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# HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY 2016 SUMMARY REPORT

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# 2016 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF TURKEY IN FIGURES

## RIGHT TO LIFE IN 2016

<b>SUMMARY EXECUTIONS</b>	Deaths	Injuries
Number of persons killed who did not obey the stop warrant by security forces, excessive use of power of security forces during demonstrations - who was attacked by security forces Killed by security forces, under the period of curfews, violation of the authority of using arms	536 individual including 45 children	265 individual including 40 children
Killed & Wounded by village guards	1	2
Killed and wounded at the border regions	57 individual including 8 children	169 individual including 2 children
Killed & wounded by private security officers	--	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>437</b>

<b>DEATHS IN CLOSED INSTITUTIONS</b>	Deaths	Injuries
Deaths in Prisons	35	--
Deaths in custody places	6	2
Attacks by unidentified actors	22	37 individuals including 5 children
Total		

<b>OFFICIAL ERROR &amp; NEGLECT</b>		
Deaths & Injuries resulted from official error and neglect	35 including 29 children	845 including 652 children poisoned by food provided at school
Police and Soldier Suicides/ attempt to suicide/suspicious deaths	20	1
<b>Total</b>		
Individuals lost their lives in the course of attempted coup d'état on 15 July 2016	246	2194

<b>ATTACKS by ILLEGAL ORGANISATIONS (Attacks to civilian areas)</b>			
Date	Venue of Attack	Deaths	Injuries
12 January 2016	İstanbul/Sultanahmet	12 Foreign citizen	14 Foreign citizen
13 January 2 2016	Diyarbakır/Çınar Directorate for Security	1 Police, 5 Civilian	6 Police, 34 Civilian
17 February 2016	Ankara/Merasim Street	29 Members of Turkish Armed Forces and Civilian	80 Member of Turkish Armed Forces and Civilian
4 March 2016	Mardin/Nusaybin Directorate of Traffic _-Lodgings	2 Police	35 Police and Civilian
13 March 2016	Ankara/Kızılay	37 Civilian	125 Civilian
19 March 2016	İstanbul/İstiklal Cd.	4 Foreign citizen	12 Foreign citizen, 39 Civilian
31 March 2017	Diyarbakır/Bağlar/Police Service Vehicle	8 Police	17Police, 9 Civilian
24-26 April 2016	Kilis	12 Foreign citizen & 3 Civilian	26 Civilian
27 April 2016	Bursa/Ulucami (Mosque)	---	23 Civilian
1 May 2016	Gaziantep	2 Police	18 Police, 4 Civilian
2 May 2016	Kilis	1 Civilian	10 Civilian
10 May 2016	Diyarbakır/Yenişehir	3 Civilian	12 Police, 33 Civilian
27 May 2016	Kilis	---	5 Civilian
8 June 2016	Mardin/Midyat Directorate for Security	3 Police, 2 Civilian	51 Civilian
12 June 2016	İstanbul/Vezneciler	6 Police, 7 Civilian	36 Civilian
28 June 2016	İstanbul/Atatürk Airport	45 Civilian	238 Civilian
10 August 2016	Mardin/Kızıltepe	1 Police, 4 Civilian	5 Police, 20 Civilian
15 August 2016	Diyarbakır/Çınar Regional Traffic Control Station	5 Police, 3 Civilian	7 Police, 37 Civilian
17 August 2016	Van/İpekyolu Police Station	2 Police 2 Civilian	19 Police 53 Civilian
18 August 2016	Elazığ Directorate for Security	5 Police	217 Civilian
20 August 2016	Gaziantep/Attack to wedding ceremony	57 Civilian	67 Civilian
26 August 2016	Şırnak Directorate for Security	11 Police	75 Police, 3 Civilian
12 September 2016	Van Police Check Point	--	5 Police, 48 Civilian
4 November2016	Diyarbakır/Bağlar/Directorate for Anti-Terror Unit	2 Police, 10 Civilian	105 Civilian
24 November 2016	Adana/Carparking area of Governor's Office	2 Civilian	33 Civilian
11 December 2016	İstanbul/Beşiktaş	30 Police,15 Civilian	153 Civilian
17 December 2016	Kayseri	13 Soldier	56 Soldier and Civilian
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Total: 316 individuals including 28 Foreign citizen, 121 Soldier&amp; Police</b>	<b>Total: 1700 individuals including 26 Foreign citizen and 244 Police &amp;soldier)</b>

<b>THOSE WHO WERE ATTACKED</b>		
Director/Member of political party, workers union and association	--	6
Journalist	--	7
Teacher/Academician	--	2
Student	--	73
Police/Soldier/Village Guard	36	55
Other (Worker, Health worker, Mayor, Village guard, Mukhtar, member of political party, civil servant, foreign citizen, lawyer, etc.)	27	113
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>ARMED CLASHES</b>		
SOLDIER, POLICE AND TEMPORARY VILLAGE GUARDS	629	1146
ARMED MILITANT	1003	21
CIVILIANS	37	153
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>1320</b>
Deaths and Injuries by explosion of mines/ unidentified ordinances /bombs	21 individual including 14 children	53 individual including 37 children

#### Suspicious Deaths and Injuries

<b>Individuals</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Injuries</b>
Male	9	
Female	11	
Children	1	
Total	21	

#### Homicides Under the Guise of "Honour"

<b>Individuals</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Injuries</b>
Male		
Female	1	
Children		
<b>Hate Crimes</b>	9	16
Total	10	16

#### Violations Against the Right to Life of Women

<b>Individuals</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Injuries</b>
Suicides committed by women	33	4
<b>Violence, abuse and rape against women in social environment and domestic violence</b>	361	763

<b>Women forced to involuntary prostitution</b>		293
Total	394	1060

#### Violations Against the Right to Life of Children

Individuals	Deaths	Injuries
Suicides committed by children	21	
<b>Children subjected to violence, abuse, rape at home, school and social environment</b>	39 (at home and social environment)	Violence, abuse and rape at school: 507 Violence at home and social environment: 361
Total	60	868

## Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Torture and Maltreatment under custody	830 individuals including 14 children
Torture and Maltreatment outside of official detention places	628 individuals including 17 children
Torture and Maltreatment under committed by village guards	17
Torture and Maltreatment in prisons	1348
Threats by security forces and forced to be agent	140
Beaten and injured by security forces during intervention to social demonstrations	2581 individuals including 219 children
Torture and maltreatment by private security officers	13 (Cases of which number cannot be determined can be seen at the full report)
Violence at schools	34 Students (by their teachers)
Applications made to Human Rights Association and data obtained from press in relation to allegations of torture and maltreatment under custody following the Coup d'état attempt on 15 July 2016	15 applications  Some video shootings can be found for torture cases <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QURUuR_Gpic">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QURUuR_Gpic</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LLOiUuuXdY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LLOiUuuXdY</a> <a href="https://www.google.com.tr/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=8&amp;ved=0ahUKEwiFkMGqoZzTAhVGjSwKHUtmAmgQFghIMAc&amp;url=http%3A%2F%2Famnesty.org.tr%2Fuploads%2FDocs%2Frapor-turkiye21.doc&amp;usg=AFQjCNHzB_7vbBZPEwuHeP-ZZXQ6WRP7WA&amp;cad=rja">https://www.google.com.tr/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=8&amp;ved=0ahUKEwiFkMGqoZzTAhVGjSwKHUtmAmgQFghIMAc&amp;url=http%3A%2F%2Famnesty.org.tr%2Fuploads%2FDocs%2Frapor-turkiye21.doc&amp;usg=AFQjCNHzB_7vbBZPEwuHeP-ZZXQ6WRP7WA&amp;cad=rja</a>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5606 individuals including 284 children</b>

## Violations against the Right to liberty and security of persons

<b>No. Of Persons Taken Under Custody</b>	13.957 individuals including 504 children
<b>Arrested</b>	3361 individuals including 133 children
<b>Arrested Journalists</b>	The number of journalists imprisoned and convicted was 152 of which 17 is the editor in chief and authorised owner as of 28 February 2017. (re: the Solidarity Platform with Arrested Journalists)
<b>Arrested Deputies and Mayors</b>	<p>Kurdish politicians under pre-trial detention:</p> <p><b>13 Members of Parliament:</b> Selahattin Demirtaş, Figen Yüksekdağ, Ayhan Bilgen, Çağlar Demirel, İdris Baluken, Besime Konca, Selma Irmak, Gülser Yıldırım, Nursel Aydoğan, Abdullah Zeydan, Nihat Akdoğan, Meral Daniş Beştaş, Ferhat Encü.</p> <p><b>38 Co- Chair of Provincial Administration of HDP</b> (People's Democratic Party),</p> <p><b>97 Co-Chair of HDP District Administration and 83 Co-Mayor</b></p> <p>84 Municipalities were appointed trustees during the State of Emergency.</p>
<b>CURFEWS</b>	<p>From August 2015 to January 2017, curfews were declared 169 times in 10 provinces and 39 districts. At least 1 million 900 thousand persons were affected by bans imposed and not less than 500 thousand people were forcibly displaced. (Special reports of IHD can be reviewed for provinces and districts where curfews implemented. <a href="http://www.ihd.org.tr">www.ihd.org.tr</a> ) ( <a href="http://tihv.org.tr/16-agustos-2015-31-ocak-2017-tarihleri-arasinda-sokaga-cikma-yasaklari/">http://tihv.org.tr/16-agustos-2015-31-ocak-2017-tarihleri-arasinda-sokaga-cikma-yasaklari/</a> )</p>
<b>Detentions and Arrests in relation to Coup d'état attempt and Fethullah Gülen Organisation</b>	<p>325 soldiers and 7624 (Police),</p> <p>17 Governor, 74 Deputy Governor, 100 District Governor,</p> <p>2286 Judges and Prosecutors</p> <p>104 Supreme Court members,</p> <p>41 Council of State members,</p> <p>2 Constitutional Court members,</p> <p>3 Members of Higher Council for Judges and Prosecutors</p>
<b>Soldiers and Police taken under hostage</b>	<p>Police officers Vedat Kaya, Sedat Yabalak and Sergeants Hüseyin Sarı, Süleyman Sungur, Sedat Vardar, Ferdi Polat, Ümit Gıcır, Mevlüt Kahveci, Officer Semih Özbey, Soldier Müslüm Altuntaş, Sedat Sorgun, Adil Kavaklı were taken hostage by PKK.</p> <p>In addition, there are information reached to Human Rights Association that 11 soldiers have been taken under hostage in Hakkari-Şemdinli region.</p> <p><b>TOTAL: 23</b></p>

## VIOLATIONS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Banned activities	At least 86 outdoor activities were banned.
Publications confiscated and Media outlets banned	<p>In 2016, broadcasting of 172 media outlets were suspended forever.</p> <p>-2 media organization has been suspended for a certain period of time.</p> <p>10 publications and Unpublished special editions of Atılım Newspaper were confiscated with administrative/judicial decisions</p> <p>8 publications were confiscated without any judicial decision.</p> <p>5 publishing company were sealed in 2016, while the assets of 3 publishing company were confiscated.</p> <p><b>TOTAL: 192</b></p>
Newspaper and media/publication organs raided	<p>5 Newspaper Printing Offices, 7 Newspaper Offices, 2 Magazine offices and 8 branches of a magazine, 1 Publishing company, 2 TV Channels, and a Office of an association were raided.</p> <p><b>TOTAL: 26</b></p>
Closed Press, Publications, Radio, Television and News agencies	<p>Exclusion from satellite: 1 TV</p> <p>Confiscation: 3 Posters, 3 Newspaper, 1 Banner, 2 Magazine, 1 book (59 unit)</p> <p>Seizure: 2 Banners, 6books (over 5000 units), 1 cartoon journal</p> <p>Suspension from publishing/broadcasting: 32 TVs, 68 newspapers, 12 radios, 21 magazines, 9 news agencies, 29 publishing companies, 1 book special edition</p> <p>Sealed publishing company: 8</p> <p>Confiscated publishing company: 3</p> <p>Appointment of Trustee: 2 newspaper, 2 news agency, 1 magazine, 1 publishing company, 1 radio, 3 distribution company.</p> <p><b>TOTAL: 2017</b></p>

Violations concerning the rights of Academicians for Peace (as of 11 February 2017) ( <a href="https://barisicinakademisyenler.net">https://barisicinakademisyenler.net</a> )				
		Public	Private	Total
Removed and banned from public service with the decree laws*		364	8	372
Dismissal		37	39	76
Resignation		15	10	25
Forced Retirement		20	1	21
Removed and banned from public service with the decree laws + dismissal + resignation + retirement		401	51	452
Disciplinary Investigation		442	63	505
Disciplinary investigations. Decision of the Investigation Committee: Dismissal from public service. Pending CoHE (YÖK) approval.		107	5	112
Preventive suspension		78	11	89
Suspension from administrative duty		3	4	7
Police custody		54	3	57
Pre-trial detention**		2	2	4
*Among the Peace Petition signatories, 42 academics, who had been earlier dismissed or forced into resignation, were also removed and banned from public service with the decree laws. In addition, PhD students within the Faculty Training Program suffer from rights violations due to the amendments in the procedures and principles and the decree laws.				
** 3 academics had to stay in pre-trial detention for 40 days and 1 for 22 days until they were released after the first court hearing.				



## Judicial Proceedings Against Individuals concerning freedom of expression

Investigations Initiated in 2016	281 investigations including 48 judicial and 233 administrative / disciplinary investigations were initiated against 2,160 individuals including 26 children in the context of freedom of expression
Court Cases Launched in 2016	A total of 202 court cases were launched against 1179 including 39 children in relation to freedom of expression.
Pending cases in 2016	61 cases against 88 including 17 children.
Cases closed in 2016	A total of 106 cases against 304 individuals including 5 children were concluded in 2016. For 145 people, totalling 788 years, 15 months and 12-day imprisonment and 86.290 TL fines were given. 160 people including 2 children were acquitted.

## VIOLATIONS AGAINST FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS AND MEETINGS

<b>Demonstrations and Meetings interfered by security forces</b>	Due to the State of Emergency, there have been widespread prohibitions of demonstrations and meetings by the governors. Identified interference by security forces is 308 in 2016.
Investigations launched in 2016	In 2016, a total of 30 administrative and judicial investigations was launched against 15579 individuals who were alleged to violate the related legislation of demonstrations and meetings. 10 individuals were arrested and 27 people were suspended from duty.
New Cases and Concluded Cases in 2016	16 of the cases opened due to meetings and demonstrations in 2016 have been concluded. In addition, 3 administrative investigations resulted. In the resulting 16 criminal cases, 290 people were given 275 years 3 months, 196 people were acquitted and 1 person was evicted. A total of 68 students were sentenced in the 3 administrative investigations that resulted. The penalties given are as follows: 17 students are removed for a total of 17 years, 51 students are enrolled in the school / credit Credits taken from the dormitories / dismissal of scholarship.

## VIOLATIONS AGAINST FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLY

Raided or Attacked Political Party, Trade Union and Associations	Police Raids	Educational Support House: 1
		Association: 14
		Library: 2
		Sports Club: 1
		Bookstore: 1
		Cultural Centre: 5
	Police Raids	People's Democratic Party (HDP) and Democratic Regions Party (DBP): 79 premises
	Attacks by third parties	Freedom and Solidarity Party (ÖDP): 2 premises
		Republican People's Party (CHP): 1 premise
		Justice and Development Party (AKP): 1 premise
		United Revolution Party : 1 premise
Closed Political Parties, Trade Unions, Foundations and Associations	<p>In the period of 21 July 2016- 31 December 2016, the number of associations dissolved by the State of Emergency Decrees reached to 1419 associations (alleged to be in relation with FETÖ, PKK, DHKP-C and ISIS (DEAŞ)) .</p> <p>A total of 141 Foundations were also closed by State of Emergency Decrees.</p>	

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS	
	Before the State of Emergency
	Between 1 January 2016 and 15 July 2016, 105 employees were suspended from the job, 3139 employees were dismissed <b>TOTAL: 3244</b>
	During the State of Emergency

Dismissed/Suspended from duty/Exiled/ Administrative Penalties	<p>During period covering 21 July 2016 –23 February 2017 under State of Emergency, a total of <b>100,797</b> public servants were dismissed from public institutions and professions. Decisions of dismissals and other associated measures were lifted only for 737 individuals and their names were struck out from the lists.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ihop.org.tr/">http://www.ihop.org.tr/</a></p> <p>At least 50 thousands of employees of closed institutions by the State of Emergency Decrees lost their jobs.</p> <p>In 2016, a total of 2179 members of the KESK (Confederation of Public Workers) lost their jobs by State of Emergency Decrees. In January and February 2017, an additional of 952 KESK members were also dismissed from their job. Total dismissal of KESK members reached to 3131.</p>
Administrative and Other Investigations	<p>At least 16.475 trade union members were subject to investigations on the basis of a circular issued by the Prime Minister Davutoğlu as they participated in one-day strike on 29 December 2015 to protest curfews implemented in the south-eastern provinces. At the end of these investigations, a variety of punishments have been issued ranging from warning to removal from the job.</p>
<b>VIOLATIONS AGAINST RIGHT TO EDUCATION</b>	<p>36 students were expelled from dormitories as they protested the conditions of dormitories, 42 students were expelled from the school, 13 scholarships and learning credits were cut off, 64 students were subject to judicial proceedings as they participated in meetings and demonstrations, 119 students were suspended from universities as they attended meetings and demonstrations, remembrance, etc., 5 students were given penalties of reprimand.</p> <p>Due to the curfews implemented in the south-eastern provinces it was stated by the Teachers Union (Eğitimsen) published on 16.06.2016 approximately 300 thousand students were left without education</p>
	<p>After the July 15 coup attempt, 15 universities were closed down by the State of Emergency Decrees.</p> <p>1263 private courses, special student study centres, private classrooms, pre-school education institution, primary, secondary school and high school were closed by the State of Emergency Decrees.</p>

<b>PRISONS</b>	
Violation of the Right to Health	1015
Violation of the Rights to Communication	204
Disciplinary punishments in prisons	533
Referral / Exile Practices in Prisons	2277