

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

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Hello,

First, let's summarize what happened in September 2026.

ATTENTION: All of these data are "AT LEAST". Because what can be reflected in the media is just 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: 5

OTHER PRACTICES

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

The storm of seizure of municipalities lost by elections by the judiciary continues. The number of Provincial and District Mayors arrested after the 2019 elections is 41. 17 of them are from Istanbul, especially Metropolitan Municipality (IMM) Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu.

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 Prison*".

The "New Party", which Özgür Özel founded 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. Kılıçdaroğlu's CHP has 44 deputies.

It is a separate question mark what the 4 main commissions established after the "framework Law" prepared by the "National Solidarity, Brotherhood and Democracy Commission", which was created with the initiative of Devlet Bahçeli, was accepted by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey with 467 -record- votes. It seems that the necessary legal arrangements are conditional on the laying down of arms not only in Turkey, but also in Syria and Iraq. Meanwhile, Erdoğan's preparations for him to become President for the fourth time are

progressing step by step. First of all, a new Constitution should be made. It is another irony that those who do not comply with the current Constitution want a new one.

The fund disgrace that emerged in the last days of September collapsed to the middle of the agenda. 800 billion liras evaporated in 131 investment funds, where nearly half a million people trusted the state and directed their small investments. So who won? One of the few people whose names have been identified is Fatma Betül Sayan Kaya, one of the AKP deputy chairmen, a former minister. She deposited 63 million and withdrew 1 billion 300 million just before the scandal broke out. She had to resign from all her duties.

1- Prohibitions, Police Interventions

- 08: Ankara** The General Secretariat of the Presidency evaluated the income of public officials and academics working in state universities from YouTube, social media, websites and mobile applications within the scope of the prohibition of trade and profit-generating activities of the Civil Servants Law No. 657. After the Council of Higher Education requested an opinion on June 17, the Revenue Administration prepared an evaluation on August 20, and the General Secretariat of the Presidency submitted its opinion to the Council of Higher Education on September 2. After the opinion reached the universities, some academics removed their publications on YouTube channels or closed their channels. Academics and lawyers reacted to the decision, stating that the regulation could restrict the dissemination of scientific knowledge in the digital environment.
- 14: Izmir** Labor and Democracy Forces organized a march and press statement in Alsancak to protest the detentions and arrests in the "My Family is Safe" operations. The police prevented the group from unfurling banners and blockaded the participants. DİSK Aegean Regional Representative Deniz Şahin Gümüştekin read the press statement and reacted to the operations against LGBTI+s. After the statement, the police intervened with tear gas and detained two people.
- 15: Istanbul** The group gathered in front of the Çağlayan Courthouse to protest the "My Family is Safe" operations. The police prevented the press statement, blockaded the group and intervened after the dispersal warning. 106 people, including BirGün reporter Sarya Toprak and ARD reporter Şener Azak, were detained during the intervention.

2- Investigations and Trials

- 01: Ankara** 36 people were detained in Çubuk district for allegedly helping drivers evade inspections by sharing the locations of police and gendarmerie checkpoints on social media. District Security Directorate teams determined that the suspects reported the application points to each other by messaging on a social media platform, and that the drivers who were wanted, involved in crime or missing documents escaped from inspections. 36 people caught in the simultaneous operation were referred to the prosecutor's office.
- 01: Ankara** Cem Tekinoğlu, an advisor to New Party Istanbul Deputy Cemal Enginyurt, was arrested on charges of laundering assets arising from prostitution and crime carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office.
- 01: Bolu** 22 people were detained within the scope of the investigation into the tender of Bolu

- Municipality for the rental of driverless vehicles and construction equipment.
- 01: Edirne** About *"Insulting the President"* YouTuber Arif Kocabıyık, who was banned from leaving the country within the scope of the accusation, was caught under the trailer of a truck that was about to cross into Bulgaria. Kocabıyık and truck driver Muhterem Altıntaş were arrested.
- 01: Istanbul** *"Publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility"* and Comedian Deniz Göktaş accused of *"insulting the president"* Another arrest warrant was issued for her upon the objection of the prosecutor's office to the release decision made on August 28. Göktaş was released on these two charges on August 28, but before she was released from prison, she was sentenced to prison on the grounds of her jokes about the Daltons criminal organization in her show "Dead Sea". *"praising the crime and the criminal"* He was arrested again on the charge of *"insulting the president"*.
- 02: Ankara** About social media phenomena Cansu Kaya and Sinan Kaya, in their TikTok posts *"inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation"*.
- 02: Istanbul** The Governor's Office announced that the Üsküdar Deputy Mayor election will be held again on September 5. CHP candidate Sibel Tan Çetinkaya won the election held on August 5 after Mayor Sinem Dedetaş was arrested and suspended from office, with 22 votes, while People's Alliance candidate Dündar Ziya Gültekin received 18 votes. Upon the objection of AK Party council members, the Istanbul 2nd Administrative Court stopped the execution. The Regional Administrative Court rejected the objection made by Çetinkaya's lawyers to this decision. After this, the Governor's Office decided to renew the election on September 5. On the other hand, Deputy Mayors Amine Cansu Çelik and Mithat Özdemir were detained. First Deputy Chairman of the Municipal Council Ali Aral and Deputy Mayor Nihat Doğan were released after giving statements at the prosecutor's office. Previously, Mayor Sinem Dedetaş was arrested within the scope of the same investigation and suspended from office by the Ministry of Interior.
- 02: Istanbul** Journalist İsmail Arı, upon the complaint of former RTÜK President Ebubekir Şahin *"Disturbing the peace and tranquility of people"* A lawsuit was filed on the charge. After Arı reported that Şahin's relatives were made managers in the institution when he was the President of RTÜK, he reached Şahin and asked if he wanted to respond to the allegations. The prosecutor's office asked Arı to call and *"Will you use your right of reply?"* He cited his message among the evidence of the crime in the indictment. Arı reacted to the accusation by stating that his action was aimed at exercising the right to reply, which is one of the basic rules of journalism.
- 03: Adana** The 2nd Administrative Court gave the position of Deputy Mayor of Yüreğir to AKP candidate Tarık Özunal. CHP candidate Cafer Boyraz won the first election held after the suspension of Mayor Ali Demirçalı with 21 votes. Upon the objection of the AKP, the court decided to renew the election from the third round. In the renewed election, Boyraz was elected as deputy mayor for the second time by receiving 19 votes in the fourth round. Evaluating the AKP's second objection, the court gave the deputy mayorship to Tarık Özunal after this result.
- 03: Ankara** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office has filed a lawsuit against Ahmet Davutoğlu, the founder and former Chairman of the Future Party *"Insulting the President"* launched an investigation on the charge. The prosecutor's office examined the video of Davutoğlu's speech in the Genç district of Bingöl in September 2021. Davutoğlu was summoned to testify as a suspect.
- 03: Diyarbakir** Sibel Kaya, Arzu Karaman, Rozerin Kurt, Hasan Karsu, Yunus Emre Ergin, Baran Çınar, Murat Sönmez, Mervan Konur, Azad Kılınç and Süleyman Yıldız were detained in simultaneous

operations carried out by police teams at different addresses in the morning and taken to Diyarbakır Security Directorate. The authorities did not make a statement about the reason for the detention and the scope of the operation.

03: Istanbul Two days before the renewal of the Üsküdar Deputy Mayor election, City Council Member Ekrem Baki and License and Inspection Manager Burak Aydın were detained. Ekrem Baki, who switched from the AKP to the CHP, had the right to vote in the deputy mayoral election planned to be held on September 5.

03: Istanbul The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against the Metropolitan Municipality *"the tender was rigged and public damage was caused"* In the investigation initiated with the allegation, a detention order was issued for 13 people, including Mustafa Sökmen, Head of the Purchasing Department, Ali Toy, Branch Manager in charge of Kent Restaurants, Rezzan Neslihan Vural, former Head of the Financial Affairs Department, and Gökhan Fırtın, the director of the Municipal Police. 12 people were detained in simultaneous operations.

03: Istanbul The Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against people who took video and audio recordings and shared them on social media at the hearing of the IMM case at the Marmara Penal Institutions Campus.

04: Ankara Journalist and presenter Oya Lale Arslan was detained for her social media posts and posts. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that Arslan *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* and *"Terrorist organization propaganda"* He launched an investigation on the charges. His house was searched and digital data was confiscated.

04: Istanbul The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued a lawsuit against comedian Deniz Göktaş *"Dead Sea"* with the expressions in his show *"publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation"*, *"publicly insulting the president"* and *"praising the crime and the criminal"* He demanded a prison sentence of up to 11 years and 2 months in total. President Tayyip Erdoğan was included as a complainant in the indictment. Göktaş was detained when she returned to Turkey on July 2 and was arrested on July 3. On August 28, the court decided to release Göktaş on two charges, but before Göktaş was released from prison *"praising the crime and the criminal"* He was arrested again on the charge.

05: Ankara A lawsuit was filed against 19 members of the People's Liberation Party who protested NATO in front of the First Parliament on July 5The prosecutor's office arrested 19 people. *"Not to participate in unlawful meetings and marches unarmed and not to disperse despite warnings"*, and four people *"Resisting to prevent the execution of duty"*. In the indictment, it was stated that despite the ban on demonstrations taken by the Governor's Office before the NATO Summit, the HKP made a call to gather on its social media accounts.

05: Ankara Former CHP Provincial Deputy Chairman Yüksel Işık gave a statement at the prosecutor's office upon the complaint of the provincial administration that took office after the court's null decision. In the complaint, Işık and the previous administration were accused of damaging the party building and not delivering the fixtures. Işık denied the allegations, stating that he testified twice due to two separate complaints. He said that they did not damage the party building and that their struggle was not to protect their duties, but to protect internal party law and democratic principles.

05: Ankara Singer Tuğba Ekinçi was arrested on charges of obscene posts in exchange for money as part of the investigation carried out by the Kızılcahamam Chief Prosecutor's Office.

05: Istanbul Deputy Mayor Amine Cansu Çelik, License Inspection Manager Burak Aydın and operator

Erdem Koyunyer were arrested on charges of "bribery" and "extortion" in the investigation carried out by the Anatolian Chief Prosecutor's Office on the allegation of irregularities in building and occupancy permit procedures in Üsküdar Municipality.

06: Istanbul 6 people, including IMM and Üsküdar Municipality Council Member Ekrem Baki, were arrested. Baki was detained on September 3 along with 11 other people. After the procedures, the prosecutor's office referred 7 people to the judge with a request for arrest and 5 people for judicial control. The judgeship arrested 6 people, including Baki, and issued judicial control orders for 6 people. Baki had the right to vote in the Üsküdar Deputy Mayor election to be renewed.

07: Istanbul The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office carried out fifth wave operations in 20 provinces within the scope of the investigation against the Ahbap Association. 45 people were detained, eight people are wanted. Investigation "*establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime*", "*qualified fraud*" and "*laundering the assets arising from the crime*" It was carried out with the accusations. Minister of Justice Akın Gürlek announced that the association collected 4.3 billion liras in donations for earthquake victims, spent approximately 4.2 billion liras and withdrew 950 million liras in cash between February 6 and December 31, 2023. Gürlek also stated that it was determined that there were no goods or services in return for some high-amount payments and that some aid materials were not delivered to the beneficiaries. 35 people, including the founder of the association, Haluk Levent, were previously arrested as part of the investigation.

07: Istanbul Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against People's Liberation Party Presidential Board Member M. Gürdal Çıngı on social media on July 4. "*Killer NATO, get out of our country*" because of his sharing "*incitement to commit a crime*" He launched an investigation on the charge.

07: Istanbul About journalist Elif Bayburt "*Membership of an armed terrorist organization*" In the indictment prepared on the charge, his journalistic activities and the hearings and events he participated in were cited as evidence. The Chief Prosecutor's Office used Bayburt's observation of a hearing, leaving the DEM Party Kadıköy District Organization building with a group, participating in commemoration events and taking photos and videos during the demonstrations as the basis for the accusation. The prosecutor's office also linked Bayburt's work at Etkin News Agency and the news of the agency to the alleged membership of the organization. Bayburt, who was detained and arrested on February 3, was sentenced to 24 on September 17. He will be tried in the High Criminal Court.

07: Istanbul About journalist Nadiye Gürbüz "*Membership of an armed terrorist organization*" The indictment cited his journalistic activities, an interview and the events he participated in as evidence. The prosecutor's office cited Gürbüz's work at the Etkin News Agency, his interview with İbrahim Çiçek, his participation in the Suruç commemoration and his communication with news sources as the basis for the accusation. The indictment also included Gürbüz's hunger strike in custody and exercising his right to remain silent. Gürbüz, who was detained and arrested on February 3, was sentenced to 25 on September 15. He will be tried at the Heavy Penal Court.

08: Izmir An indictment was prepared against the imprisoned former Mayor of the Metropolitan Municipality, Tunç Soyer, demanding up to 6 years in prison. In the indictment, Soyer's

statements about cooperatives were evaluated within the scope of aiding the crime of embezzlement allegedly committed in cooperatives. Soyer's lawyers argued that the allegations did not reflect the material truth and were unlawful and requested his release. Soyer is under arrest as part of investigations into İZBETON and cooperatives.

09: Antalya A British tourist was detained after allegedly spitting on the Turkish flag hanging in the lobby after arguing with employees at a hotel in Alanya district. The court ruled that the tourist *"Insulting the signs of the state's sovereignty"* He was arrested and sent to prison.

09: Antalya Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, *"Yörükeli Movement Antalya"* Made about forest fires from the social media account *"Kurds are responsible for the fires"* He launched an ex officio investigation into his post. Sharing *"Provoking the public to hatred and hostility"* and applied to the Criminal Court of Peace on Duty to block access to the content.

09: Istanbul The Anatolian Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against Yeni Party Istanbul Provincial Chairman Özgür Çelik and Üsküdar Founding District Chairman Berk Tütüncü on charges of "threat" and "blackmail". The investigation was opened after three members of the Üsküdar Municipal Council filed a complaint claiming that they were subjected to threats, insults and pressure before the deputy mayoral election held on September 8. The Istanbul Chief Prosecutor's Office had also launched a separate investigation the day before after Çelik's statements that Üsküdar Municipality Council members who switched from the CHP to the AKP were pressured

10: Ankara The Police Directorate's Juvenile Branch and Intelligence Branch teams detained 9 people who were stated to have made racist and violent posts on social media. The teams carried out simultaneous operations at 9 addresses where the suspects, including children, lived. During the searches, air rifles, blank pistols, Nazi symbols and racial violent materials were seized.

10: Izmir Lawyer Elifnur G. was detained in the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office against Menderes Municipality. The prosecutor's office claimed that there were sexually explicit WhatsApp correspondences between Elifnur G. and imprisoned Mayor İlkey Çiçek and that the lawyer was placed with Çiçek by the Kuruçaylar criminal organization. Within the scope of the investigation, a detention order was issued for 16 people, including İlkey Çiçek, 15 people were detained and 10 people were arrested. Investigation *"establishing an organization for the purpose of committing a crime", "being a member of an organization", "bribery", "extortion", "forgery of official documents", "abuse of office" and "causing zoning pollution"* It is carried out with accusations.

11: Istanbul An investigation has been launched against social media celebrity Ertuğrul Kaya. The source text did not include information about the reason for the investigation, which prosecutor's office was conducting it, and the accusation leveled.

11: Istanbul Suspended Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu was sentenced to 2 years and 1 month in prison in the case where he was tried on charges of insulting former Tuzla Mayor Şadi Yazıcı. The case was filed upon Yazıcı's complaint after an argument between İmamoğlu and Yazıcı at the opening of Tuzla Advanced Biological Treatment Plants on October 25, 2022. İmamoğlu's lawyers argued that the words were not directed at Yazıcı. If the sentence is finalized, a political ban may be imposed on İmamoğlu.

11: Istanbul The Gülen community *"Security Confidential Structure"* 20 suspects, including five people still on duty, were detained in simultaneous operations carried out in six provinces based in Istanbul. The investigation was carried out on the SD card, which was stated to have been

seized from a secret witness codenamed "Garson". *"Police Confidential Analysis Report"* records.

- 11: Izmir** The Seferihisar Chief Prosecutor's Office issued a detention order for 48 people within the scope of allegations of irregularities and bribery in construction, zoning, tender and direct procurement transactions in the municipality, and 43 people were detained in the operations. During the searches carried out at the addresses of the suspects, materials considered as evidence within the scope of the investigation were confiscated. Within the scope of the same investigation, some suspects, including Seferihisar Mayor İsmail Adult, were previously arrested.
- 11: Kırıkkale** M.Y.K., who was stated to have damaged the Atatürk bust in the garden of Namık Kemal Secondary School with a sledgehammer, was arrested. Police teams identified the suspect and caught the defendant in the work they started upon the tip. M.Y.K. was arrested and sent to prison.
- 12: Diyarbakir** The Metropolitan Municipality removed the movie Rojbash, which was planned to be screened free of charge at the Sümerpark Amphitheater on September 13, from the program. In a letter sent to the municipality four days before the screening, the Provincial Security Directorate reminded that the decision of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, which did not find the film suitable for commercial circulation and screening in 2024, was in force and asked for the screening to be re-evaluated. Although there was no explicit prohibition in the letter, the municipality canceled the screening due to concerns that legal consequences may arise. In the lawsuit filed by the film crew, the Ankara 3rd Administrative Court annulled the transaction, and the Regional Administrative Court annulled this decision. The application of the film crew continues at the Council of State.
- 12: Istanbul** Özgür TV programmer and ETHA columnist Ahmet Polad was arrested after he was extradited from Syria to Turkey. Polad was kidnapped by HTS on January 19 while he was covering news in Raqqa and extradited to Turkey on September 9. Polad, who was referred to the courthouse in Istanbul, was arrested and sent to Metris Prison. *"Freedom Initiative for Eva and Ahmet"*, Polad's father said that he was able to see his son for a short time, that Polad had been tortured for eight months and that he had been on a hunger strike for a long time. The initiative stated that Polad's health condition was poor and called for his release and treatment.
- 12: Istanbul** Social media phenomenon Semih Varol was detained for allegedly swearing at the police during his live broadcast on TikTok.
- 13: Ankara** Chief Prosecutor's Office *"obscenity"* and *"Opposition to the Law on Associations"* charges were carried out on the grounds of ", members of the board of directors and supervisory boards of the Kaos GL Association and many LGBTI+ activists were detained. Within the scope of the investigation, a search, seizure and examination of digital materials were ordered for 26 people, and 21 people were detained. The police searched the association's office and the houses of the suspects and confiscated digital materials. Content published on Kaos GL's website and social media accounts in the investigation *"obscenity"* The accusation was cited as the reason. Minister of Justice Akın Gürk, on the same day *"My Family is Safe"* announced that action was taken against 162 people, 9 associations and 13 businesses in the operations carried out in 15 provinces based in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Aydın and Mersin.

- 13: Aydın** *"My Family is Safe"* A person who was detained in Kuşadası was arrested. The detentions of people, including LGBTI+ activists, were carried out as part of the operations that started on the night of September 12 to September 13 and spread to many cities. Minister of Justice Akin Gürlek announced that judicial proceedings were initiated against 162 individuals, 9 associations and 13 businesses in the operations carried out in 15 provinces under the coordination of the Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Aydın and Mersin Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices. *Investigations on "obscenity", "mediation of prostitution" and "Opposition to the Law on Associations"* It is carried out with accusations.
- 13: Istanbul** Within the scope of the "My Family is Safe" operation carried out on the instructions of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, access to the social media accounts of social media phenomenon Mika Can Raun was blocked. Within the scope of the same operation, action was taken against 162 individuals, 9 associations and 13 businesses in 15 provinces based in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Aydın and Mersin. Police and gendarmerie teams carried out simultaneous detentions, searches and seizures and seized a large number of digital materials. Within the scope of the operation, access blocking decisions were also made for other social media accounts and websites.
- 14: Antalya** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against four people who allegedly shared posts on social media praising criminal organizations and containing threats and insults. AKhe teams of the Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Directorate carried out a simultaneous operation against M.T., Y.A., E.Ş.K. and B.Y. They detained M.T. and E.Ş.K. and started an operation to catch Y.A. and B.Y.
- 14: Aydın** Five of the six people who were detained in house raids as part of the "My Family is Safe" operation in Kuşadası district were arrested. Kuşadası Urban Solidarity wanted to make a press statement in Kaya Şapka Square to protest the detentions and arrests. Kuşadası District Governorate banned the press statement.
- 14: Bolu** Hüseyin Aykan, Editor-in-Chief of Bolu Gündem Newspaper, was arrested on September 11 for reporting on the allegation that a business in Göksu Nature Park was charging visitors more than the official tariff. The news used an image previously published on social media that was not taken by Aykan. The Journalists Association of Turkey reacted to Aykan's arrest for his journalistic activities, stating that the news was in the public interest.
- 14: Çanakkale** Journalist Mehmet Andaç, who reported on the investigation against a businessman arrested on charges of sexual abuse against two children in the Gallipoli district, was detained. Andaç, who said that he was reporting within the scope of his journalistic activities, was released after giving his statement at the prosecutor's office. In his statement, Andaç stated that he was asked about his news sources, but he did not disclose his sources.
- 14: Istanbul** Journalist Selahattin Günday, who was arrested as part of the investigation into the death of former MIT officer Kaşif Kozinoğlu, denied the charges against him. The prosecutor's office requested the publication of the footage of Kozinoğlu's arrival at the courthouse on March 10, 2011. *"disclosing information and documents related to intelligence activity" and "unlawfully obtaining or disseminating personal data"* within the scope. Günday said that he was working at the courthouse on behalf of the Doğan News Agency at that time, but that he did not take the footage in question. Günday was charged with these charges on September 15, and later *"Establishing a criminal organization"* He was arrested for the second time on

the charge. His lawyer Hüseyin Ersöz objected to the arrest, stating that the relevant MIT Law provision was not in force at the time of the crime, that the statute of limitations had expired and that Günday did not take the video.

14: Izmir 16 of the 18 people detained within the scope of the "My Family is Safe" operation were arrested, and two people were released on judicial control conditions. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office objected to the decision against the two people who were released. Within the scope of the operation, a detention order was issued for 24 people in Izmir, 18 of whom were arrested. Investigation "*obscenity*", "*mediation of prostitution*" and "*Opposition to the Law on Associations*" It is carried out with accusations.

14: Izmir Saniye Nazik Işık, one of the former presidents of the City Council, founding member of the Women's Solidarity Foundation, member of the Supervisory Board of the Kaos GL Association and founding president of the Equal Life Association, was detained within the scope of the "My Family is Safe" operation.

15: Ankara Journalist Tuğba Tekerek, who was detained as part of the "My Family is Safe" operation, and seven principal members of Kaos GL were arrested. 6. Criminal Court of Peace "*Opposition to the Law on Associations*", "*mediating the publication of obscene publications*" and "*Obscenity in places where the child can see it*" It decided that there was a strong suspicion of crime in terms of the accusations. The judgeship released seven substitute members of the association with a ban on leaving the country and on the condition of weekly signatures. With the five trans women previously arrested in the same investigation, the number of detainees in Ankara increased to 13.

15: Bartın The Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation against Ş.Ç. and K.Ö., who allegedly earned income through the subscription system by sharing obscene images on Instagram and TikTok. Two suspects "*obscenity*" and "*laundering the assets arising from crime*" The police searched the suspects' homes and confiscated digital materials. The court arrested two people, imposed a measure on their bank accounts and ordered an access block on the relevant internet addresses.

15: Giresun The Görele Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed a lawsuit against journalist Canan Coşkun, documentary filmmaker Kazım Kızıl and Rabia Naz's father Şaban Vatan, who investigated the death of Rabia Naz Vatan, due to their meeting with witness Mürsel Küçükakal in 2019. The prosecutor's office stated that three people "*Deprivation of liberty by using force, threat or deception*" He demanded that they be sentenced to imprisonment from 4 to 14 years. Also about Kızıl "*Attempt to influence a fair trial*" accusation. Coşkun and Kızıl denied the allegation that they pressured Küçükakal. Görele 1. The Criminal Court of First Instance accepted the indictment and the first hearing is on October 22.

15: Hatay 2. Heavy Penalty, journalist Burcu Özkaya Günaydın "*Propaganda for a terrorist organization*" It decided to drop his retrial due to the expiration of the five-year supervision period. Günaydın had previously received a HAGB decision due to a social media post he made during Operation Peace Spring in 2019. On October 14, 2025, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that this decision violated freedom of expression and the file was reopened. Günaydın and his lawyer requested acquittal, but the court decided to dismiss the case.

15: Istanbul Former CHP Istanbul Provincial Chair Canan Kaftancıoğlu's "*Insulting the President*" The prosecutor demanded that he be punished. The case was filed against President Recep Tayyip

Erdoğan's post on corruption on April 30, 2025, and Kaftancıoğlu's *"We also owe it to us... The days when those who reach out to Bethlehem will be judged are near"* It was opened after he shared it with his words. Kaftancıoğlu denied the accusation and said he agreed with Erdoğan's statement. The next hearing is on December 10.

15: Istanbul The 25th High Criminal Court decided to continue the detention of Etkin News Agency editor Nadiye Gürbüz. Gürbüz, who was detained and arrested in the February 3 operation against the Socialist Party of the Oppressed, appeared before the judge for the first time after more than seven months of detention. Gürbüz defended his journalistic activities by stating that his news in Atılım Newspaper and ETHA, his participation in Suruç commemorations and his social media posts were the subject of accusations in the indictment. The next hearing is on December 8.

15: Istanbul Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, 42 houses in 11 provinces were raided and 39 people were detained. The prosecutor's office had issued a detention order for a total of 52 people. It was stated that eight of them were abroad and two were in prison. Among those detained are people who were previously active in the Socialist Party of the Oppressed and Socialist Refoundation Party Co-Chair Mertcan Tititiz. It is reported that the investigation is based on the statement of a confessor.

15: Istanbul Journalist Selahattin Günday, this time within the scope of the investigation into former MİT officer Kaşif Kozinoğlu *"Establishing a criminal organization"* He was arrested for the second time on the charge. Günday had previously been arrested for reporting on the footage of Kozinoğlu entering the Beşiktaş Courthouse in 2011. *"disclosing information and documents related to intelligence activity"* and *"unlawfully obtaining or disseminating personal data"* He was arrested on charges.

15: Izmir 47 people were referred to the courthouse within the scope of the investigation against Seferihisar Municipality. The source text did not include the accusations against the referred persons and other details of the investigation.

16: Ankara Eight people, including journalist Tuğba Tekerek and members of the principal board of directors and supervisory boards of Kaos GL, who were detained within the scope of the "My Family is Safe" operation, were arrested. Judge against suspects *"Opposition to the Law on Associations"*, *"mediating the publication of obscene publications"* and *"Obscenity in places where the child can see it"* He made the accusations. Seven people were released on judicial control conditions. Tekerek said that the investigation was based on a news report he prepared for Kaos GL about the Georgian elections in 2024 and that he had no role in the association. As part of the same operation, 28 people were arrested in Mersin and eight people were released on judicial control conditions.

16: Istanbul Evrensel columnist Fatih Polat and former reporter Damla Kırılmaz were sentenced to 68. He testified again at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Polat said that there was no concrete evidence in the file that they took photographs, that their phones were not checked and that no minutes were kept against them during the hearing. Evrensel's lawyer Devrim Avcı also argued that there was no evidence in the file to support the accusation.

16: İçel 28 of the people detained on September 13 as part of the "My Family is Safe" operations in Mersin were arrested and eight people were released on judicial control conditions.

16: Izmir 29 of the 47 people detained in the bribery and irregularity investigation against Seferihisar Municipality were arrested, and 17 people were released on judicial control conditions. Among those arrested are CHP's Seferihisar Municipality Council Member Hüseyin Kocaer and

CHP's Buca Municipality Council Member Doğan Sarıkaya. The investigation alleges bribery and irregularities in construction, zoning, tender and direct procurement processes in the municipality.

- 17: Istanbul** Journalist Barış Pehlivan's complaint against Supreme Court Member Yüksel Kocaman "*slander*" and "*Insult*" The case in which he was tried on charges of 2. Criminal Court of First Instance. The court accepted the defense's request to hear Ali İhsan Akdoğan and Burhan Tezcan as witnesses and adjourned the case to January 26, 2027. The case was heard in Pehlivan's article published in Cumhuriyet on September 22, 2023. "*I explain the murderers*" It was opened because of his article titled.
- 18: Ankara** MİT and Anti-Terrorism Branch Directorate carried out an operation within the scope of the investigation into the current structure of FETÖ. The prosecutor's office issued a detention order for eight people who were alleged to be hiding in addresses called "gaybubet houses" by the organization and providing financial support to these people. The criminal judgeship of peace arrested seven people, and an operation was launched to catch a fugitive suspect.
- 18: Ankara** Academician and writer Şuay Karaman's "*Insulting the President*" The case in which he was tried on the charge is 90. It is being heard at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The case was filed due to Karaman's social media post in 2015, quoting a statement by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The prosecutor's office demanded imprisonment from 1 year and 2 months to 4 years and 8 months for Karaman. Karaman argued that he did not insult any person in his post and that his words fell within the scope of freedom of expression and demanded acquittal. The court adjourned the hearing to December 9.
- 18: Ankara** Journalist Alican Uludağ's "*Publicly insulting the President*", "*publicly disseminating misleading information*" and "*publicly insulting the judicial organs*" The case in which he was tried on charges of Ankara 57th Criminal Court of First Instance. It is being held at the Criminal Court of First Instance. The prosecutor's office demanded a prison sentence of up to 19 years and 6 months for Uludağ. Uludağ asked the Directorate of Communications to be asked whether his post titled "Black propaganda mechanism between the Judiciary and the Palace" in the file was untrue and to explain which of the President's posts he complained about. The court decided to send a letter to the Directorate of Communications and adjourned the case to December 22.
- 18: Aydın** Deniz Hikmet Hazer, a conscientious objector and activist of the Kuşadası Colorful Pigeon LGBTI+ Initiative, who was detained in simultaneous operations against LGBTI+ associations and activists, was arrested. The source text did not include information about the accusation against Hazer and the reason for the arrest warrant.
- 18: Istanbul** The Chief Prosecutor's Office completed the investigation into IMM subsidiary Ağaç ve Peyzaj AŞ and prepared an additional indictment against 29 people, including Ekrem İmamoğlu, Fatih Keleş, former General Manager Ali Sukas and former Purchasing Manager Ümit Polat. The prosecutor's office claimed that competition was limited in the purchase of plant materials in 2020-2024, some jobs were given to predetermined companies, and money was demanded from the companies that won the tenders. The indictment demanded that İmamoğlu and Keleş be held responsible for 12 actions. The prosecutor's office requested that the additional indictment be merged with the 33rd Criminal Court. He requested that it be combined with the main case of IMM in the High Criminal Court.
- 19: Ankara** The Chief Prosecutor's Office has published the Gülen Community "*Public Private İzdivaç*"

Structuring Proceedings were initiated against 28 people in the investigation carried out against the Police Department. MİT and Police Department teams detained 26 people in operations carried out in 15 provinces based in Ankara. The prosecutor's office claimed that the marriage processes of the members of the organization were organized by the so-called "brothers" and "sisters" and that there was information about this system in the ByLock records. 15 of the 26 people referred to the courthouse were arrested.

- 19: Tekirdag** Chief Public Prosecutor's Office about Bozova Prosecutor Türkşad Kunthan Uçuk *"Insulting a public official"* He initiated an ex officio investigation and ordered his detention. The Second Chamber of the Council of Judges and Prosecutors temporarily suspended Uçuk from duty for three months within the scope of the judicial and administrative investigation carried out against him.
- 20: Ankara** In the investigation carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office against the Süleymanlılar community, trustees were appointed to 23 companies and a detention order was issued for 29 people. The prosecutor's office claimed that a criminal organization was established under the leadership of community leader Alihan Kuriş; the investigation *"leadership of a profit-oriented criminal organization", "qualified fraud", "opposition to the Tax Procedure Law" and "laundering the assets arising from the crime"* accusations. Within the scope of the investigation, Alihan Kuriş and his brother Hilmi Tuna Kuriş were previously arrested, a total of 81 people were arrested, and 55 companies and four associations were seized. The Chief Prosecutor's Office announced that findings were obtained regarding unregistered money transfers, intermediation in the provision of assets at low prices and the transportation of cash in aid shipments abroad.
- 21: Aksehir** Actor and director Müfit Can Savaş, in his speech at the Nasreddin Hodja Festival *"I was appointed as a trustee to Nasreddin Hodja's donkey"* He gave a statement within the scope of the criminal complaint filed against him for his joke. Savaş said that his words were within the scope of humor and social stoning and that he did not target any person.
- 22: Ankara** The Presidency of Religious Affairs launched an investigation against imam Yusuf Kılıç, who sent a message of solidarity to the family of comedian Deniz Göktaş after he was detained. Kılıç told his family after the images of Göktaş in handcuffs were published *"I am with you as an imam, my brother Deniz"* sent the message. After the message was made public, Kılıç was summoned to the Presidency of Religious Affairs on August 27 and gave his defense. Kılıç had previously undergone two disciplinary investigations after President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan announced that he rejected his request to take the mosque community to the İzmir rally.
- 22: Diyarbakir** Journalist Abdurrahman Gök's *"being a member of an organization" and "making propaganda for an organization"* The case in which he was tried on charges of 5. Heavy Penalty continues The court decided to ask the status of the file at the Court of Cassation and adjourned the hearing to December 17.
- 22: Istanbul** Journalists Timur Soykan and Barış Pehlivan for their remarks on the "Kayda Geçsin" program broadcast on Halk TV *"Publicly disseminating misleading information"* The case against him on the charge of Bakırköy 2. It is being held at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Soykan denied the accusation and argued that his words fell within the scope of journalistic activity and freedom of expression. The court decided to ask the outcome of another investigation due to the words in the same program and adjourned the hearing to December 22.

- 22: Istanbul** In the investigation carried out by the Silivri Chief Prosecutor's Office regarding the footage of Kaşif Kozinoğlu coming to the courthouse in 2011, Osman Arslan, a former reporter for Cihan News Agency, *"Being a member of an organization established for the purpose of committing a crime"* and *"disclosing prohibited information for the purpose of political or military espionage"* He was arrested on charges. In the same investigation, a judicial control order was issued for the prison director of the time, Ömer Vatan, and the shift supervisor, Kazım Beyke, and the ambulance driver Süleyman Kaba was released. Arslan had carried out the news coverage subject to the investigation in 2011, when he was working with many journalists.
- 22: Sirnak** The case, in which 20 people, including Welat reporter Nedim Oruç, are on trial, is being held at the 1st High Criminal Court. It continues at the High Criminal Court. Oruç was detained on January 14 while covering the news, arrested and released at the first hearing on April 24. His lawyer requested the return of the technical equipment confiscated during the investigation. The court rejected this request and adjourned the hearing to November 12 to complete the missing documents.
- 23: Istanbul** Writer Suzan Samancı, who has been living in Switzerland since 2008, was at Istanbul Airport when she came to Turkey about 10 years later. *"making propaganda for an organization"* He was detained on the charge. Samancı was connected to the criminal judgeship of peace in Diyarbakır via SEGBİS. The judgeship evaluated the prosecutor's request for judicial control and released Samancı with a ban on leaving the country.
- 23: Izmir** Ulaş Yıldırım, a member of the Revolutionary Youth Union, who was detained at Ege University on September 22, was arrested. Youth organizations reported that private security guards and police intervened in the stand opened against the circular sent by the Ministry of Interior to universities, and 29 students were detained. While 28 of the detainees were released, Yıldırım was arrested.
- 23: Izmir** In the second wave of the investigation against Menderes Municipality, nine people, including former deputy mayor Erkan Özkan, were detained. Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Izmir Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, 16 people, including Mayor İlkey Çiçek, were previously detained. Among the suspects referred to the courthouse, 10 people, including Çiçek, deputy mayors, some municipal administrators and council members, were arrested, and the other suspects were released on judicial control conditions. Lawyer Elifnur Gürcü, who was later detained, was also arrested
- 24: Ankara** Of the 25 people detained on September 20 in the Chief Prosecutor's investigation into the Süleymancılar, 20 were arrested, five people were given judicial control orders, and trustees were appointed to 23 companies. The prosecutor's office claimed that the suspects organized money transfers at home and abroad through unregistered means, carried cash in aid shipments and used some consultancy companies. The prosecutor's office also announced that it had found that the suspects engaged in financial and organizational activities aimed at influencing the election processes.
- 24: Ankara** An investigation was launched against Başaran Aksu, an organizing expert of the Independent Mine Workers' Union, and Mürsel Ünder, a lawyer from the Umut-Sen Law Collective, for the words they said at a hearing. Aksu's *"Down with the conglomerate judiciary, you will all be tried"* and Ünder's words towards the court panel were cited as the reason for the

investigation. In addition, access to Aksu's X account was blocked and the account was made invisible from Turkey.

- 24: Istanbul** Published in Yeni Yaşam newspaper *'Is the work of uniformed people murder?'* After the news report, with the complaint of the Ministry of National Defense, journalists Ahmet Güneş and Mehmet Ali Çelebi *'publicly disseminating misleading information'* An investigation was opened on the charge.
- 24: Kırıkkale** In the corruption investigation against Yahşihan Municipality, 31 people, including two former mayors, were detained. The source text did not include the accusations of the investigation, the other detainees and the details of the operation.
- 25: Ankara** The 10th Criminal Court of First Instance rejected the objection to journalist Tuğba Tekerek's detention. The MLSA Legal Unit stated that Tekerek had no institutional ties with KAOS GL and that his relationship with the publication of a news article he prepared in 2024 on the association's website. In the objection petition, it was argued that the technical data on which the claim that Tekerek was a social media account manager was based was not disclosed and that there was no concrete evidence supporting the arrest. Tekerek said, *"My Family is Safe"* He was detained on September 13 and arrested on September 15.
- 25: Bolu** In the case filed against the municipality on the charge of "extortion", the prosecutor filed a lawsuit against 19 defendants, including the suspended Mayor Tanju Özcan, regarding different incidents. *"qualified fraud", "extortion", "attempted extortion" and "Bribery"* He made the accusations. In the opinion, it was claimed that Özcan provided pressure and benefits through markets, companies doing business with the municipality and license procedures, and demanded a total prison sentence of 69 years and 6 months to 217 years.
- 25: Izmir** Seven of the nine people detained in the second wave of the investigation against Menderes Municipality were arrested. Two people, including former Deputy Mayor Erkan Özkan, were released on judicial control conditions. Investigation *"aiding an organization established for the purpose of committing a crime", "bribery" and "Extortion"* It is being carried out on charges. In the same investigation, 11 people, including Mayor İlkey Çiçek, were previously arrested.
- 25: Kırıkkale** The number of detentions in the corruption investigation against Yahşihan Municipality has increased to 33. The suspects, including former mayors from the AKP and MHP, *"Bribery, extortion, bid rigging and fraud to the detriment of the public"* He is accused of this.
- 25: Şanlıurfa** Journalists Kenan Bayık, Halil Biter and Mehmet Toprak, who were detained due to their social media posts about the 5.4 magnitude earthquake, were released after the procedures at the courthouse.
- 26: Ankara** Journalist Ersin Eroğlu's X account, *"protection of national security and public order"*. X made the account invisible from Turkey.
- 26: Ankara** A large number of X accounts belonging to press organizations, journalists, academics and names working in the field of economics and finance *"protection of national security and public order"*. Among the blocked accounts are the accounts of Short Wave, journalists Hilmi Hacaloğlu, Alptekin Dursunoğlu and Razi Canikligil, investment consultant Emre Şirin, political economist İnan Mutlu, academician Prof. Dr. Barış Övgün and Başaran Aksu, one of the founders of Umut-Sen. X made most of the accounts invisible from Turkey.
- 26: Ankara** Access to the X account of ENAG founder Prof. Dr. Veyssel Ulusoy was blocked. The source text contains information such as the reason for the decision and the authority by which it was

made.

- 26: Ankara** Journalist, writer and television programmer Ali Tarakçı's X account, 7. With the decision of the Criminal Court of Peace, access was blocked on the charge of "publicly disseminating misleading information". The decision, "*Protection of national security and public order*" by "*Prevention of crime*" reasons were shown. X made the account invisible from Turkey.
- 28: Ankara** The trial of journalist Alican Uludağ for his social media posts about the collapse of the Arslan Apartment in Gebze on October 29, 2025, in which four people lost their lives "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" A lawsuit was filed on the charge. Uludağ wrote that the subway construction passing under the building was effective in the collapse and that the Ministry of Transport was responsible. The prosecutor's office demanded a prison sentence of up to 5 years and 3 months for Uludağ. Uludağ denied the accusation and said he based his information on official sources and an expert report. The first hearing is on November 5.
- 28: Ankara** Due to some of CHP Chairman Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu's social media posts and speeches in 2016-2019 "*Praising the Gülen Community and PKK members*" The case in which he was tried with the allegation of 11. It continues at the High Criminal Court. Kılıçdaroğlu's lawyer requested that the file be merged with another case. The court rejected the request for consolidation and decided to have Kılıçdaroğlu present at the hearing on November 19. The court also ruled that if he does not attend the hearing, an arrest warrant will be issued for the purpose of bringing him by force or taking his statement.
- 28: Bolu** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an "embezzlement" investigation against the managers of the S.S. Köroğlu Local Products Production and Marketing Cooperative operating within the Municipality and the companies doing business with the cooperative. The gendarmerie detained nine people and searched the homes and workplaces of the suspects. Among those detained are Boltartek General Manager Bahadır Acar and the chairman of the cooperative's board of directors, Cevat Çatladi.
- 28: Diyarbakir** Nefes Newspaper News Coordinator Fatih Ergin was detained at his home. The source text did not include an official statement regarding the reason for the detention. Ergin had previously published news about the "fund" investigation with doctor Turgay Tamer, who was found dead after being detained as part of the Kaşif Kozinoğlu investigation.
- 28: Istanbul** Comedian Deniz Göktaş's "*Insulting the President*", "*inciting the public to hatred and hostility or humiliation*" and "*praising the crime and the criminal*" The case in which he was tried on charges of 14. It was held at the Criminal Court of First Instance. Court, "*praising the crime and the criminal*" acquitted of the charge. "*Provoking the public to hatred and hostility or humiliating them*" accusation "*insulting religious values*", Göktaş was sentenced to 7 months and 15 days, "*Insulting the President*" and 11 months and 20 days in prison. Göktaş, who had been detained for 88 days, was released.
- 28: Van** On the grounds of five news articles she shared and republished on her social media account about JINNEWS News Director Öznur Değer "*Making propaganda for an organization in a chain*". The Chief Prosecutor's Office claimed that Değer's posts praised the PKK's methods and demanded a prison sentence of up to five years. The date of a photo of the November 25 protest that was the subject of the accusation in the indictment was written as "November 25, 2026", whereas it was; Bianet stated that the photo was taken in 2025. The 4th High Criminal Court accepted the indictment and held the first hearing on January 19, 2027.
- 29: Ankara** Minister of Justice Akın Gürlek filed a criminal complaint and filed a lawsuit for non-pecuniary damages due to the allegations made by TİP Deputy Ahmet Şık about him and his wife Elif

Gülşah Gürlek. Gürlek's lawyer argued that the couple lived in the lodging allocated by the Ministry of Justice and that the allegations that another residence was rented did not reflect the truth. Şık had asked Gürlek six questions about the rent of a residence in Süzer Plaza, renovation expenses and some expenses.

29: Ankara Journalist Ali Tarakçı, in his social media account "*A very important minister will resign on Friday*" Due to the news in the form, "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" He was detained on the charge of 8. He was arrested by the Criminal Judgeship of Peace. Tarakçı's X account was also blocked by the decision of the 7. Criminal Court of Peace. In his statement, Tarakçı denied the accusation, saying that his post was within the scope of journalistic activity and that it was based on the backstage information he received.

29: Ankara Following the access ban imposed on Short Wave's X account on September 26, its Instagram account was also blocked from Turkey. Editor-in-Chief Kemal Göktaş announced the new Instagram account and announced that they continued their publications. Short Wave's X account was previously "*protection of national security and public order*".

29: Diyarbakir Nefes News Coordinator Fatih Ergin for his social media post about the reopened investigation into the death of Kaşif Kozinoğlu "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" He was arrested on the charge. Ergin described Tamer as a "former forensic medicine employee" in his post announcing the death of doctor Turgay Tamer, who was previously detained as part of the investigation, but later corrected this statement. The Silivri Chief Public Prosecutor's Office stated that Tamer was working as a doctor on the Silivri Prison campus at that time. The statement used by Ergin was evaluated within the scope of the accusation on which the arrest warrant was based.

29: Istanbul ETHA reporter Züleyha Müldür was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months in prison in the case where she was tried on charges of "membership of an armed terrorist organization". İ14. In the case held at the High Criminal Court, the prosecutor's office used Müldür's participation in the trial follow-up, newspaper activity and distribution, Suruç commemoration and trustee protest as the basis for the accusations.

30: Ankara Access to at least 147 more X accounts that shared posts about the fund crisis was blocked. The Freedom of Expression Association announced that the 147 accounts it identified had a total of approximately 2.65 million followers. Among the blocked accounts are the accounts of financial expert İris Cibre, technical analyst İbrahim Babadağı, investor Gürdal Hançer, academic Rıdvan Özturgut, lawyer Tugay Bek and writer Hüseyin Edemir.

30: Ankara 36 people, including journalists Emre Soncan and Mehmet Yaşar Durukan, were arrested in the re-investigation into the death of Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu and five people with him in a helicopter crash in 2009. The chief prosecutor argued that the suspects participated in the crime of "premeditated intentional killing" and tried to prevent the material truth of the incident from being revealed.

30: Istanbul Dilan Polat, due to an image she shared on social media "*Insulting the President*" He was detained on the charge. Polat fell ill while giving his statement at the prosecutor's office and medical teams intervened. After the statement process, the prosecutor's office referred Polat to the court with a request for judicial control.

3- Other Practices

- 02: Istanbul** The police monitored the citizens who consumed alcohol in open areas with drones and made an announcement to leave the area. On August 30, citizens sitting at the foot of the city walls in Fatih were attacked by drones. *"Drinking alcohol is prohibited in this area, leave the area immediately"* an announcement was made; a similar practice took place on the Üsküdar coast the next day. The Police Department used drones in public order inspections in 39 districts. Constitutional lawyer Levent Korkut stated that there is no regulation prohibiting alcohol consumption in open areas such as parks and gardens in general, and that following citizens with drones constitutes an interference with private life.
- 03: Diyarbakir** Access to the X accounts of the Family Solidarity Network, soL Haber and photographer-writer Fırat Erez was blocked, and X made these accounts invisible from Turkey. Access to the X accounts of IMM Denial and Istanbul Volunteers, which responded to the allegations and news about the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, was also blocked, but these accounts have not yet been made invisible by X from Turkey. soL Haber's previous X account with 924 thousand followers was also blocked on July 3, 2026.
- 03: Istanbul** Under the coordination of the Presidency's Directorate of Communications, the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office and the General Directorate of Security's Anti-Cyber Crimes Department investigated four X accounts. Authorities blocked access to the accounts from Turkey, stating that the accounts were making propaganda in favor of Israel and publishing posts targeting Turkey.
- 04: Ankara** Journalist Erk Acarer's X account was blocked from Turkey on the grounds of "protection of national security and public order". X made the account with the username @ErkAcarerTV invisible from Turkey.
- 04: Istanbul** Carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office *"obscenity"* Within the scope of the investigation, access to the social media accounts of many adult content producers was blocked. With the decision of the 1st Criminal Court of Peace, the accounts of individuals including Fidan Atalay, Alya Vural, Zeynep Çağış and Ebru Naz Arman were blocked. X made the accounts of Alya Vural, Zeynep Çağış and Ebru Naz Arman invisible from Turkey. Fidan Atalay's Instagram account has not yet been made invisible from Turkey after the decision.
- 06: Ankara** Access to four X accounts was blocked. The source text did not include information about which accounts they were, the reason for the access block, and the authority that made the decision.
- 06: Istanbul** Producer Matteo Milleri, known as Anyma, announced that he will legally object to the ban of his concert, which was planned to be held at Ataköy Marina Arena on September 12, by the Governor's Office. On social media and some publications, the concert *"Satanist ritual"*. Milleri stated that his show is a science fiction story that deals with the themes of darkness and light, destruction and creation, and is not intended for religious or political propaganda. Saying that his visuals were taken out of context and altered, Milleri stated that he and his team were not given the opportunity to make statements or adapt the show before the ban.
- 06: Ankara** Actress Meli Bendeli was arrested for her social media posts. In the investigation carried out under the coordination of the Kızılcahamam Chief Prosecutor's Office, Ankara Security Directorate teams carried out simultaneous operations against seven people in five provinces. In addition to Bendeli, five people, including singer Tuğba Ekinici, were detained. The police

stated that the suspects shared allegedly "obscene" images through the special membership system in exchange for a fee. Of the five people referred to the courthouse, four people, including Bendeli, were arrested, and a judicial control order was issued for one person.

07: Istanbul Within the scope of its "obscenity" investigation, the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office requested that access to accounts that it considered to contain obscene content be blocked and that the content be removed. İ1. The Criminal Court of Peace accepted the request and blocked access to 184 social media accounts, and the decision was sent to the Access Providers Association and the Information and Communication Technologies Authority.

08: Ankara The General Secretariat of the Presidency evaluated the income of public officials and academics working in state universities from YouTube, social media, websites and mobile applications within the scope of the prohibition of trade and profit-generating activities of the Civil Servants Law No. 657. After the Council of Higher Education requested an opinion on June 17, the Revenue Administration prepared an evaluation on August 20, and the General Secretariat of the Presidency submitted its opinion to the Council of Higher Education on September 2. After the opinion reached the universities, some academics removed their publications on YouTube channels or closed their channels. Academics and lawyers reacted to the decision, stating that the regulation could restrict the dissemination of scientific knowledge in the digital environment.

09: Ankara The General Directorate of Security and the Gendarmerie General Command examined a total of 600,180 social media accounts in 2025. The gendarmerie examined 342,699 accounts, identified 47,936 users and initiated proceedings against them. The police, on the other hand, examined 257,481 accounts, identified the users of 162,298 accounts and reported them to the judicial authorities. As a result of these efforts, 8,471 people were detained, 496 people were arrested, judicial control orders were issued for 360 people, and 6,615 people were released. According to Police and Gendarmerie data, a total of 210,234 people were investigated for social media activities in 2025.

12: Istanbul 7. Criminal Court of Peace and Mersin 4. The Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to the websites and social media accounts of many LGBTI+ associations, media organizations, activists and communities. The websites of Kaos GL, CETAD, Muamma LGBTI+, SPoD, 17 May, Lambdaistanbul LGBTI+, Red Umbrella, Pink Life, Mersin 7 Color LGBT and HEVİ LGBTI were blocked. The websites of ÜniKuir, Bear Sözlük and Velvele were also blocked. Access to the social media accounts of people including Levent Pişkin, Seyhan Arman, Zeynep Esmeray Özadikti, Yıldız Tar and Enes Hocaogulları was also blocked. X made some accounts invisible from Turkey.

13: Ankara Following the access bans against LGBTI+ associations, organizations and activists, access to 31 more X accounts was blocked. Among the blocked accounts were the accounts of DTCF Women and LGBTI+ Solidarity, Başkent Queer, Turkish-German University LGBTIQA+ Solidarity Community, and LGBTI+ and gender communities at Marmara, Koç, Bilgi, Kadir Has, Sabancı, Özyeğin, ITU and Yıldız Technical universities. The accounts of Kadıköy City Council LGBTI+ Assembly, Mülkiye Women and LGBTI+ Solidarity, İzmir LGBTI Family Group, Dersim LGBTI+ Initiative, Lesbian Bisexual Feminists and LGBT+ BLOK were also blocked.

14: Ankara The General Directorate of Criminal Affairs of the Ministry of Justice sent the circular to the chief public prosecutor's offices in 81 provinces to protect children and young people from

"contrary to public morality" and obscene content. In the circular, it was requested that the denunciations and complaints in this context be evaluated without delay, that digital evidence be preserved, and that content removal and access blocking procedures be implemented when necessary. The Ministry also requested that the aims and methods of activities that encourage children and young people to "desexualize" be investigated, and that an investigation be initiated if suspicion of crime is detected. In cases where there is evidence that the activities are carried out in an organized manner or that income is obtained from crime, the provisions of organized crime and financial investigation should be applied.

- 14: İçel** Mersin 3. The Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to many X and Instagram accounts, including Evrensel Newspaper, Amnesty International Turkey, Academics for Peace, Media and Law Studies Association and Umut-Sen.
- 14: Istanbul** Bakırköy 4. With the decision of the Criminal Court of Peace, access to many X accounts was blocked on the grounds of "obscurity".
- 15: Ankara** Access to the news about the selection of JMW Jant, a subsidiary of Jantsa, of which Ercan Çerçioğlu, the husband of Aydın Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Özlem Çerçioğlu, is a partner, in TOGG's new vehicle program was blocked. Decision, *"Protection of national security and public order"* It was taken on the grounds.
- 15: Ankara** 140journos' documentary "Şeytantepe" about the murder of Narin Güran and the trial process *"Protection of national security and public order"* and the documentary was removed from YouTube. The Diyarbakır Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into the documentary on August 26. The X account of expert Tuncay Beşikçi, whose views were included in the documentary, was also blocked for the same reason and the account was made invisible from Turkey.
- 15: Ankara** The banners used by the members of the Families in Pursuit of Justice Platform in front of the Ministry of Justice to protest the problems in the cases regarding the buildings destroyed in the February 6 earthquakes were removed by the police. Police officers removed the banners with the photos of the defendants in the Manolya Sitesi and Ezgi Apartment cases with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. *"Damaged the reputation of the President"* He asked for it to be removed on the grounds. When the earthquake victims said they would not remove the banners, the police confiscated the banners.
- 16: Ankara** The agency was blocked from accessing Welat's Instagram account. The source text did not include information about which authority and for what reason the access ban was issued.
- 16: Istanbul** The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that access was blocked for 419 social media accounts and links on the grounds that they contained "obscurity". The Freedom of Expression Association reported that journalists İrfan Değirmenci and Şirin Payzın, soL Haber, the Federation of Women's Associations of Turkey, the Women's Coalition, the Socialist Party of the Oppressed and various political and social organizations were among those blocked.
- 17: Istanbul** The 1st Criminal Court of Peace decided to block access to 246 social media accounts and links on the grounds that speculative posts about capital markets that could cause fear and panic in investors were made. The Cyber Crimes Investigation Bureau of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office initiated the investigation ex officio. The decision was sent to the Cyber Security Presidency for the implementation of the judge's decision.
- 19: Istanbul** Expression Interrupted reported that access to many accounts and websites, including

- journalists and news websites, was blocked as part of the "My Family is Safe" operations.
- 21: Istanbul** The 1st Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to the social media post of economics writer Uğur Gürses on investment funds on September 16. In his post, Gürses wanted the developments in the fund market to be investigated by the State Supervisory Board and asked who was responsible for the process.
- 22: Ankara** Interior Minister Mustafa Çiftçi announced that 18 accounts were identified during the examination of social media posts after the school attack in the Turgutlu district of Manisa, and 47 URLs were requested to be removed and access blocked. The Department of Combating Cyber Crimes reported six accounts to the relevant police units for attacking content and 12 accounts for provocative and disinformative posts. The Ministry also forwarded a post with a call to gather in Ankara, Izmir and Istanbul to the relevant units. The Chief Prosecutor's Office also sent a post to 92 X accounts that shared on social media after the school attack "*Publicly disseminating misleading information*" It blocked access within the scope of the accusation. On the morning of September 22, 11 students were injured in an attack with a hunting rifle near İnci Üzmez Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School in Turgutlu, the police caught and detained H.O., a 9th grade student of the same school, and a publication ban was imposed on this subject.
- 22: Ankara** Within the scope of the investigations carried out by the Istanbul and Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices, access to many X accounts was blocked due to the allegation that speculative posts about capital markets that could cause fear and panic among investors. Decisions, "*Protection of national security and public order*" was taken for the reason. Among those blocked are the accounts of economist Uğur Gürses, Prof. Dr. Veysel Ulusoy, Prof. Dr. Bilge Yılmaz, journalists Naz Yavuzarslan and Dinçer Gökçe, and actor Orhan Aydın. The Freedom of Expression Association reported that the total number of followers of the accounts it identified was approximately 12 million. X made most of the accounts invisible from Turkey.
- 22: Istanbul** Within the scope of the "obscenity" investigation carried out by the Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office, access to the X account of the Psychiatric Association of Turkey was blocked. X made the account with the username @PsikiyatriDer invisible from Turkey.
- 22: Mugla** Bodrum 2. The Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to news reports about the disputes between former Central Bank Governor Hafize Gaye Erkan and her neighbors in the complex where her villa in Bodrum is located, as well as the criminal complaints filed against Erkan and her father Erol Erkan. In its decision dated September 22, the judgeship cited the violation of privacy as the reason for the access block.
- 23: Ankara** The Cyber Security Presidency blocked access to Thailand-based online literature platform ReadAWrite with a decision dated September 23. The platform, where users can publish novels, stories, fan fiction, comics and chat formats, included romantic, fantasy and youth literature as well as LGBTI+ content. There were no details in the source text regarding the reason for the decision. Access to the similar user-generated literature platform Wattpad was also blocked in 2024.
- 23: Istanbul** The presidency of the Adalar Municipality passed to the AKP. New Party Istanbul Provincial Chairman Özgür Çelik said that in the 2024 elections, their party has 10 council members, including the mayor, and the AKP has two council members. Çelik claimed that five council

members were arrested, some members were suspended from office or changed parties. He also claimed that some council members faced the threat of arrest and demolition of their businesses, arguing that the election result was changed by pressure and council member transfers.

- 24: Ankara** Access to the X account of Haluk Hepkon, the founder of Kırmızı Kedi Publishing House, was blocked from Turkey within the scope of Article 8/A of Law No. 5651. X informed Hepkon that the restriction is only valid in Turkey and that the account will remain accessible from other countries.
- 24: Ankara** The 1st Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to news reports about the connections of some investment and portfolio management companies and their managers and partners with publicly known names in the process known to the public as the "fund crisis" on the grounds of "protection of national security and public order".
- 24: Diyarbakir** The Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to 99 social media accounts that shared posts about the Narin Güran murder case. In the decision, it was stated that despite the final decision of the Court of Cassation, disinformation was made about the case. The aggravated life sentences given to Narin Güran's mother Yüksel Güran, uncle Salim Güran and older brother Enes Güran were upheld by the Court of Cassation, while Nevzat Bahtiyar was sentenced to 17 years in prison as a result of the retrial.
- 24: Istanbul** Access to the X accounts of Prof. Dr. Yaman Akdeniz, one of the founders of the Freedom of Expression Association, and Başaran Aksu, Umut-Sen Organization Coordinator, was blocked. X made both accounts invisible from Turkey. While Aksu reacted to the decision from his new account, Akdeniz announced that he was not informed about the content of the blocking decision and that he would carry out a legal struggle to get his account back.
- 25: Ankara** Access to the file-sharing platform Gofile.io was blocked. The source text did not include the reason for the access ban and the details of the decision.
- 25: Ankara** Two news articles published in Nefes newspaper within the scope of the fund crisis investigation "*Protection of national security and public order*" access was blocked. One of the blocked news reports was about the family ties of Tera Portfolio Chairman Erdin Özel with Çelikler Holding manager Fadli Çelik, and the other was about the wealth and lifestyle of Pusula Portfolio manager Muhammed Yarız, who was arrested.
- 25: Ankara** Access to many X accounts, including the accounts of journalist Canan Kaya and former SDIF executive Abdullah Güzeldülger, was blocked. X made the blocked accounts invisible from Turkey. The source text did not include information about the reason for the decisions and the authority by which they were made.
- 25: Van** Access to JINNEWS' X account was blocked from Turkey for the ninth time. No explanation was given regarding the reason for the decision. JINNEWS continues its broadcasts from the new account called @JinnewsTrk.
- 27: Ankara** NEW Party Deputy Chairman Utku Çakırözer visited journalist Tuğba Tekerek, who was arrested as part of the "My Family is Safe" operation, in Sincan Prison. Çakırözer said that Tekerek was laid on the floor in front of the toilet in a ward for 40 people. He stated that Tuğba Ağırşen, who was in the same ward and stated to be 9 months pregnant, needed regular oxygen support due to respiratory disease and that she was also lying on the floor.
- 28: Ankara** At least 150 X accounts, including Bizim TV and journalists Meral Danyıldız, Sarya Toprak, Esra Tokat, and lawyers Sena Yazıbağlı and Tuncay Koç, were blocked. Among the blocked

- accounts, users who shared posts about the fund crisis, the murder of Narin Güran and the Furkan Movement were predominant. X made some of the accounts invisible from Turkey.
- 28: Istanbul** Some parts of the letter that Grup Yorum worker Cem Dursun wanted to send to Bianet, in which he described the conditions in Marmara L Type Closed Penitentiary Institution No. 6, were censored by the Prison Letter Reading Commission. Dursun stated that on the 148th day of his hunger strike, they could not benefit from the common living space and ventilation in the prison, they were kept in cell-like conditions, and that five prisoners on hunger strike had health problems such as muscle and joint pain and loss of balance.
- 30: Ankara** Access to at least 147 more X accounts that shared posts about the fund crisis was blocked. The Freedom of Expression Association announced that the 147 accounts it identified had a total of approximately 2.65 million followers. Among the blocked accounts are the accounts of financial expert İris Cibre, technical analyst İbrahim Babadağı, investor Gürdal Hançer, academic Rıdvan Özturgut, lawyer Tugay Bek and writer Hüseyin Edemir.
- 30: Istanbul** The 1st Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to T24's website and social media accounts within the scope of the "My Family is Safe" investigation. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office described 118 news articles published by T24 in the last year as "LGBT propaganda" and based the decision on these publications. The decision was sent to the Cyber Security Presidency for implementation.

4- Other Reports

- 01: Istanbul** Thought Crime(!?) The Initiative Against Freedom of Expression, Assembly-Demonstration and Association announced its "August 2026 Violations of Freedom of Expression, Assembly-Demonstration and Association" report. According to the report, which was prepared by evaluating the data obtained by scanning 96 news sources by Artificial Intelligence every day, there were at least 250 detentions, 62 arrests, 10 police interventions, 2 house raids, 19 new investigations, 5 new lawsuits, 14 access bans and takedowns in August 2026.
- 04: Ankara** The Human Rights Association has published its report on rights violations for 2025. According to the report, at least 2,749 people lost their lives and at least 1112 people were injured as a result of violations of the right to life; at least 2,105 people died in work-related murders. At least 1842 people were subjected to torture and ill-treatment, and at least 8,477 people were detained during interventions against meetings and demonstrations. At least 42 journalists were arrested, access to 489 news reports and 2,044 social media accounts was blocked. At least 507 people were detained and 109 people were arrested for expressing their opinions. İHD also announced that 27 mayors were suspended from office, trustees were appointed to 13 municipalities, and 16 mayors were arrested from the 2024 local elections until the end of 2025.
- 21: Istanbul** The Bar Association published a report on the police intervention against the protest against the "My Family is Safe" operations between September 12-16. The report claims that 107 people, including seven lawyers, were detained in front of the Çağlayan Courthouse, all detainees were handcuffed behind their backs, some people were beaten, one person was not taken to the hospital even though his shoulder was dislocated, and lawyers were

prevented from meeting with detainees for about 9.5 hours. The bar association also reported complaints about food, medicine and hygiene needs not being met. It was also stated that access to the websites of 11 LGBTI+ associations, 32 X accounts and a total of 419 social media accounts was blocked.