then 3 years and 6 months in 2018 by the PFDK due to his social media posts and post-match statements while playing for Amedspor, and since this penalty exceeded 3 years, it turned into a permanent deprivation of rights (life ban) as per the rules. He was also sentenced to prison for propaganda for a terrorist organization in the same period.

15: Ankara Independent Maden-İş Organizing Expert Başaran Aksu was released. Aksu was detained on August 13 while trying to go to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources for unpaid wages and compensation together with Doruk Mining and Eti Gümüş workers affiliated with Yıldızlar SSS Holding. The prosecutor's office extended the detention period of Aksu, accusing him of "inciting the public to hatred and hostility", and Independent Maden-İş Chairman Gökay Çakır and 82 workers who were detained in the same protest were released on the night of August 14.

15: Istanbul Sultangazi's CHP city council member Hülya Şimşek was arrested. The file did not include any other information about the reason for the arrest, the scope of the investigation and the charges against him.

- 17: Istanbul** Retired Rear Admiral Türker Ertürk was arrested due to a video that was published about three years ago and has recently circulated on social media again. Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office, citing the statements in the video about Ertürk *"Threat to create fear and panic among the public"* and *"incitement to commit a crime"* He launched an investigation on the charges. The police detained Ertürk. The prosecutor's office referred Ertürk to the Bakırköy Criminal Court of Peace on Duty with a request for arrest, and the judge decided to arrest him.
- 19: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office prepared an indictment regarding the events that took place at the İlkey Akkaya concert held on May 6 as part of the METU Spring Festival. The prosecutor's office filed an indictment against all 21 people, six of whom were detained *"publicly insulting the signs of the state's sovereignty"*, About some people also *"simple injury"* He demanded punishment on the charge. During the concert, a brawl broke out between the group that protested the artist by unfurling the Turkish flag and the opposing group. The prosecutor's office is demanding a prison sentence of up to four years for the defendants.
- 19: Ankara** The police intervened in the sit-in protest of the relatives of private martyrs and private veterans in Güvenpark on the 38th day. The police took the protesters out of the park and took them to the Gazi Harmonization House. Veterans and relatives of martyrs wanted to make a press statement in front of the Ministry of Interior, but the police prevented them from leaving the accommodation and walking to the Ministry. The activists then sat on the road and continued their protests. Erdem Çerçioğlu, Chairman of the Martyrs' Families and Veterans Association, claimed that they were mistreated during the intervention. A veteran said that he was going to commit suicide by climbing a bridge, but his friends persuaded him to get off the bridge.
- 19: Gaziantep** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation against YENİ Party Antep Provincial Chairman Erhan Deniz Güngen on the charge of "publicly disseminating misleading information". In his statement after the knife attack on YENİ Party Antep Deputy Melih Meriç, Güngen said that the attack was carried out by those who wanted to block their party. The Chief Prosecutor's Office evaluated this statement as misleading to the public. Seydi Ahmet Keleş and his son H.K., who were detained in connection with the attack, were arrested.
- 19: Istanbul** Trustees were appointed to five companies within the scope of the investigation against the Furkan Foundation. The trustee decision was made against MLT Börekçilik, Adana Gizem Turizm, Büyük Çukurova Health Services, Çamlıoğlu Construction and Tourism and GF Travel Transportation companies. Within the scope of the investigation, proceedings were initiated against people including Furkan Foundation founder Alparslan Kuytul and his wife.
- 21: Istanbul** Singer Fatih Karaca, known as Mabel Matiz, gave a statement within the scope of the "obscenity" investigation initiated due to the lyrics and video clip of the song "Ha Leylim". The prosecutor's office referred Matiz to the criminal judgship of peace with a request for judicial control in the form of a ban on leaving the country. The judgship issued a ban on leaving the country for Matiz. The artist was previously tried and acquitted on the same charge due to the song "Perperişan".

- 22: Istanbul** Mustafa Malo, who came to the fore with a banner with verses at the graduation of Yeditepe University Faculty of Law, was sentenced to death due to his social media posts. *"Insulting the President"* He was arrested on the charge. Also about Malo *"inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* by *"Insulting the Turkish nation, the State of the Republic of Turkey and the institutions and organs of the state"* An investigation was carried out on the charges. Anadolu 1. On August 19, the Criminal Court of Peace issued an arrest warrant for Malo on the grounds of strong suspicion of crime, tampering with evidence and the possibility of escape. Malo was sent to Maltepe Prison after his procedures.
- 23: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation on the allegations of "insulting a public official due to his duty" and "insulting the Turkish nation, the State of the Republic of Turkey and the institutions and organs of the state" in the video shared on Instagram from the account with the nickname "Kuzey".
- 23: Adana** Alparslan Kuytul and Semra Kuytul were arrested as part of the investigation against the Furkan Foundation. The file did not include any other information regarding the reason for the arrest warrant, the charges against him and the details of the judicial process.
- 24: Istanbul** In the case filed with the allegation that Aziz İhsan Aktaş organized the tenders by bribing the mayors and administrators, the court ruled that the actions *"Profit-oriented criminal organization"* and acquitted all defendants of the charge of organization. Aziz İhsan Aktaş *"bid rigging"* He was sentenced to 2 years, 8 months and 15 days in prison and banned from participating in tenders for two years. Mayors were sentenced to much greater penalties. Beşiktaş Mayor Rıza Akpolat was sentenced to a total of 22 years, 11 months and 15 days, Adana Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Zeydan Karalar to 6 years and 3 months, Ceyhan Mayor Kadir Aydar to 5 years and 10 months, Seyhan Mayor Oya Tekin to 8 years and 4 months, Avclar Mayor Utku Caner Çaykara to 6 years and 8 months and 8 months and 10 days to Esenyurt Mayor Ahmet Özer. Adıyaman Mayor Abdurrahman Tutdere was acquitted. Rıza Akpolat will continue the detention of Oya Tekin and Celal Tekin.
- 25: Aydın** *"Erdogan passed away"* The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation due to a news article titled. Within the scope of the investigation launched on the charge of "publicly disseminating misleading information", the newspaper's representative Emin Aydın, Managing Editor Yeşim Ülker, reporters İslam Keleş and İrem Delice were detained. While İslam Keleş was released after the detention procedures at the police station, Emin Aydın, Managing Editor Yeşim Ülker and İrem Delice, who were referred to the courthouse, were released on judicial control conditions by the criminal peace judgeship on duty. Upon the objection of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, İrem Delice was arrested by the criminal peace judgeship on duty.
- 25: Istanbul** An indictment has been prepared against retired Rear Admiral Türker Ertürk for his remarks on a television program he participated in in 2023. The Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office demanded that Ertürk be sentenced to up to six years in prison for "threatening to create fear and panic among the public through the press." Ertürk was arrested on August 17 for the same remarks.
- 26: Ankara** Miners and union executives Independent Mine-Work Organization Expert Başaran Aksu, union executive Eyüp Can and two miners who protested for unpaid wages and other labor receivables in the mines of Yıldızlar SSS Holding were detained again

in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources. The union's chairman Gökay Çakır was detained at the union headquarters in Soma. Çakır was detained on the grounds of the union's social media posts "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" accusation.

- 26: Ankara** Under the coordination of the Directorate of Communications, an investigation was launched into social media accounts that were stated to target the "Turkey Without Terror" and "Terror-Free Zone" process. The relevant Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices, the Department of Combating Cyber Crimes of the General Directorate of Security and anti-terrorism units participated in the study. During the investigations, some accounts "*terrorist propaganda*", "*disinformation, manipulation*" and "*inciting hatred and enmity*" It was evaluated that he shared content. Legal action is being taken against accounts and content that are stated to have criminal elements.
- 26: Aydın** The police detained A.Y., who allegedly carried out the act, after a model of a person dressed in clothes and with an inscription stating that it insulted President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan was left on a pedestrian overpass in Nazilli district. About A.Y. "*Insulting the President*" and "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" Judicial proceedings were initiated on the charges.
- 26: Diyarbakir** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into the documentary "Şeytantepe" by 140journos, which is about the murder of eight-year-old Narin Güran. The investigation initiated upon the application of the Provincial Gendarmerie Command and the Gendarmerie Crime Investigation Team "*Activities aimed at discrediting the investigation and prosecution processes*" The reason was given. The documentary, which was released on YouTube on April 11, examines the money movements between the people involved in the shooting, production and financing processes and these people.
- 26: Diyarbakir** Artist Şêrko Kanîwar, founder and coordinator of cultural institutions such as Ma Music Academy and Zarok Ma, was detained in Çınar on his way to an event in the Nusaybin district of Mardin. The file did not include the reason for the investigation against Kanîwar or information about the accusations against him.
- 27: Ankara** Independent Maden-İş Chairman Gökay Çakır and Organizing Expert Başaran Aksu were arrested. Çakır was detained the day before at the union headquarters in Soma, and Aksu was detained in Ankara during the protest of Doruk Mining and Eti Gümüş workers of Yıldızlar SSS Holding in front of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources for their receivables. Independent Maden-İş announced that it will continue its protests for 17 days for the unpaid wages and compensation of the workers.
- 27: Istanbul** DGD-SEN Organizing Expert Feyza Kayaaltı was detained from her home. DGD-SEN President Neslihan Acar announced that Kayaaltı was detained because she wrote on the wall in solidarity with the mine workers. There was no other information in the file regarding the accusation against Kayaaltı and the details of the judicial process.
- 27: Istanbul** British economist Timothy Ash was sentenced by the Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office for his speech at a financial meeting he attended in Bodrum.*Insulting the*

President" An ex officio investigation was launched on the charge. In his presentation, in which he evaluated the effects of developments in world politics on global markets, Ash described some heads of state as "sociopaths" and mentioned the names of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan together.

- 27: Kyrenia** Conscientious objector and writer Serger Sucu and his wife were detained in Kyrenia Harbour. Sucu said that they were kept in custody at the port, their right to communication was prevented for a long time and his wife was strip-searched. Stating that his lawyers could not obtain information about the reason for his detention, Sucu said that after his computer was examined, he was asked questions about Abdullah Öcalan and the process carried out.
- 27: Rize** An investigation was launched by the university administration against Prof. Dr. Yavuz Köktaş, a faculty member of the Faculty of Theology at Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University, due to a social media post he made. In his post, Köktaş criticized the clothing style he saw on the streets of Rize *Turkey's "Not an Islamic country, but an infidel country"* He used expressions that it was. Köktaş then stated that by the word "infidel" he did not mean leaving religion, but moving away from religion and especially the situation he described as "nakedness", and said that his statement exceeded its purpose and was open to misunderstanding.
- 28: Ankara** Fidan Atalay, known as "Fidan Hodja" on social media, was detained in Izmir as part of the investigation launched by the Chief Prosecutor's Office. The Chief Prosecutor's Office announced that the posts, videos and photos on Atalay's Instagram account *"obscenity"* He is of the opinion that it constitutes a crime. Due to the allegation that Atalay earned income from these contents, he also *"laundering the assets arising from crime"* An investigation was also carried out on the charge.
- 28: Aydın** One person was arrested due to the news report titled "Erdoğan passed away". The file did not include any other information regarding the identity of the arrested person, the accusation against him and the reason for the arrest warrant.
- 28: Istanbul** Comedian Deniz Göktaş was released upon the objection to his detention, but before Göktaş could be released from prison. *"Praising the crime and the criminal"* He was re-arrested on the charge. The 4th Criminal Court of Peace ruled that Göktaş *"Dead Sea"* evaluated the jokes he made about the criminal group Daltons within the scope of praising the crime and the criminal. Göktaş was previously arrested for his statements in the same show *"Insulting the President"* and *"Public insult to the religious values adopted by a section of the public"* He was arrested on charges.
- 28: Istanbul** Tolga Akış, the manager of the Manifest group, was arrested within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office *"Spreading obscenity"* He was arrested on the charge. The investigation into Akış also stated *"drug use"* and *"laundering assets arising from crime"* There are also suspicions. Manifest members were previously prosecuted for the clothes they wore and danced at the Küçükçiftlik Park concert in 2025 and were sentenced to three months and 22 days in prison separately.

- 29: Ankara** Fidan Atalay, known as "Fidan Hodja" on social media, was arrested for his Instagram posts. The Chief Prosecutor's Office announced that Atalay's videos and photos "*obscenity*" and also with the claim that it earns income from these contents. *Laundering Assets Arising from Crime*". Atalay was arrested by the Criminal Peace Judgeship on Duty.
- 29: Istanbul** Cem Tekinoğlu, advisor to NEW Party Istanbul Deputy Cemal Enginyurt, was detained as part of the prostitution and money laundering investigation carried out by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. The police searched Tekinoğlu's house. Ali Çimen, the lawyer of Gülistan Doku's family, announced that the detention order was not made within the scope of the Doku file and was related to the investigation into financial and prostitution crimes.
- 30: Diyarbakir** Four people were detained for hanging posters of PKK members in some side streets. The governor's office evaluated the action as an illegal attempt targeting the "Turkey Without Terror" process.
- 31: Istanbul** Esra Batmaz, the daughter of Kemal Batmaz, and Hilal Köseoğlu, who were detained within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office on the current structure of FETÖ, were arrested.
- 31: Istanbul** Comedian Deniz Göktaş, who was previously released, "*Insulting the President*" and "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He was arrested again on charges. Göktaş was released on August 28, but before he could be released from prison, he was arrested this time on the charge of "praising the crime and the criminal". With the latest decision, Göktaş's detention continued within the scope of three separate charges.
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- 31: Manisa** As a result of the preliminary investigation regarding the salary payments of municipal staff in Gördes district, the Gördes Chief Prosecutor's Office launched a judicial investigation against Mayor İbrahim Büke. In the investigation report, it was stated that in 12 months of the 21-month period, personnel salaries were paid after the 15th of the month, which is the legal payment date, and some payments were delayed by up to a week. In the report, it was determined that the financial units prepared the payment instructions on time, but the documents were signed late by Mayor Büke.

3- Other Practices

- 01: Ankara** The Ministry of Interior suspended Üsküdar Mayor Sinem Dedetaş from office. Istanbul Anadolu 4. Criminal Judgeship of Peace "*Establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime, bribery and extortion*" He was arrested on July

31. The Ministry of Interior announced that Dedetaş was suspended from duty as a temporary measure in accordance with Article 127 of the Constitution and Article 47 of the Municipality Law. The police detained six people in an operation on July 29. The court arrested four people, including Dedetaş, and released two people on judicial control conditions.

01: Ankara The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Tobacco and Alcohol imposed an administrative fine of 82,244 liras on film actor Yiğit Dören, who lives in the Menteşe district of Muğla, for the appearance of a liquor brand in his social media posts. The Presidency considered the photos and videos as advertisements and promotions of alcoholic beverages. Dören objected to the penalty, stating that his posts did not have advertising or commercial purposes, and applied to the Muğla Criminal Court of Peace on Duty for the cancellation of the sanction.

02: Istanbul Özcan Aksu, who was detained and arrested on June 22, died on July 5 in the hospital where he was taken after his detention in Marmara Penal Institution. His sister Melek Aksu said that during her prison visit on June 26, she saw signs of severe beating on her brother's face and body, that he was conscious and that she did not recognize him. Aksu claimed that when he asked his brother who beat him, he pointed to the guards. The family stated that they saw bruises, fractures and wounds at the funeral and asked for an investigation into whether Özcan Aksu was subjected to torture in prison and why medical attention was delayed.

03: Izmir Human Rights Association Izmir Branch held a press conference regarding the allegations that Tanju Yıldırım, who is held in Menemen T Type Prison, was subjected to ill-treatment in custody and in prison. Yıldırım's brother Ömer Yıldırım claimed that his brother was detained in Menemen on July 23 and was subjected to physical and psychological violence during the two days he was held at Asarlık Police Station. Yıldırım said that his brother had signs of beating on his body and requested a report of the beating at the hospital. He also stated that Tanju Yıldırım, who was sent to Menemen T Type Prison, was taken to a solitary cell and was prevented from using facilities such as television, radio and books. IHD Izmir Branch announced that it had made official applications regarding the allegations and demanded that prison conditions be made in line with human dignity.

04: Istanbul Ekrem İmamoğlu Presidential Candidate Office's X account named @CAOiletisim11 was blocked by the Istanbul 8th Criminal Court of Peace. Access was blocked by the decision of the Criminal Court of Peace on July 29 on the grounds of protecting national security and public order. X made the account invisible from Turkey on August 3. The Freedom of Expression Association reported that four different X accounts linked to Ekrem İmamoğlu have been blocked by eight separate judgeship decisions to date. Following the latest decision, the Candidates' Office opened a new account with the username @CA_iletisim.

06: Ankara The General Assembly of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey rejected the NEW Party's parliamentary inquiry motion to investigate violations of freedom of expression and press freedom in Turkey with the votes of AKP and MHP deputies. NEW Party Deputy Chairman Utku Çakırözer stated that at least 50 journalists were

detained in the first seven months of 2026 and that journalists appeared before judges approximately 350 times.

- 10: Ankara** An investigation was launched into the allegations that there was a riot in Sincan Prison and access to 21 social media accounts was blocked. The file did not include any other information about the scope of the investigation, the authorities and accounts that made the decision to block access.
- 11: Ankara** With the regulation that came into force on July 31, the access blocking powers within the scope of Law No. 5651 were transferred from the BTK President to the Cyber Security Presidency. According to EngelliWeb data, the access blocking decisions of the BTK President ended after this date. The first domain name blocking decisions originating from the Cyber Security Presidency were recorded on August 6. The Presidency blocked access to at least 1048 domain names on August 7.
- 13: Ankara** The Radio and Television Supreme Council RTÜK imposed an administrative fine of 3 percent for "Bang My Box: The Robin Byrd Story" on HBO Max, 5 percent for "Spartacus: House of Ashur" on Prime Video, 3 percent for "Heartstopper: Forever" on Netflix and 5 percent for "A Teacher" on Disney+. The Board cited "LGBT propaganda", "child abuse", "obscenity" and "content that encourages violence" as the reasons for the sanctions.
- 13: Van** A poster targeting LGBTI+s, feminists and different beliefs and thought groups was hung on the door of the Human Rights Association branch. The poster, which was stated to have been hung by people who defined themselves as a group of Muslim youth, used expressions against homosexuality, communism, feminism, democracy, deism and atheism. IHD Van Branch established an LGBTI+ Commission as part of Pride Month in June and announced that it would fight against discrimination and violence.
- 14: Ankara** In the first six months of 2026, RTÜK issued 41 sanction decisions due to broadcast content. The Board imposed a total of 112 million 75 thousand liras with 39 administrative fines and issued two warnings. According to the data cited by RTÜK Member Tuncay Keser, 30 sanctions were imposed on 18 television channels and a total of 108.8 million liras were fined to these channels. Digital platforms were fined 2.8 million liras and radios were fined 360 thousand liras. Keser stated that the sanctions were mainly imposed due to violence and sexual content in TV series, movies and daytime programs.
- 14: Diyarbakir** Four young people who were detained in Sur district on the evening of August 13 were allegedly beaten by the police while they were being taken to the hospital for a health check. The reason for the detention of the young people was not disclosed. There is a confidentiality order in the investigation file and a restriction of lawyer visits.
- 14: Germany** Activist Paula Maier claimed that she was sexually assaulted by an officer in a solitary cell in Istanbul while she was detained in Turkey in January. Maier was part of a delegation of 16 activists and journalists who came to Turkey in solidarity with Rojava. The police detained the delegation on January 23 on their way from Diyarbakır to Mardin, and a deportation order was later issued for the group. Maier said that they were also subjected to physical and psychological violence during the deportation proceedings. Cansu Özdemir, foreign policy

spokesperson for the Left Party Group in the German Bundestag, called for an independent and complete investigation into the allegations.

- 14: Istanbul** Access to the official video clip of Mabel Matiz's song "Ha Leylim" published on YouTube has been blocked. The decision was taken within the scope of the crime of "obscenity" due to the lyrics and clip of the song. YouTube has not yet made the clip invisible from Turkey. Access to Matiz's song "Perperişan" was also blocked on September 18, 2025.
- 15: Ankara** Access to JİNNEWS' website was blocked for the eighth time. The file did not include any other information about the authority that made the decision to block access, the reason and the date of the decision.
- 16: Ankara** Access to news and social media posts about the suspicious death of Rojin Kabaiş was blocked. Many X accounts, including journalist Özge Yılmaz Demir, were blocked for the same reason and made invisible from Turkey by X. Student protests and social media posts demanding an effective investigation into Kabaiş's death had previously been blocked by courts in Van. With the latest decisions, access restrictions on news and posts related to the file have expanded.
- 17: Mus** Özcan Aksu's family, non-governmental organizations and citizens made a statement demanding an investigation into his death in prison. DBP Muş Provincial Co-Chair Umut Yılmaz said that Aksu's death was suspicious and that all aspects of the incident should be clarified. DEM Party Muş Deputy Sümeyye Boz stated that Aksu died under state surveillance and demanded that the camera recordings be examined and those responsible be revealed. TUAYDER representative Nuriye Arslantaş claimed that there were signs of beating and torture at the funeral and demanded an investigation against the responsible public officials.
- 19: Adana** As part of the investigation against the Furkan Movement, access to many social media accounts and Alparslan Kuytul's X, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube accounts was blocked. furkannesli.net, furkanhareketi.com, furkanhaber.net and alparslankuytul.com domain names were also blocked. Adana 6. The Criminal Court of Peace made the decision dated August 19, 2026, on the grounds of protecting national security and public order.
- 20: Ankara** Access to the X accounts of journalists Nasuh Bektaş and Fırat Fıstık and Mezopotamya Agency was blocked on the grounds of protecting national security and public order. X accounts are not visible from Turkey.
- 21: Balıkesir** About prisoner Ergül İnce, for notebooks, books, radio and other materials seized during a search in Bandırma T Type Closed Penal Institution No 1 on March 13, 2020 *"bringing prohibited items into the execution institution or detention house"* A lawsuit was filed on the charge. Bandırma 3. On July 10, 2026, the Criminal Court of First Instance sentenced İnce to one year in prison and ruled that the execution regime specific to repetition be applied to him for the second time. DEM Party Istanbul Deputy Cengiz Çiçek brought the recognition of notebooks and texts written by prisoners as elements of crime to the agenda of the Parliament and asked Minister of Justice Akın Gürlek to explain the legal basis of the practice.
- 21: Istanbul** Haber Alternatif Editor-in-Chief Celal Eren Çelik's article about former Health Minister Fahrettin Koca and Medipol *"Medipol Empire"*, YouTube podcast recording and X posts. Reason *"Protection of national security and public order"*. X made the posts invisible from Turkey. A previous application for an access block by Medipol-related institutions through an interim injunction was rejected by the court.

- 22: Şanlıurfa** An administrative investigation was launched against the teacher named İ.T. due to his social media post about the operation against Alparslan Kuytul. In his post, the teacher said, "The anti-religious committee is at work, release Alparslan Kuytul. They call such a teacher a religious peddler."
- 26: Istanbul** Arrested as part of the investigation into the Ahbap Association, artist Haluk Levent's Instagram account with 3.7 million followers was blocked on the grounds of national security and protection of public order. His Instagram account has not yet been made invisible in Turkey. Levent's X account with 9 million followers was also blocked on July 20 and made invisible from Turkey by X on July 22.
- 29: Ankara** JINNEWS' YouTube channel, which was previously blocked from Turkey, was completely closed by the platform. After the closure of the channel where news, interviews, special files and video news were published, JINNEWS opened a new YouTube channel.
- 29: Ankara** Access to Özgür-Der Chairman Rıdvan Kaya's X account was blocked. A previous post by Kaya about the NATO summit was also blocked. The news did not include information about which authority and for what reason the last access block for the entire account was issued.
- 31 Ankara** Access to former judge Sidar Demiroğlu's X account was blocked. The decision was cited as the reason for the protection of national security and public order. X made the account invisible from Turkey. Demiroğlu was suspended from office by the HSK in 2023 and dismissed from his job in June 2026 over allegations of bribery and irregularities at the Istanbul Anatolian Courthouse. Demiroğlu was publishing statements and documents regarding the allegations against him and the HSK process from his recently opened account.
- 31: Istanbul** The 4th Criminal Court of Peace decided to confiscate the printed and ongoing copies of the book "The Nation is My Witness", which consists of the defense of Metropolitan Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu in the IMM case, and to ban its distribution and sale. The judgeship evaluated that the book contains insulting and humiliating expressions against the President, the judicial organization, the Government of the Republic of Turkey and public officials, and that some expressions may increase the tension in the society and disrupt public order and security. The book was scheduled to be published on August 30.
- 31: Istanbul** Comedian Deniz Göktaş, who was previously released, "*Insulting the President*" and "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility*" He was arrested again on charges. Göktaş was released on August 28, but this time before he could be released from prison "*Praising the crime and the criminal*" He was arrested on the charge. With the latest decision, Göktaş's detention continues within the scope of three separate charges.

4- Other Reports

- 02: Istanbul** Thought Crime (!?) prepared by the Initiative Against "*Violations of Freedom of Expression, Assembly, Demonstration and Association in July 2026*" report has been published. According to the report, there were at least 429 law enforcement

interventions, 169 arrests, 59 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.

05: Diyarbakir The Dicle Fırat Journalists Association reported on rights violations against journalists in July 2026. According to the report, the police detained 12 journalists, Fatma Sibel Gürcihan and Cem Küçük were arrested. As of August 4, 27 journalists are in prison. In July, the trial of 33 journalists in 14 cases continued; five journalists were investigated and one journalist was prosecuted. The DFG also announced that five websites were closed, access to two news articles and 20 social media content was blocked, and 11 publication bans were issued.