

# TURKEY'S LONGEST YEAR:

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*Turkey's purge in chronological order*





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Turkey survived a failed coup attempt against the ruling Justice and Development Party (AK Party) government on July 15, 2016 when at least 260 people were killed during clashes. The government accuses the Gulen movement, inspired by US-based Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen, for masterminding the attempt while the latter denies involvement. The ensuing crackdown, however, has already gone beyond punishing those involved, resulting in an across-the-board iron fist against dissidents of all kinds in Turkey. More than 146,000 people lost their jobs. Some 169,013 people faced legal proceedings that left over 125,000 detained. Some 55,000 of them were put in pre-trial arrest. At least 520 children aged between 0 to 6 are now accompanying their parents in jail. While Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch reported torture and maltreatment against those imprisoned, forced disappearances have become a common occurrence as well.

Many from within and outside Turkey have been abducted by unidentified men. In the meantime, around 50,000 citizens got their passports revoked by the government. At least 2,099 schools, dormitories and universities were shut down, while 8,427 academics were left unemployed. 66,000 university students were left to look for somewhere else to continue their education. 1,125 associations, 560 foundations, 54 hospitals and 19 trade unions were also shuttered. 965 companies with a total value of \$11.32 billion in assets were confiscated. 4,521 judges and prosecutors were removed from profession. Meanwhile, more than 150 media outlets were shuttered and at least 269 journalists were arrested. Established with the aim of reporting on rights violations in the aftermath of the failed coup, Turkey Purge now releases a retrospective to help its readers understand better the post-coup period on its first anniversary.



# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE JULY 2016

JULY 15, 2016

A military coup attempt killed over 240 people and wounded more than a thousand others. Immediately after the putsch, the Justice and Development Party (AKP) government along with Turkish President Erdogan pinned the blame on the Gülen group. Fethullah Gülen, who inspired the group, strongly denied having any role in the attempt and called for an international investigation into it.



JULY 16, 2016

Erdogan publicly addressed President Obama, saying Gülen must be turned over to Turkey, and another official, Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım, said failure to do so was tantamount to an act of war. Labor Minister Süleyman Soylu said he believed Washington was behind the coup. Secretary of State John F. Kerry responded: "We think it's irresponsible to have accusations of American involvement."

JULY 16, 2016

Many international flights to Turkey were cancelled. The US, Russian, British and several EU governments said they had suspended all flights to Turkey, and banned all airlines from flying to their countries from Turkey. The FAA said it was "monitoring the situation in Turkey."

JULY 17, 2016

State-run Anadolu news agency released a video footage in which alleged coup maker including Gen. Akın Öztürk, one of the alleged leaders of the coup, were seen after having been beaten under custody. Senior commanders have been pictured bloodied and bandaged with bruised arms as they enter court. Several other photos on social media also showed soldiers in their underwear, handcuffed and lined up on the ground in sports halls and warehouses.



JULY 17, 2016

The Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK) announced that a total of 2745 judges and prosecutors were suspended. Later the same day, detention warrants were issued for all the suspended judges and prosecutors in Turkey's 65 provinces as part of an investigation into the coup attempt.

JULY 17, 2016

Large crowds filled streets and squares across Turkey and started what they called a "democracy vigil." For the next 15 days, thousands of people spent their nights in these rallies sometimes attended by political leaders and celebrities. Many slept in makeshift tents or benches after the rallies and left for work in the morning.

JULY 18, 2016

London-based the Times claimed that 14 warships and 2 helicopters went missing following the attempt. Gov't denied the claims.

JULY 24, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel İsmail Çakmak who was arrested in the aftermath of the coup attempt, was found dead in his cell. Çakmak's dead body was reportedly found hanging by the bed sheets over the stairwell of the prison. According to several media outlets, an inmate at his cell pressed the urgent warning button in order to call the guardians. However, when they arrived, Çakmak had been clinically dead for over 15 minutes. The colonel's death is the first of a series of suspicious deaths in Turkish prisons after the attempt.



JULY 24, 2016

Amnesty International published a press release stating that it "has gathered credible evidence that detainees in Turkey are being subjected to beatings and torture, including rape, in official and unofficial detention centers across the country." Even though Turkish officials denied the allegations in the report and the Justice Minister announced that "no individual was tortured or mistreated during or after their detention," photos of mistreated detainees put the Turkish government in a tight spot.



JULY 23, 2016

The Turkish government released a decree that shut down 35 private hospitals, 934 private primary and high schools, 109 dormitories, 1229 associations and unions, and 15 private universities.

JULY 21, 2016

Turkey's Economy Minister Nihat Zeybekçi has said that the ruling Justice and Development Party (AK Party) government will punish plotters of the failed military coup attempt so severely that they will beg for death.

JULY 21, 2016

Pro-gov't ATV reported that Washington and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was behind the failed coup attempt.

JULY 24, 2016

The first wave of operations against the alleged Gülenists launched by the Turkish government. Detention warrants issued for a total of 51 businessmen including Rıza Meral, chairman of the Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON) in Istanbul, for 70 others in İzmir. 31 academics were detained in Tekirdağ, Denizli, Kocaeli and Kırklareli. An Istanbul prosecutor issued detention warrants for 8 governors, 3 district governors, 1 deputy governor and former Istanbul Governor Hüseyin Avni. Moreover, Turkish gov't extended period of detention without charge to 30 days.

JULY 25, 2016

Amnesty International started a petition against Turkey's post-coup crackdown on the political dissent. "There are well-founded fears for people's rights and freedoms in Turkey, as a crackdown of exceptional proportions continues following the failed coup attempt on 15 July 2016. The state of emergency must not be used as an excuse to crack down on peaceful dissenting voices or for widespread purges in civil society, media, the judiciary, other sections of society. Censorship of media policy is unlawful," the petition read.

JULY 25, 2016

Turkey issued detention warrants for a total of 42 journalists, columnists. Among those are: Abdullah Abdulkadirioğlu, Abdullah Kılıç, Ahmet Dönmez, Ali Akkuş, Arda Akın, Nazlı Ilıcak, Bayram Kaya, Bilal Şahin, Bülent Ceyhan, Bülent Mumay, Bünyamin Köseli, Cemal Azmi Kalyoncu, Cevheri Güven, Cihan Acar, Cuma Ulus, Emre Soncan, Ercan Gün, Erkan Akkuş, Ertuğrul Erbaş, Fatih Akalan, Fatih Yağmur, Habib Güler, Hanım Büşra Erdal, Haşim Söylemez, Hüseyin Aydın, İbrahim Balta, Kamil Maman, Kerim Gün, Levent Kenes, Mahmut Hazar, Mehmet Gündem, Metin Yıkar, Muhammet Fatih Uğur, Mustafa Erkan Acar, Mürsel Genç, Selahattin Sevi, Seyit Kılıç, Turan Görürüymaz, Ufuk Şanlı, Ufuk Emin Köroğlu, Yakup Sağlam, Yakup Çetin.



JULY 26, 2016

Kadir Topbaş, the mayor of Istanbul's metropolitan municipality, declared his intent to create a separate plot to bury the corpses of soldiers who died while attempting a coup that ultimately failed. "I ordered a space to be saved and to call it 'the graveyard for traitors.' The passersby will curse the ones buried there," said Topbaş. "Everyone visiting the place will curse them and they won't be able to rest in their graves," the mayor said.

HAINLER MEZARLIĞI

JULY 27, 2016

Turkey issued detention warrants for a total of 42 journalists, columnists. Among those are: İhsan Dağı, Ahmet Turan Alkan, Sevgi Akarçeşme, Mustafa Ünal, Hilmi Yavuz, Osman Nuri Öztürk, Ali Akbulut, Bülent Keneş, Mehmet Kandaş, Hüseyin Doğme, Süleyman Sargın, Veysel Ayhan, Şeref Yılmaz, Mehmet Akif Afşar, Ahmet Metin Sekizkardeş, Alaattin Güner, Faruk Kardaç, Metin Tamer Gökçeoğlu, Faruk Akkan, Ali Ünal, Zeki Ünal, Lalezar Sarıbrahimoğlu, Bülent Korucu, Nuriye Ural, Hamit Çiçek, Adil Gülçek, Abdülhamit Bilici, Şenol Kahraman, Melih Kılıç, Nevzat Güner, Mehmet Özdemir, Fevzi Yazıcı, Sedat Yetişkin, Oktay Vırvız, Abdullah Katircioğlu, Behçet Akyar, Murat Avcioğlu, Yüksel Durgut, Zafer Özsoy, Cuma Kaya, Hakan Taşdelen, Osman Nuri Arslan and Ömer Karakaş.



JULY 27, 2016

Ali Bulaç, Mümtazer Türköne, Ahmet Turan Alkan and Şahin Alpay, veteran journalists for now-closed Zaman and Today's Zaman dailies were detained over alleged involvement in the coup attempt. All four of them were handcuffed behind back whilst taken to courthouse. Alpay told reporters that he had nothing to do with the attempt, while Alkan Türköne and Bulaç kept silent.

JULY 30, 2016

The Turkish government cancelled the passports of around 50,000 people to prevent them leaving the country. Erkan Ala, then-interior minister, said during a press conference that more than 18,000 have so far been detained over the attempt to oust President Tayyip Erdogan, while thousands of government staff are under investigation.

JULY 29, 2016

A total of 426 judges and prosecutors were suspended as part of an investigation into the July 15 coup attempt. Among those suspended was Ahmet Bicer, 37 years old prosecutor who died 57 days before the attempt. The incident triggered claims that the purge was planned way before the coup attempt took place.

JULY 27, 2016

Turkey's government announced that it closed down a total of 130 media outlets, including 45 newspapers and 16 television stations. The list also included 23 radio stations, three news agencies and 15 magazines. Many of those targeted were regional media outlets that had already been seized by the state over alleged links to the Gülen movement.

JULY 27, 2016

Turkish football authorities fired 94 football referees in post-coup crackdown. "Our federation deemed it necessary to dismiss 94 people, including regional and nationally-ranked referees and assistant referees, regional refereeing committee members and national and regional observers," the Turkish Football Federation (TFF) said in a statement.





# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE AUGUST 2016

AUGUST 1, 2016

Detention orders were issued for a total of 100 Gülhane Military Medical Academy (GATA) staff members in Ankara on suspicion of having links to the failed military coup attempt in Turkey. The detention orders were also issued on suspicion of membership in the Gülen movement, according to The Turkish media.

AUGUST 2, 2016

Police raided the offices of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (Tubitak) and detained at least 20 people. Tubitak funds science research projects in universities and the private sector and employs more than 1,500 researchers, according to its website.

AUGUST 3, 2016

A leftist academic at Tunceli University was detained over possession of a book about Fethullah Gülen at his office, the leftist Birgün daily reported. Candan Badem, a scholar at History Department of Tunceli University in eastern province of Tunceli is also fired from the university by the Turkish authorities following the botched coup attempt. Badem, who is publicly known for his Marxist and atheist worldview, reacted to his dismissal and detention, and rejected any link to the Gülen government. Later the same day, 45 international organizations denounced Turkey's massive purge of university deans, professors. Among the signatories were British International Studies Association, World History Association West African Research Association and Italian American Studies Association.



AUGUST 5, 2016

Police detained a 86-year-old Dudu Çakır on coup charges in southern province of Hatay when they failed to find her lawyer son Muhammet Çakır. Hatay Governor told media that an investigation was launched into Çakır, the owner of a local newspaper, İrade, over his alleged links to 'Gülenist network.' İrade was also closed by a gov't decree issued by the Turkish government under the three-month emergency rule.



AUGUST 5, 2016

A high school teacher who had been kept in detention over alleged links to July 15 coup attempt for two weeks was found dead at his prison cell in Istanbul. Gökhan Açikkollu was detained some two weeks ago in Istanbul. Açikkollu's death sparked outrage while his father vowed to pursue legal charges against authorities over the tragic death. Speaking to media in front of Forensic Medical Council (ATK) in Istanbul, the father rejected any link to the coup attempt and said his son was denied access to his medics for the past six days. An investigation into Açikkollu's death was launched by authorities, the Cumhuriyet daily reported.

AUGUST 11, 2016

A trustee panel was appointed to Naksan Holding group and its 56 subordinate companies for alleged links to the recent failed military coup attempt. Gaziantep-based Naksan Holding had some 7,000 employees, and was among top 500 industrial firms in Turkey, active in several different sectors.



AUGUST 11, 2016

Ayşenur Parıldak, a reported for now-closed Zaman daily, was arrested for being followed by the notorious Turkish whistleblower Fuat Avni on Twitter, who has previously revealed the details of a number of police and judicial operations before they happened through social media. A penal court of peace in the capital Ankara has ruled for the arrest of the journalist. Fuat Avni is a secretive Twitter user who claims to be a government whistleblower and follows Parıldak on Twitter. Avni has a credible record of uncovering corruption and irregularities allegedly rampant among the government officials. He claims to be in the inner circle of President Erdoğan.

AUGUST 8, 2016

A video footage of Turkish authorities affiliated with Adıyaman Municipality destroying a Gülen-linked school in Adıyaman province of Turkey was released. In the footage, authorities are heard chanting "Allahu Akbar" while destructing the school building with axes. The municipality later said in a statement that a religious school would be built in the school's place.

AUGUST 6, 2016

The head of the Council of Europe, the continent's top human rights organization, said that Turkey needs to follow human rights in crackdown on coup plotters, which gained momentum after the declaration of state of emergency. Thorbjørn Jagland said that the post-coup operations must be carried out in conformity with the (European) law, and standards of the European Convention of Human Rights and the case law of the court of Human Rights "which is a very good guidance."

AUGUST 6, 2016

A large banner cursing US-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gülen and his followers was hung on the front facade of Atatürk Culture Center, a historic building overlooking Istanbul's famed Taksim square. The banner read, "The dog of Satan, Feto. We will execute you and your followers with your own leash." According to several media outlets, the banner was hung by people from the AK Party's Istanbul provincial branch.



AUGUST 11, 2016

Istanbul-based Marmara University announced that it dismissed 88 of its staff and also asked the Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK) to strip 43 of its academics of their licenses. In the statement, the university management said: "88 people have been laid off after the failed coup attempt on July 15. 43 academics have been reported to YÖK for the revocation of their licenses."

AUGUST 12, 2016

Ankara police detained 42 personnel at Turkey's public broadcaster, TRT, as part of an investigation into the coup attempt. According to Turkish media, police raided the headquarters of TRT and detained 42 employees including a news presenter and internal auditors.

AUGUST 12, 2016

Ankara Public Prosecutor issued detention warrants for 648 judges and prosecutors as part of an investigation into the coup attempt. The same names was also suspended or permanently dismissed by the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK). As of August 11, the total number of judges and prosecutors suspended/dismissed from the state bodies reached to 3,489.

AUGUST 11, 2016

A court in Sakarya arrested Selmet Şükür, the father of former Turkish football legend Hakan Şükür, in an investigation into the failed coup attempt. Earlier on Aug 11, Sakarya Public Prosecutor's office requested the arrest of Şükür and his father over their alleged ties to the attempt. The same court also ruled to seize all properties of the player and his father.



AUGUST 13, 2016

Gülenists under custody as part of an investigation into the coup attempt are kept in a "concentration camp" near Kayseri province, a local news portal, Kayseri Haber, reported. According to the daily, a concentration camp has been established by the Kayseri Governor's Office on the 26th km of Sivas-Kayseri highway. People who are accused of being linked to the Gülen Movement are reportedly taken there for questioning over the attempt.

AUGUST 13, 2016

Some 82,000 state employees have been suspended or dismissed from work over suspected links to the Gülen group, Turkish PM announced. Speaking to the media at Çankaya Palace in Ankara, Binali Yıldırım said, 76,597 had been suspended and 4,897 dismissed. Of those sacked, more than 3,000 were military staff, judges and civil servants.

AUGUST 14, 2016

The Platform for Independent Journalism said that at least 43 journalists were arrested so far, while the number of detention warrants issued exceeded 100.

AUGUST 15, 2016

A total of 106 courthouse staff were detained in Istanbul as part of operations into the coup attempt. Counter-terrorism police raided the Çaiyolan, Gaziosmanpaşa and Bakırköy courthouses in Istanbul, and rounded up people, which included lawyers and attending court clerks. Detention warrants were issued for 173 personnel; yet police were only able to locate 106 of them.

AUGUST 16, 2016

39 academics from Pamukkale University were arrested as part of an investigation into the attempt in Denizli. Among the arrestees were Pamukkale University Chancellor Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Bağcı, General Secretary Prof. Dr. Kenan Çoyan and deans, professors, assoc. professors, assist. professors, teaching assistants, executive assistant and nurses.

AUGUST 17, 2016

The Turkish government issued a decree that dismissed a total of 2360 from the Security General Directorate, 196 from the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, 112 from the Turkish Army, 24 from the Command of Coast Guard. Later the same day the gov't issued another decree for the release of 38,000 prisoners in an apparent move to reduce its prison population to make space for thousands of people who have been arrested over the failed coup.

AUGUST 17, 2016

A total of 40,029 detentions and 20,355 arrests have been made after the failed coup attempt, Turkish Prime Minister announced. PM Binali Yıldırım joined a live TV show on Turkey's national television and said: "35 Hospitals, 1061 schools, 823 dormitories, 1125 associations has so far been closed."

AUGUST 18, 2016

Turkey's courts have placed at least 1,684 judges and prosecutors in pre-trial detention since July 15, Human Rights Watch said. "Jailing judges will cause profound damage to Turkey's justice system," said Emma Sinclair-Webb.



AUGUST 18, 2016

Under custody for his alleged links to the foiled coup, Mümin Koroğlu, a former physics lecturer at Ankara Police College, was reportedly forced to make a Rabaa sign, with his mouth taped by police officers. First used by Muslim Brotherhood supporters to protest the military coup in Egypt in 2013, the four-finger hand gesture - dubbed Rabaa sign - have often been used by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan during election rallies in Turkey.

AUGUST 31, 2016

Total: At least 48,025 detentions and 24,286 arrests have been made in 45 days since the failed coup



AUGUST 28, 2016

"Not even after the 1980 coup were this many people arrested," said the main opposition leader Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu during an interview with the private broadcaster CNN Türk.

AUGUST 27, 2016

The Ministry of Defense dismissed a total of 196 military court judges and prosecutors over links to the Gülen movement.

AUGUST 25, 2016

Prize-winning novelist and journalist Ash Erdoğan who was arrested the other week for alleged links with the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) said she is being treated in a way in prison that could give permanent damage to her body.

AUGUST 24, 2016

The Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK) dismissed 2,847 judges and prosecutors for alleged links to the Gülen movement. The decision was taken by a unanimous vote and based on Article 3 of the State of Emergency Decree.

AUGUST 23, 2016

The Supreme Military Council decided to send 586 colonels into forced retirement. Out of the 586 high-ranking officers who were forced to retire, 470 were from the land forces, 71 from the naval forces and 45 from the air forces.

AUGUST 22, 2016

The gov't canceled the visiting rights of families of inmates who were arrested on charges of alleged ties to the Gülen Movement. Under normal conditions, inmates are entitled to have open visits once a month and visits behind windows every other week.

AUGUST 20, 2016

A total of 322 companies closed down by the gov't over links to the Gülen group. Meanwhile, Turkish authorities put another 627 firms over under scrutiny their indirect ties the group. The confiscated properties of implicated companies worth around TL 750 million.

AUGUST 19, 2016

Police raided some 200 houses, workplaces and detained 187 as part of an investigation into the attempt. The assets of 187 businessmen were confiscated, Anadolu Agency said. The annual income of four largest companies raided within the operation is said to be around TL 8.6 billion or \$2.96 billion.



# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE

## SEPTEMBER 2016

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

543 more judges and prosecutors were dismissed from profession by High Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK) as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement. According to a report by the T24 news portal, the number of dismissed judges and prosecutors reached 3,390 since July 15 coup attempt.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

820 security forces were dismissed from the Turkish Armed Forces. According to a statement by the Defense Ministry, the 820 dismissed military personnel from the land and naval forces did not include generals but only lower-ranking and noncommissioned officers.



SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

An 80-year-old Turkish man with walking and speaking difficulties was handcuffed and detained by Turkish police over alleged coup involvement. Mustafa Türk was reportedly taken by police from his house in Turgutlu, Manisa province, handcuffed and driven to a police station for interrogation. His relatives described it as "degrading And barbaric" treatment.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

A decree issued under post-coup attempt emergency rules led to dismissals of 50,589 civil servants and banned their employment at any state institution. Education Ministry topped the list of dismissals with 28,163 people -most of them teachers- fired following the decree. A total of 7669 police officers and 323 gendarmerie forces were dismissed from their positions. The decree also included the dismissals of 2,346 from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK); 2,018 from Health Ministry; 1,519 from Religious Affairs Directorate; 829 from Finance Ministry and 733 from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

Turkish authorities cancelled the permanent press cards of 115 journalists for their alleged links to the Gülen movement. According to a statement by the General Directorate of Press and Information, Nazlı Ilıcak, Ergun Babahan, Alaeddin Kaya, Mustafa Ünal, Şirin Kabakçı, Abdullah Aymaz, Celal Azmi Kalyoncu and Ömer Şahin were among the 115 journalists whose press credentials were revoked.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

Reporter for pro-Kurdish Dicle News Agency (DİHA), Sebahattin Koyuncu was arrested for "making propaganda" on behalf of the PKK, while Gökçe Firat Çulhaoğlu, Mutlu Gölgeçen, Murat Aksoy and singer Atilla Taş were jailed as part of an investigation into the Gülen Movement. Taş and Aksoy wrote columns for the newspapers affiliated with the movement until they were shut down by the Turkish government.



SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

54 prominent international writers, academics, journalists signed a statement calling on the Turkish gov't to end "its war" against its brightest thinkers and writers who do not happen to share its point of view. "The failed coup should not be a pretext for a McCarthy-style witch-hunt nor should that state of emergency be conducted with scant regard for basic rights, rules of evidence or even common sense," said the signatories, including Nobel laureates JM Coetzee and Orhan Pamuk.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

The Turkish government removed 28 mayors in the predominantly in Kurdish regions of the country replacing them with trustees. According to a statement released by the Ministry of Interior Affairs, 24 of them allegedly supported the PKK and the KCK while 4 were claimed to have connections to the Gülen group.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

An Ankara court ordered the seizure of all assets of Akın İpek, including 18 companies that worth over 10 billion dollars. İpek wrote in his personal twitter account. Ankara 4th Penal Court of Peace ordered to transfer all assets of 18 companies to the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund (TMSF) over their alleged Gülen links.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

The Education Ministry suspended 11,285 teachers for supporting the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), the state-run Anadolu news agency reported. It is also reported that the number of teachers suspended is expected to rise to 14,000 after an investigation is completed with contributions from local governors' offices.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

73 more military personnel have been dismissed from the Turkish Air Forces. Turkey's Defense Ministry announced "Dismissals have been made with the utmost sensitivity. The military will get stronger and continue to serve the nation the more it is cleaned from FETÖ (a term which label Turkish Scholar Fethullah Gülen's sympathizers as terrorist) traitors," said a Twitter message from the ministry.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

A Turkish court ordered the seizure of all assets of 41 businessmen suspected of allegedly financing the Gülen movement as part of an investigation into Akfa Holding and its 44 subsidiaries, the assets of 41 suspects have been seized including Akfa holding executive board chairman Fatih Aktas.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

According to a statement released by the journalist Pervin Kaplan, since July 15, a total of 2,346 academics working at 93 different universities across Turkey have been dismissed from their jobs.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

According to a statement released by the Istanbul Police Department, since July 15th and in Istanbul alone, a total of 5,279 people have been detained, 3,079 of which have been arrested as part of investigations into the failed coup attempt.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Turkey's Health Ministry is working on a group of 3,000 people among its employees to be purged from the institution. Health Minister Recep Akdag said during a press conference. Speaking to the media in Ankara, Akdag underlined that more than 4,000 Health Ministry workers were suspended after the coup attempt over links to the Gülen movement, which is accused by Erdogan of masterminding the failed coup.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

A member of Turkey's Human Rights Association (UHD), lawyer Gülseren Yoleri, said that the torture devices that were used during coup periods in the past have been put to use again during emergency rule declared "in the aftermath of July 15 coup attempt, the Cumhuriyet daily reported.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

The Justice Ministry said the government will build 174 new prisons within the next five years and create space for as many as 100,182 people.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

A 47-year-old public prosecutor who had been put behind bars in the Western province of Bursa as part of the witch-hunt against the Gülen movement was found hanging in the prison bathroom. The body of the prosecutor, identified as Seyfettin Yigit, was taken to the Bursa Council of Forensic Medicine For an autopsy.



SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

An İstanbul court issued an arrest warrant for famous baklava maker Nejat Güllü over alleged coup involvement.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

President Erdoğan threatened Gülenists living in different parts of the world, saying that no country is safe for them. "No country, no region anywhere in the world, is a safe haven for them," said Erdoğan during a press conference at İstanbul Atatürk Airport, before flying to New York for the UN General Assembly.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Main opposition CHP leader Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu said during a live TV program that the number of people affected by the Turkish government's crackdown on Gülenists has already surpassed 1 million.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

The Turkish gov't postponed the scheduled visit of Juan E. Mendez, the UN special rapporteur on torture, to the country, which has been beset by allegations of torture, maltreatment and rape against detainees in the aftermath of a failed coup attempt.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

A 72-year-old Turkish man was detained over alleged coup involvement in the Black Sea province of Zonguldak. The man, known by initials H.A., was brought to the court for testimony by the help of gendarmerie officers with a stick in his hand.

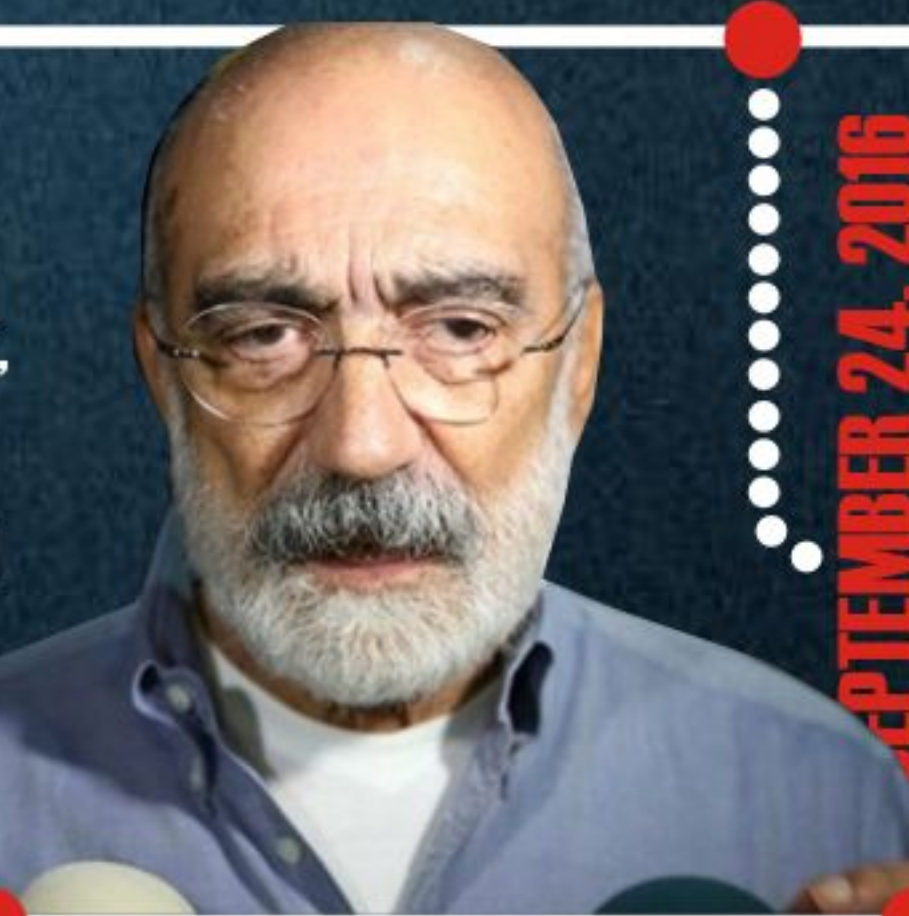


SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

After spending 12 days in detention, journalist and academic Mehmet Altan was arrested by an İstanbul court on charges of sending "subliminal" messages regarding a failed coup attempt on July 15 on a TV show a day before the putsch.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Journalist and author Ahmet Altan was arrested by an İstanbul court for allegedly "attempting a coup" and "being a member of Gülen movement." Police had detained Altan after the İstanbul 1st Penal Court of Peace had issued a warrant for his detention following his release from Custody earlier in the day.



SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Turkey's media watchdog, RTÜK, shut down Uşak-based ART TV, ART Radio and Uşak Klas Radyo as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement. The three media outlets have added to 160 other media outlets previously shut down in government decrees issued under post-coup emergency rule.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Turkey detained 40 military attaches as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement. Turkish media reported that Foreign Ministry had recently come up with a list of 300 bureaucrats who are suspected to be affiliated with the movement.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Turkey's media watchdog, the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK), shut down 12 more TV stations, including the pro-Kurdish Hayatın Sesi, TV 10, Van TV, Jıyan TV, Azadi TV and Zorog TV, upon the order of the Prime Ministry.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Trustees were appointed to 22 companies due to alleged ties to the Gülen movement. An İstanbul court appointed trustees to the boards of 22 companies, all of which are partnered by construction conglomerates Fi Yapı and AKFA Holding.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

The passport of former Today's Zaman reporter Arslan Ayan was confiscated by officials at the Turkish Consulate General in New York on the grounds that a warrant for his detention is outstanding back in Turkey.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

A total of 87 out of 141 National Intelligence Organization (MİT) officials who were suspended following the failed coup attempt, were dismissed from their posts, state-run Anadolu news agency reported.

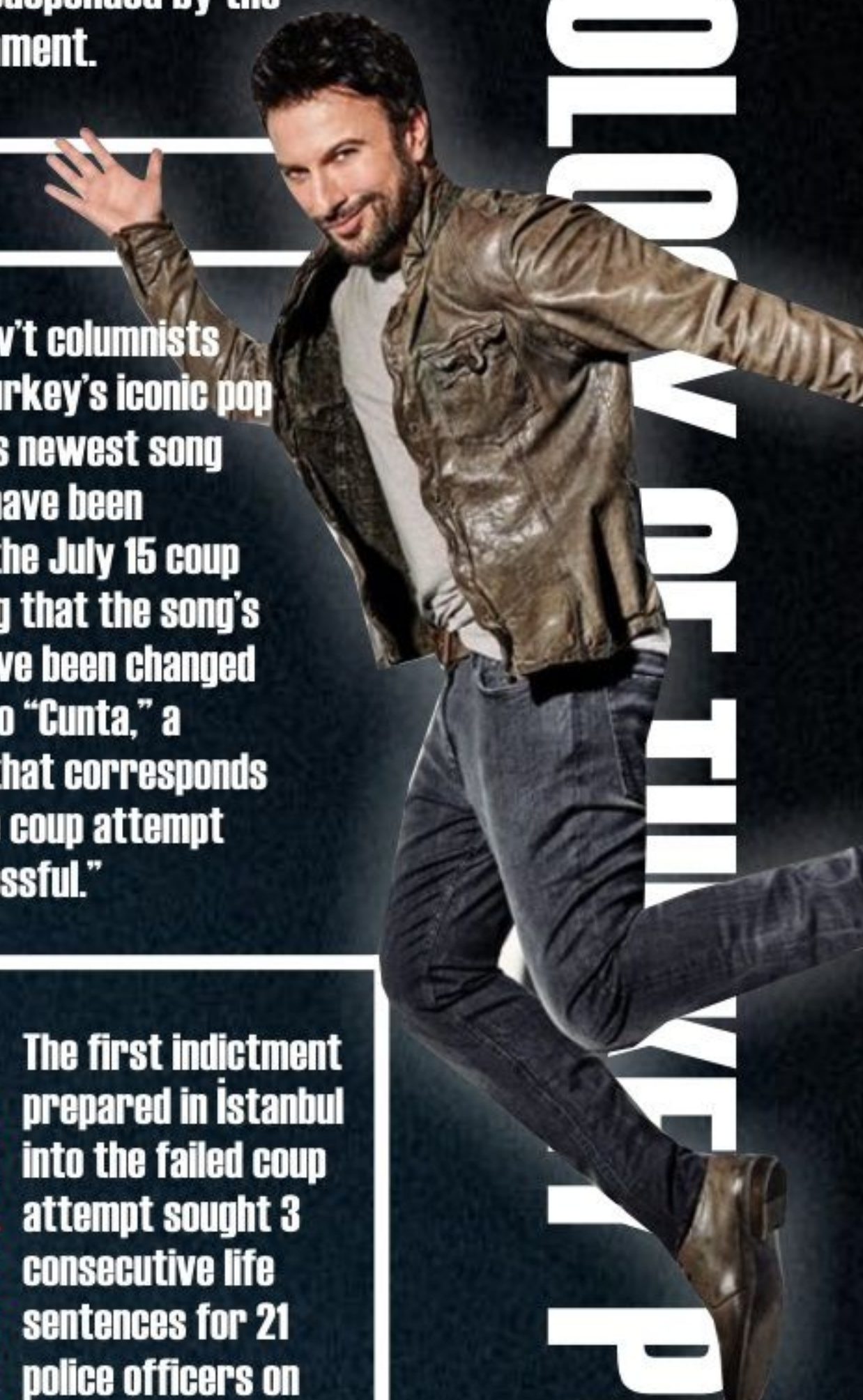
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Former European parliamentarian and journalist Joost Lagendijk tweeted that he was denied entry to Turkey on the grounds that he needed to obtain a "special visa" from the Turkish Embassy in Netherlands.





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**OCTOBER 5, 2016** The Turkish gov't banned journalists Ayşe Yıldırım and Celal Baslangıç from traveling abroad after seizing their passports at Istanbul airport. Later the same day, 540 more members of the military were suspended by the government.

**OCTOBER 4, 2016** Government-run Savings Deposit Insurance Fund (TMSF) President Sakir Ercan Gül announced that the Turkish gov't seized a total of 252 companies since July 15 coup attempt.

**OCTOBER 3, 2016** Turkey's National Police Department announced that it suspended 12,801 more police officers, including many police chiefs, across 81 provinces over alleged ties to the Gülen movement.

**OCTOBER 3, 2016** Cennet Ayık and Burhan Kocaman, co-mayors of the Karakocan district of the Elazığ province in Eastern Turkey, both from the pro-Kurdish Democratic Regions Party (BDP), were arrested in corruption charges.

**OCTOBER 3, 2016** The state of emergency will be extended for 3 months starting from Oct. 19, announced Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmuş.



**OCTOBER 2, 2016** Sixty businessmen and members of some foundations were detained in the Black Sea province of Bolu due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. As part of the investigation conducted by the Bolu Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, police raided dozens of locations in the province and seized documents belonging to the detainees.

**OCTOBER 1, 2016** More than 50 Nigerian students were detained in Turkey, allegedly on the orders of the Turkish gov't. A source whose relative was among the detained students stated that "upon arrival at Ataturk International Airport in Istanbul, students were all escorted to a room and their passports [were] confiscated by Turkish police." The report goes on to say that when the students asked why they were being confined, the police said they were students of a "terrorist organization."

**OCTOBER 1, 2016** Zilan Aldatmaz, co-mayor of the Saray district of eastern Van province, was put in pre-trial arrests on charges of "membership in a terrorist organization." DBP member Aldatmaz was detained on Sept. 21 as part of an investigation into the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the Kurdistan Communities Union (KCK).

**OCTOBER 5, 2016** Several pro-gov't columnists claimed that Turkey's iconic pop singer Tarkan's newest song "Cuppa" could have been composed for the July 15 coup attempt, saying that the song's name would have been changed from "Cuppa" to "Cunta," a Turkish word that corresponds to "junta, if the coup attempt had been successful."

**OCTOBER 5, 2016** Turkey's top judicial body, the Supreme Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK), dismissed 66 more judges and prosecutors over ties to the Gülen movement. Also, 55 military and intelligence agency personnel were detained.

**OCTOBER 7, 2016** Detention warrants have been issued for 166 police officers including police chiefs across 35 provinces due to their use of a smart phone application called ByLock and over alleged links to the Gülen movement.

**OCTOBER 8, 2016** Environment and Urban Planning Minister Mehmet Özhaseki said that the value of immovable properties including dormitories, real estate and schools that the gov't confiscated as part of its clampdown on the Gülen movement totals around TL 15 billion (\$4.9 billion)

**OCTOBER 9, 2016** An English teacher was put behind bars along with her 36-day-old baby in Mersin province, according to Emin Çölaşan, a veteran columnist from the country's left-wing Kemalist daily, Sözcü.

**OCTOBER 10, 2016** AK Party Deputy Chairman Erol Kaya told Turkish media that nearly 12,000 members of the AK Party and 874 mayors from the party have faced investigations over links to the Gülen movement.

**OCTOBER 12, 2016** Turkey's Defense Ministry announced that a total of 233 members of the military were expelled from their posts in the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. Out of the 233 expelled military members, 158 of them are officers, 67 are noncommissioned officers and eight are specialized sergeants; 201 of them are from the air forces command and 32 are from the naval forces command, according to the Defense Ministry statement.

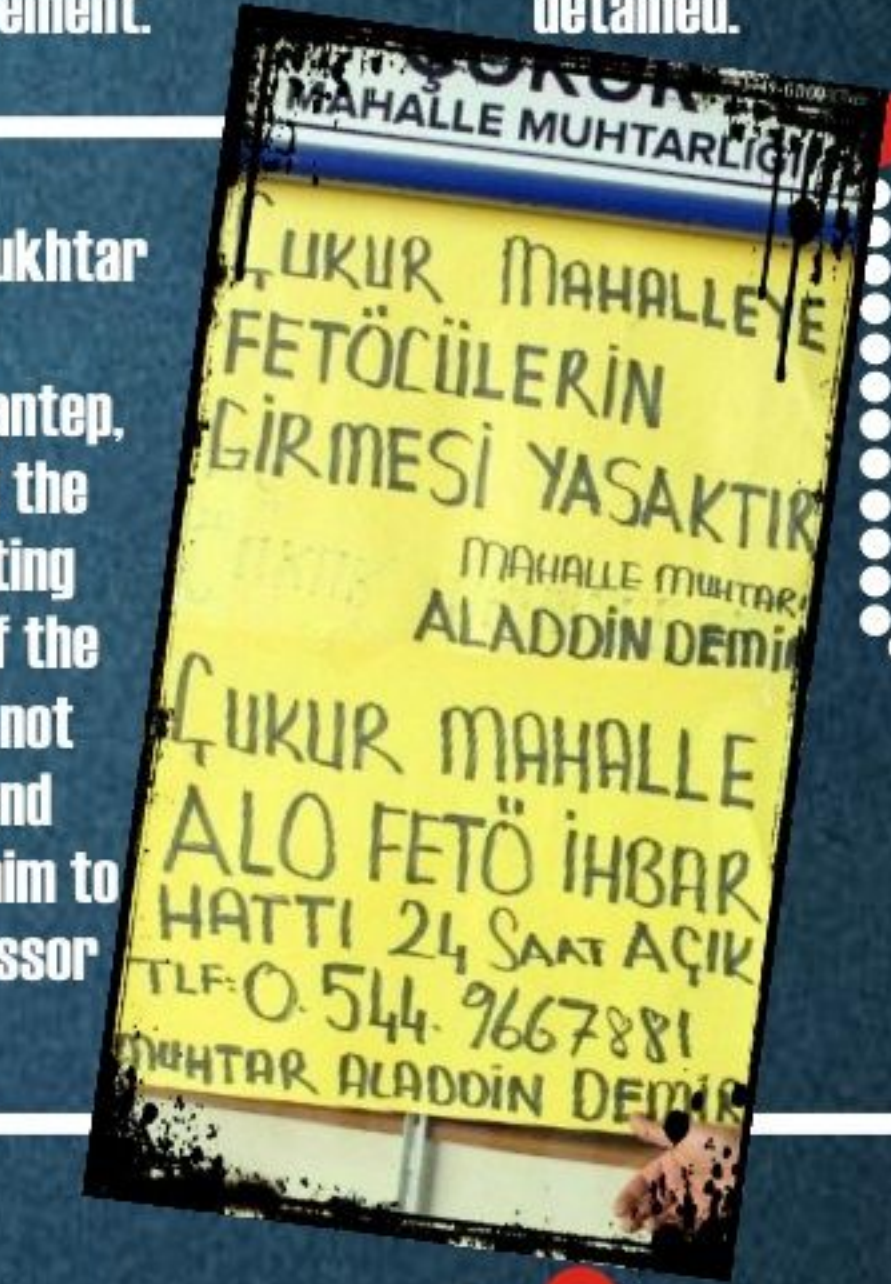
**OCTOBER 13, 2016** Turkey's Education Ministry suspended 2,400 more teachers from their posts in the latest wave of an ongoing witch-hunt against suspected sympathizers of the Gülen group. Later the same day, a total of 108 judges were expelled from the Turkish Armed Forces.



**OCTOBER 17, 2016** An Istanbul prosecutor issued arrest warrants for former Today's Zaman Editor-in-Chief Bilent Keneş, Zaman daily columnist Kerim Balci and STV Group US representative Semsettin Efe on charges of links to the failed coup attempt

**OCTOBER 17, 2016** The first indictment prepared in Istanbul into the failed coup attempt sought 3 consecutive life sentences for 21 police officers on coup charges and up to 15-year for 8 police officers on terrorism charges.

**OCTOBER 23, 2016** The Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) launched a global solidarity campaign in support of imprisoned Turkish journalists and the government-seized media outlets.



**OCTOBER 22, 2016** Aladdin Demir, the mukhtar (head) of the Çukur neighborhood in Gaziantep, hung two banners on the side of his office stating that sympathizers of the Gülen movement are not allowed in the area and that people can call him to report any transgressor via a 7/24 hotline.



**OCTOBER 21, 2016** Held under arrest as part of a gov't crackdown on the Gülen movement and its alleged followers, 61-year-old Ahmet Ok died after suffering a heart attack in Anamur Prison. He was brought to Anamur State Hospital after suffering a heart attack at about 4:30 a.m. And died despite the efforts of medical staff.

**OCTOBER 20, 2016** Turkey dropped by eight places from last year in the WJP Rule of Law Index 2016, released today by the World Justice Project (WJP). Ranked in 80th place out of 102 countries in 2015, Turkey slipped to number 99 out of 113 nations in the 2016 report. It came in 13th among the 13 countries in its region.

**OCTOBER 20, 2016** Forty officers serving at the 3rd Main Jet Airbase in Konya were detained as part of post-coup operations targeting alleged followers of the Gülen movement.

**OCTOBER 18, 2016** Seventeen judges and prosecutors who were recently detained as part of an operation against Gülenists using a smart phone application called ByLock were arrested in Istanbul.



**OCTOBER 25, 2016** Turkish police tortured and otherwise ill-treated individuals in their custody after emergency decrees removed crucial safeguards in the wake of a failed coup attempt in July, 2016. Human Rights Watch said in a report. The 43-page report, "A Blank Check: Turkey's Post-Coup Suspension of Safeguards Against Torture," documents how the weakening of safeguards through decrees adopted under the state of emergency has negatively affected police detention conditions and the rights of detainees.

**OCTOBER 25, 2016** Leader of the main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu accused the Justice and Development Party (AK Party) of staging its own coup by arresting writers, journalists and military officers in a crackdown launched after the failed coup attempt.

**OCTOBER 26, 2016** Diyarbakır co-mayors Gülten Kışanak and Firat Anlı were detained on terrorism charges. A leading politician and former deputy, Kışanak had been serving as the co-mayor of Diyarbakır, the largest city in Turkey's mostly Kurdish Southeast, since 2014. Kışanak was detained at Diyarbakır Airport upon her return from Ankara, where she earlier testified to Turkey's parliamentary Coup Investigation Commission.

**OCTOBER 26, 2016** With a new decree issued by the Ministry of Interior Affairs, the chiefs of police of 61 provinces across Turkey changed as police chiefs in 34 provinces were recalled to Ankara.

**OCTOBER 27, 2016** Police detained a total of 30 academics and students at İzmir's leading Dokuz Eylül University over alleged Gülen group links.

**OCTOBER 27, 2016** Turkey detained 81 police officers in Istanbul over use of a smart phone application called ByLock and Gülen membership.

**OCTOBER 28, 2016** Turkey's Interior Ministry dismissed a total of 265 military officers, 153 from the Gendarmerie Forces Command and 112 from Coast Guard Command, on the grounds that they have links with the Gülen movement.

**OCTOBER 28, 2016** Turkey's Defense Ministry announced that a total of 195 personnel, 158 of whom are officers, were dismissed from the Land Forces Command and Naval Forces Command on the grounds that they have links to the Gülen movement.

**OCTOBER 28, 2016** Serdar Seyidoğlu, the general manager of the Seyidoğlu Baklava chain, who was detained over his alleged links to the Gülen movement on Oct. 1, was arrested late on Oct. 28 in Istanbul.



**OCTOBER 29, 2016** Turkey's Social Security Institution (SGK) cut the access of 400 pharmacies across Turkey to the electronic prescription system, which enables them to sell medicine and receive payments, over alleged Gülen links.

**OCTOBER 29, 2016** Turkish government shut down another 10 newspapers, 3 magazines as well as 2 news agencies in the latest government decree issued under post-coup emergency rule.

**OCTOBER 29, 2016** Turkish gov't dismissed 10,158 from state institutions with new decrees. According to the two new decrees, numbered 675 and 676, a total 10,158 staff members, including 2,216 from the Education Ministry, 2,774 from the Health Ministry and 1,267 from the Higher Education Board (YÖK), were dismissed for allegedly "being members of terrorist organizations."





# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE

## NOVEMBER 2016

**NOVEMBER 1, 2016** Cumali Atilla, governor of Ankara's Etimesgut district, has been appointed as a trustee to the Diyarbakir Municipality, whose co-mayors were jailed on terrorism charges on Oct. 31. Also, co-mayor of the Caldıran district in eastern Van province Sema Atabay was detained on charges of spreading "terrorist propaganda."

**NOVEMBER 2, 2016** Detention warrants were issued for 137 academics across 16 provinces as part of an ongoing investigation into the Gülen movement.

**NOVEMBER 3, 2016** Turkey's Interior Ministry dismissed a total of 1,218 officers from the Gendarmerie Forces Command due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. A statement made by the ministry said 419 officers, 604 non-commissioned officers, 158 specialized gendarmerie sergeants, 28 specialized sergeants and nine civil servants have been expelled from their posts at the Gendarmerie Forces Command.



**NOVEMBER 4, 2016** At least 11 pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) deputies were detained. Police raided the homes of HDP Co-chairs Figen Yüksekdağ and Selahattin Demirtaş and HDP deputy Ziya Pir, and took all three into custody. HDP's official Twitter account in English announced that "At least 9 deputies of HDP (including) Co-chairs Demirtaş and Yüksekdağ have been taken into custody. Houses raided, doors broken." Interior Ministry later said in a statement that the number stands at 11 – namely Selahattin Demirtaş, Figen Yüksekdağ, Ferhat Encü, Leyla Birlik, Selma Irmak, Abdullah Zeydan, İdris Baluken, Sırrı Süreyya Önder, Ziya Pir, Gülser Yıldırım and Nurel Aydoğan. Later the same day, 9 of the deputies including Demirtaş and Yüksekdağ were arrested and sent to prison.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2016** Social media was shut down by the Turkish gov't. At around 11:30 p.m. local time, monitoring network Turkey Blocks, which provides a live feed of Internet shutdown incidents in the country, announced that Facebook, Twitter, YouTube were all "blocked by throttling," a method of slowing certain websites to the point where they are unusable.

**NOVEMBER 5, 2016** The Ministry of Interior Affairs appointed a trustee to Şırnak municipality after the removal of the elected mayor on alleged terror charges. The mayor Serhan Kadirhan had been recently removed as a result of terror investigation and replaced by Şırnak's deputy governor Turan Bedirhanoglu. The appointment was made possible by one of the decrees that were issued following the failed coup of July 15. In September, with authority vested by the state of emergency rule, the Turkish government removed 28 mayors in the predominantly in Kurdish regions of the country.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2016** Burak Acikalin, an engineer who was earlier dismissed from Turkey's Directorate of Intelligence and arrested due to alleged involvement in the attempt, was found dead in a prison in Turkey's Kırkkale province. Turkey purge.com revealed that 20 people, among which are police officers, prosecutors and teachers, have been found dead in Turkish prisons since the failed coup attempt on July 15, 2016.



**NOVEMBER 6, 2016** Democratic Regions Party (DBP) Co-chairperson Sebahat Tuncel, who was taken to a hospital after police intervened in a demonstration in front of the Diyarbakir Courthouse afternoon, was arrested by a Diyarbakir court later the same day.

**NOVEMBER 6, 2016** A Manisa court ruled for the arrests of 5 pregnant women over their alleged links to the Gülen movement. A total of 62 people were earlier detained in nine provinces across Turkey, as part of a Manisa-based investigation into the movement on Oct. 29. Seven pregnant women were referred to the court on Nov. 2. While the court arrested 5 women identified only by initials E.A., H.B., H.E., E.Y.K. and Y.Ö., the remaining two were released pending trial on Nov. 5.

**NOVEMBER 5, 2016** İrfan Kızılarşan, a former colonel who was earlier dismissed from the military and arrested following the failed coup on July 15 due to alleged involvement in the attempt, was found dead in a prison in Turkey's Tokat province.



**NOVEMBER 5, 2016** Nine journalists and executives from the Cumhuriyet daily, including its Editor-in-Chief Murat Sabuncu were arrested by the Istanbul 8th Penal Court of Peace. Kadri Gürsel, Musa Kart, Güray Öz, Mustafa Kemal Güngör, Turhan Günay, Bülent Utku, Önder Çelik and Eser Sevinç were arrested columnists and executives from Cumhuriyet daily in addition to the paper's editor-in-chief Murat Sabuncu. The daily's columnists Aydın Engin and Hikmet Çetinkaya and account managers Gülseli Özalp and Bülent Yener were released by the court pending trial. A travel ban was imposed on the four Cumhuriyet employees who were released. The arrestees are accused of aiding the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and Gülen movement.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2016** Turkey's Interior Ministry announced that the activities of 370 foundations were halted based on emergency rule currently in force in the country. A statement released by the ministry said 190 of the closed-down foundations had links to the PKK; 153 of them were linked to Gülen movement; 19 had links to far-left Revolutionary People's Liberation Party; and eight had links to the ISIL. The foundations are located in 39 Turkish provinces.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2016** Turkey's Justice Minister Bekir Bozdağ announced that 36,000 people have so far been arrested in ongoing operations targeting the Gülen movement. Speaking to the Anadolu news agency, Bozdağ also said HSYK expelled 3,456 judges and prosecutors since the Coup attempt.

**NOVEMBER 12, 2016** The Istanbul 8th Penal Court of Peace arrested Akın Atalay, the chief executive officer of Turkish daily Cumhuriyet, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported. Atalay was detained early on Nov. 11 at Istanbul Airport after arriving from Berlin. An Istanbul court ruled for Atalay's arrest the other week, but police did not find him at home, and he was said to be abroad.



**NOVEMBER 13, 2016** Turkey's Defense Ministry announced that it suspended 291 officers and expelled 19 others at the Naval Forces Command over their alleged links to the Gülen movement. The announcement was made from the Twitter account of the Defense Ministry.

**NOVEMBER 15, 2016** Turkey fell into the "not free" category of countries ranked by Freedom House in its Net 2016 report, with the NGO watchdog citing how Ankara suspends mobile and Internet connections in many different parts of the country while noting that "Pro government trolls have escalated their campaigns to harass opposition voices."

**NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Turkish police detained one of the co-mayors of the eastern province of Siirt and both of the co-mayors of Tunceli province as part of a terrorism-linked probe. The state-run Anadolu Agency reported that Tuncer Bakırhan, Siirt Co-Mayor from the Democratic Regions Party (DBP), has been detained after Siirt Public Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant as part of an investigation into the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

**NOVEMBER 16, 2016** The father of former Turkish football legend Hakan Şükür, Selmet Şükür, who was arrested on Aug. 12 in an investigation into the failed coup attempt, was reportedly denied food and water, therefore losing 40 kilograms in three months, the Aktifhaber news portal reported. Lawyers representing Selmet Şükür told the news portal that when he was arrested he weighed 75 kilograms and in three months he went from down to 35 kilograms.

**NOVEMBER 22, 2016** The Turkish government dismissed a total of 9977 people from state institutions, and suspended another 5434 with new state of emergency decrees. According to the two new decrees, numbered 677 and 678, a total 9977 staff members, including 1988 from the Turkish Armed Forces, and 7586 from the Security General Directorate, were dismissed for allegedly "being members of terrorist organizations." Moreover, 5434 public servants have been suspended due to links to the Gülen movement.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2016** Behçet Emdî, a middle school teacher who was earlier expelled from his job and subsequently arrested over alleged links to the Gülen movement was found hanged in prison in the northwestern province of Karabük.

**NOVEMBER 18, 2016** PEN International, a worldwide association of writers, released the names of 145 journalists who were jailed by the Turkish government after the failed coup attempt on July 15.

**NOVEMBER 18, 2016** Turkey's top judicial body, the Supreme Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK), dismissed 203 more judges and prosecutors over alleged ties to the Gülen movement

**NOVEMBER 17, 2016** Turkey's Interior Ministry appointed trustees to the Van, Mardin and Siirt municipalities in Turkey's east and southeast region, replacing democratically-elected pro-Kurdish mayors with government-appointed figures. The Turkish gov't has so far appointed trustees to 34 of 106 municipalities run by mayors from the pro-Kurdish Democratic Regions Party (DBP), according to a report by the Doğan news agency.



**NOVEMBER 17, 2016** An open letter sent to Turkeypurge.com revealed that Hacer Cakmak, mother of three children two of whom are disabled, and wife to a Turkish judge who had been arrested for 113 days, was left to fend for herself along with her two handicapped children and a 72-year-old mother who can't even walk.

**NOVEMBER 30, 2016** Turkish authorities declared curfew in six villages of Silvan district in southeastern Diyarbakir province. According to a statement by Silvan district governor's office, the curfew was declared in Eşiköy, Susuz, Gündüzköy, Ötlük, Karahacı and Üçbasamak villages of Silvan.

**NOVEMBER 29, 2016** Ünal Takmaklı, a 77-year old Turkish businessman who was jailed on July 28 as part of an ongoing investigation into the Gülen movement, died of a heart attack in prison. Takmaklı's two brothers are also under arrest.



**NOVEMBER 28, 2016** The Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects (TMMOB) stated that 2,054 engineers and architects in total have been dismissed from state jobs by government decrees issued since the failed coup attempt on July 15, 2016.

**NOVEMBER 26, 2016** Talk show host Okan Bayülgen, who during an awards ceremony mocked a soap opera that was one of President Erdogan's favorites, was fired from Kanal D. Bayülgen, known for his oddball personality and mocking of celebrities, had made fun of Best Serial award winner "Dirilis: Ertugrul," a historical Turkish adventure series aired on state-run TRT, during the Pantene Golden Butterfly awards ceremony on November 14.

**NOVEMBER 24, 2016** A Turkish court arrested Ahmet Türk, a former deputy and co-mayor of the Mardin Municipality, on charges of membership in a terror organization.

**NOVEMBER 23, 2016** A Turkish court arrested eight members of Grup Yorum, a Turkish band known for their political songwriting, the People's Law Office (HHEB) announced. All members of the band – Ali Araci, İnan Altın, Selma Altın, Sultan Çökçek, Fırat Kıl, Dilan Poyraz, Helin Bölek and Abdullah Özgün – were jailed upon arrest by a Turkish court, while Musa Varici, Cemil Varici and Mehmet Varici were given house arrest.

**NOVEMBER 23, 2016** The Turkish government has arrested a total of 39,378 people and detained another 92,607 since the failed coup attempt of July 15, Turkish Justice Minister Bekir Bozdağ said.

**NOVEMBER 22, 2016** Turkish government dismissed 242 more academics from their jobs, bringing the total number of academics fired in the aftermath of a coup attempt to 6,579. According to the two new decrees, a total of 242 academics from 21 universities and 942 administrative personnel from 89 universities were dismissed from their positions. The same decrees also shut down nine more local newspaper operating in the country.



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## DECEMBER 2016

**DECEMBER 1, 2016** The Ankara Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into 192 judges and prosecutors as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement. The Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK) announced that these judges and prosecutors were suspended.

**DECEMBER 2, 2016** Turkey's Directorate General of Press and Information (BYEGM) denied a request by former Cumhuriyet daily Editor-in-Chief Can Dündar for renewal of his permanent press card due to "national security policy." "The request of Can Dündar, who on every occasion defames Turkey and attributes false statements to Turkey, has been denied due to national security policy," the statement read.



**DECEMBER 3, 2016** Turkish police detained the co-mayors of three districts of Turkey's southeastern province of Hakkari. Seferi Yılmaz, Adile Kozay and Servet Tunç, the elected co-mayors of Şemdinli, Yüksekova and Çukurca, respectively, were detained by police in their homes. Eight more people were included in the detentions in Çukurca.

**DECEMBER 4, 2016** Ali Özcan, the general manager of Dönerci Ali Usta restaurants chain was detained over his alleged links to the Gülen movement. Özcan's arrest was widely mocked on social media as it increased the number of owners of restaurant chains behind bars.



**DECEMBER 6, 2016** Turkish parliament passed five of the decrees previously issued by the Turkish gov't during a state of emergency declared in the wake of a military coup attempt in July 2016.

**DECEMBER 6, 2016** Tens of thousands of residents of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sur were among an estimated half million people forced from their homes as a result of a brutal crackdown by Turkish authorities over the past year which may amount to collective punishment, said Amnesty International in a new report.

**DECEMBER 6, 2016** Turkeypurge.com reported that Hasibe Coşkun, a public prosecutor who had been overseeing a sexual assault case involving the brother of Ali İnci, a former deputy of the ruling AK Party, was dismissed by a recent government decree.

**DECEMBER 13, 2016** Syrian-born Turkish journalist Hüsnü Mahalli was detained hours after a pro-government anchorman targeted him for his remarks regarding the ongoing war in Syria. CHP deputy Barış Yarkadaş said that the columnist is accused of humiliating Turkey, insulting statesmen.

**DECEMBER 13, 2016** A total of 2,341 doctors were expelled from their jobs in gov't decrees that had been issued under post-coup emergency rule so far, the Turkish Doctors Union (TTBB) said in a written statement.

**DECEMBER 12, 2016** Police carried out multiple operations in at least seven provinces to detain 120 officials from pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) local branches. While 237 HDP officials were detained, police officers who took part in a raid on the party's Istanbul office left messages on the walls that read "We came, you were not here," and "We will be back!"



The Turkish government has so far dismissed a total of 5,676 security personnel, including high-ranking generals, and 16,409 military students since the coup attempt on July 15. Turkey's Defense Minister Fikri İşıklı told the state-run Anadolu news agency, "When looking at the overall number, a total of 22,085 people have been permanently dismissed from the Turkish Armed Forces," İşıklı said.

**DECEMBER 10, 2016** A court in İzmir ruled for the arrest of an American pastor Andrew Craig Brunson who has lived in Turkey for 20 years over charges of links to Gülen movement. Also, M.S.G., an amateur football referee was detained after his match, as part of an investigation into the movement. 27 Year-old H.A.K. was sentenced to 2 years and 4 months in jail for arguing on his Facebook account that the July 15 coup attempt was a hoax staged by the government.

**DECEMBER 9, 2016** At least 87 civilians, including academics and staff from Istanbul University (IU) were arrested over alleged links to Gülen movement. Later the same day, court in Hakkari province arrested Adile Kozay, the co-mayor of Yüksekova district and Hilal Duman, the co-mayor of Çukurca district on charges of alleged links to the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

**DECEMBER 8, 2016** A three-year-old child with high fever was denied treatment at a hospital since his father was arrested over alleged links to the Gülen movement. In his speech during budgetary talks at the Parliament, main opposition CHP Istanbul deputy Mehmet Bekaroğlu said: "A three-year-old child with a temperature of 40°C goes to a hospital and is denied treatment, being told: 'Your father was arrested over Gülen (links) and you are done with SGK (Social Security Institution)'."

**DECEMBER 14, 2016** Aydın Erekmen, a Turkish elementary school teacher in Istanbul's Basaksehir district posed with a hangman's noose in a classroom along with his students in support of government's plans to reintroduce death penalty. "Make or break... O, the President! We want justice," Erekmen posted on his Facebook account with a picture of him and his students holding hangman's nooses. In another photo, Erekmen, accompanied by his students, is seen making soldier salute. The teacher also shared a picture of another execution knot hanging to the rearview window his car.



**DECEMBER 15, 2016** Thirty district governors and candidates for the position were arrested in Tokat as part of an investigation targeting the Gülen movement. 75 district governors and candidates testified to a prosecutor in the province. Thirty of them were arrested, while 25 were freed on probation, and 20 others were released.

**DECEMBER 17, 2016** Istanbul Public Prosecutor's Office issued detention warrants for 523 military members from the Turkish Armed Forces, including high-ranking officers, due to their use of a smart phone application called ByLock.

**DECEMBER 17, 2016** Lawyer Serdar Ateş was given 15 years of prison sentence as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement.

**DECEMBER 19, 2016** A mosque, funded by Turkey's Directorate of Religious Affairs, in Schweinfurt city in Germany's Bavaria region banned entry for the followers of Gülen movement.

**DECEMBER 20, 2016** A total of 4,724 companies and organizations were closed down due to alleged links to the Gülen movement since the coup attempt. The closed-down organizations and businesses include 34 private healthcare organizations, 1,411 private educational institutions, 995 private dormitories, 1,326 foundations, 15 private universities, 31 labor unions, 733 university preparation courses, 70 private radio and TV stations and 109 newspapers, magazines and news agencies.

**DECEMBER 20, 2016** İstar Gözyaydın, a leading law professor, was detained along with 13 other academics and staff from the now-closed Gediz University as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement.



**DECEMBER 20, 2016** HSYK suspended 96 judges and over alleged links to the Gülen movement and involvement in the coup attempt.

**DECEMBER 24, 2016** Justice Minister Bekir Bozdağ said in a written statement that as of Oct. 12, 2016, there were 194,973 inmates in 372 Turkish prisons. Bozdağ stated that the current prisons have a capacity of 189,269 and that Turkey will build 175 new prisons in 2017.

**DECEMBER 23, 2016** An Istanbul court issued an arrest warrant for former editor-in-chief of the Cumhuriyet daily and exiled journalist Can Dündar to compel his testimony in a trial concerning the now shut-down pro-Kurdish özgür Gündem daily.

**DECEMBER 22, 2016** Turkey's media monitoring institution, the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK), decided to shut down Yol TV for allegedly insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The RTÜK officials made the decision after the TV station "refused to be intimidated" by an early warning statement.



**DECEMBER 22, 2016** A Turkish court ordered the seizure of all assets of 54 journalists over their alleged links to the Gülen movement. The decision was made by the Istanbul 11th Penal Court of Peace. Some of the journalists are already under arrest, but they have not yet stood trial and have not even been indicted. Zaman daily journalists Veysel Ayhan, Mustafa Ünal, Şahin Alpay, Nuriye Ural, Mümtaz'er Türküne and Süleyman Sargın as well as the editor-in-chief of the Today's Zaman newspaper, Sevgi Akarçeşme, were among the journalists whose assets would be seized.

**DECEMBER 21, 2016** The Turkish Ministry of Education suspended 1,980 staff members including teachers as part of a witch-hunt targeting the Gülen movement.

**DECEMBER 20, 2016** A total of 236 out of 530 military officers for whom detention warrants were issued last week across 58 provinces for their use of a smart phone application, known as ByLock were detained. The Istanbul 11th Penal Court of Peace issued detention warrants for 280 military officers and 250 noncommissioned officers as part of an investigation conducted by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

**DECEMBER 24, 2016** The Ministry of Interior Affairs announced that some 10,000 people are currently under investigation on suspicion of terrorist propaganda and insulting senior state officials on social media. In a press release the ministry also stated that in the last six months 3,710 social media users were investigated, of whom 1,656 were arrested. 1,203 of those investigations resulted in releases on probation.

**DECEMBER 25, 2016** Deutsche Welle reported that Germany received asylum applications from a total of 5,166 Turkish citizens during the January-November period of 2016.

**DECEMBER 26, 2016** The Turkish government launched an investigation into 433 performers of all types for their support of the academics who signed a declaration on Jan. 11, 2016 denouncing curfews imposed in predominantly Kurdish districts in Turkey.

**DECEMBER 26, 2016** An author and scriptwriter announced on Twitter that she was fired by a production company after a court ruled for payment of damages to President Erdoğan's son over a complaint that she insulted him. Seray Şahiner was ordered in February to pay TL 2,000 to Bilal Erdoğan for a column she wrote in the Birgün daily calling Erdoğan's son "over-intelligent," apparently in a sarcastic manner.

**DECEMBER 27, 2016** Turkish prosecutors completed 17 indictments against 1,200 people across the country on the grounds that they aimed to overthrow the government in a failed coup attempt on July 15. Most of the suspects listed in the indictments are members of the Turkish military.

**DECEMBER 28, 2016** Turkish cleric Nurettin Yıldız demanded a fatwa from Turkey's Religious Affairs Directorate suggesting that supporters of Turkish Islamic cleric Fethullah Gülen, who is accused by the Turkish government and Erdoğan of masterminding a failed coup in July, be executed, their opposing hands and feet be amputated or be exiled instead of keeping them in prisons.

**DECEMBER 30, 2016** An Istanbul court arrested a prominent Turkish journalist, Ahmet Şık. According to the state-run Anadolu news agency, Şık is accused of making "terrorist propaganda" and publicly humiliating the Republic of Turkey, its judiciary, military and police force.



**DECEMBER 31, 2016** A large group of Turkish journalists gathered in Istanbul in support of 143 journalists arrested on charges of alleged involvement of the July 15 coup attempt. About 100 journalists and media representatives came together at Istanbul Depo.



# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE JANUARY 2017

JANUARY 1, 2017

The Turkish Journalists' Association (TGC) released its press freedom report for 2016, saying that 143 journalists were jailed and 189 others were attacked over the past year in Turkey. According to the report, more than 10,000 journalists lost their jobs while 839 faced court proceedings for their news stories.

JANUARY 2, 2017

The Ministry of Justice announced that since the coup attempt, a total of 41,326 people have been arrested on charges of links to the Gülen movement. 2,286 of the 41,326 arrestees are judges and prosecutors. Among the jailed judges, 104 are from the Supreme Court of Appeals, 41 from the Council of State and two are from the Constitutional Court. A total of 6,325 soldiers have been arrested, 168 of them high-ranking generals. There are 17 governors, 74 deputy governors and 100 provincial governors among bureaucrats jailed on coup charges.

JANUARY 2, 2017

Famous fashion designer Barbaros Şansal was beaten up by an angry mob who gathered at an Istanbul Airport tarmac in protest of a controversial video he posted on the New Year's Eve. A widely circulated video shows that Şansal fell down on floor amid tumult and rushed into the police car after lynch attempt. The designer had shared a video on Dec. 31 to criticize Turkish people's attending New Year's Eve celebrations despite several problems in Turkey including mass detentions, corruption, rape, bribery and bigotry.

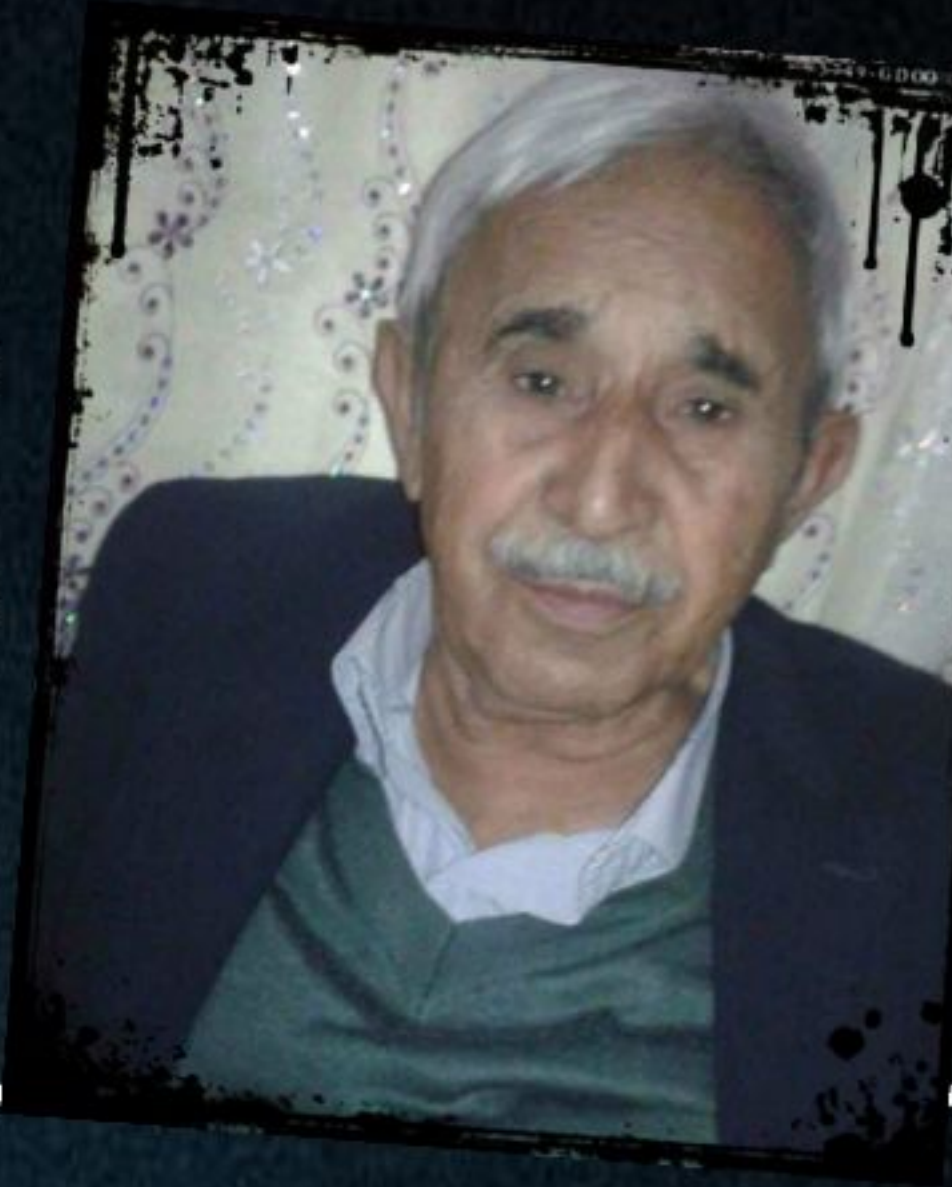


JANUARY 3, 2017

Forty-five academics from Istanbul University who were implicated as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement, face up to 22.5 years in prison as an indictment that accusing them of forming, running or being member of an armed terrorist organization was handed over to the court in charge.

JANUARY 3, 2017

Haci İsa Sezek, an 80-year-old Turk, who spent 24 days in police custody in Siirt province, was arrested on charges of "membership in an armed organization." According to the Evrensel daily, Sezek had reportedly been denied food and water while in custody and had been suffering from serious health problems.



JANUARY 4, 2017

The Turkish Parliament approved an extension of emergency rule a further 3 months, effective from January 19.

JANUARY 14, 2017

One of the 11 jailed deputies from the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP), Nursel Aydoğan, was sentenced to four years, eight months on charges of committing crimes on behalf of PKK. The sentences was handed down by the Diyarbakır 2nd High Criminal Court.

JANUARY 13, 2017

Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency reported that in the last six months alone authorities had received complaints from informants of "terrorist propaganda" for 68,774 social media users on Facebook and Twitter.

JANUARY 12, 2017

A total of eighty-four high-ranking military officers were arrested by a court on charges of using ByLock, a smart phone application that authorities believe is a communication tool between members of the Gülen movement.

JANUARY 11, 2017

CHP deputy Enis Berberoğlu was reported to be facing prison sentence along with Cumhuriyet daily's former editor-in-chief Can Dündar and the daily's Ankara bureau chief Erdem Gül over a report on National Intelligence Organization (MIT) trucks. Hearings will begin on March 1.

JANUARY 8, 2017

Turkish Labor Minister Mehmet Müezzinoğlu announced that more than 135,356 people have been purged from state bodies since a failed coup attempt on July 15.

JANUARY 6, 2017

With new state of emergency decrees issued on Jan. 5, the Turkish government shut a total of 83 more associations operating in various regions of Turkey, dismissed 149 soldiers from the naval forces, 164 from the air force and 649 academics from universities. According to the tree new decrees, numbered 679, 680 and 681, a total of 838 civil servants were dismissed from the Ministry of Health, 2687 police officers as well as 8 staff of the Council of State, while police was given access to the identity information of the internet subscribers.

JANUARY 6, 2017

The first punishment of military personnel in coup probes was ruled on with two officers sentenced to aggravated life imprisonment. Staff Col. Murat Kolçak and Staff Maj. Murat Yılmaz were given life sentence by an Erzurum court.

JANUARY 6, 2017

Prominent Turkish journalist Mustafa Ünal, under arrest since July 30, was infected with herpes zoster, yet he was not allowed to get medicine, according to his son. Ünal got infected with shingles and asked for prison management to see a doctor.

JANUARY 5, 2017

Detention warrants were issued for a total of 380 businessmen in 35 different provinces on the grounds that they provided financial support to the Gülen movement.

JANUARY 5, 2017

Detention warrants were issued for the wives of 105 military officers as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement. Police carried out operations in 31 different provinces. Suspects included the wives of 40 majors, 40 lieutenants, 14 lieutenant colonels, 14 first lieutenants and 2 colonels.

JANUARY 14, 2017

Italian lawyer Barbara Spinelli was not allowed by police to enter Turkey. According to Italian newspaper La Stampa, Spinelli was initially detained at Ataturk Airport and then deported in several hours. Focused on human rights issues and the Kurdish minority in Turkey in particular, Spinelli was bound to attend a panel conference titled "The Judicial System in Turkey under the State of Emergency rule," in Ankara.



JANUARY 15, 2017

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) co-rapporteur Ingeborg Godskesen said she would not return to Turkey if she were a Turkish officer applying for asylum in Norway. "I have similar concerns. If I were them, I would not return to Turkey," said Godskesen.

JANUARY 17, 2017

Rod Nordland from New York Times was denied entry to Turkey. New York Times reported that Nordland was detained by border officials at Istanbul Atatürk Airport and forced to take a flight back to London.



JANUARY 17, 2017

An indictment prepared by a Diyarbakır prosecutor sought a jail sentence of up to 142 years for pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) Co-chair Selahattin Demirtaş and up to 83 years for the party's other co-chair, Figen Yüksekdağ, who were both put behind bars in November 2016.

JANUARY 17, 2017

3 Turkish journalists who had been kept under police custody for the past 24 days, were arrested over terrorism charges. Tunca Ögreten, one of the editors of the Diken news portal, DIHA news manager Ömer Çelik, Birgün daily's accounting supervisor Mahir Kanaat were arrested on accusation of membership to a terrorist organization.

JANUARY 18, 2017

An indictment prepared by an Istanbul public prosecutor sought 10-year jail sentences for 28 journalists, most of whom worked for media outlets affiliated with the Gülen movement. Those indicted include Zaman daily journalists such as Ali Akkış, Büşra Erdal, Hanım Bünyamin Köseli, Cemal Azmi Kalyoncu, Habib Güler, Halil İbrahim Balta, Mustafa Erkan Acar, Bayram Kaya, Yakup Çetin and Emre Soncan. The other journalists indicted are Abdullah Kılıç, Ahmet Memiş, Atilla Taş, Bülent Ceyhan, Cihan Acar, Cuma Ulus, Davut Aydın, Gökçe Fırat Çulhaoğlu, Hüseyin Aydın, Muhammed Sait Kuloğlu, Muhterem Tanık, Murat Aksoy, Murat Çölgeçen, Oğuz Usluer, Seyid Kılıç, Ufuk Şanlı, Ünal Tanık and Yetkin Yıldız.

JANUARY 18, 2017

At least 137 civilians were detained by police in İzmir, Bolu, Malatya, Giresun, Ağrı, Eskişehir provinces over alleged coup involvement and links to the Gülen movement.

JANUARY 18, 2017

Ünal Tanık, owner and editor-in-chief of the Rota Haber news portal, which is among the dozens of media outlets closed down by the Turkish government in the aftermath of the coup attempt, was arrested on Jan. 19 after he was detained in Yalova the day before.

JANUARY 20, 2017

Eighty-six police officers and courthouse staff members were detained across several Turkish provinces due to alleged use of a smart phone application called ByLock and for links to the Gülen movement.

JANUARY 21, 2017

Detention warrants were issued for 180 members of the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) on charges of using ByLock. 123 of wanted soldiers Were from the Naval Forces Command.



JANUARY 23, 2017

A video shared on social media shows five children were left alone in tears in front of Sincan Prison in Ankara after their mother was detained while they were visiting their father in jail.

JANUARY 23, 2017

A total of 367 people were dismissed from state institutions, according to a new government decree. Turkish government issued four new decrees -682, 683, 684 and 685- under the post-coup State of Emergency which also shut down On4 TV and Kanal 12 channels.

JANUARY 29, 2017

Former TRT presenter Hamza Günerigök, who was on a list of suspects to be arrested in an investigation into the Gülen movement, was arrested after he was caught near the Greek border.

JANUARY 29, 2017

Thirty-four housewives were arrested by an Istanbul court due to alleged use of a smart phone application called ByLock and links to the Gülen movement.

JANUARY 28, 2017

German media reported that 40 members of the Turkish military who served at NATO posts until the failed coup sought asylum in Germany due to fear of persecution and torture in Turkey if they return.



JANUARY 20, 2017

Former Mardin co-mayor Ahmet Türk, who was arrested on Dec. 19 and transferred to a prison in Elazığ province on Jan. 17, was hospitalized on Jan. 25 as his overall physical condition is not good, his lawyer said.

JANUARY 25, 2017

Bilal Konakçı, a former bomb disposal expert for the İzmir Police Department who was retired after he lost his right hand and both eyes while trying to dispose of a bomb in 2009, was detained over links to the Gülen movement.

JANUARY 24, 2017

An Istanbul prosecutor demanded a 15-year sentence for each of 83 academics from Yıldız Technical University for alleged membership in the Gülen movement.





# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE

## FEBRUARY 2017

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Fadime Güney, a 32-year-old woman who gave birth at Alanya Başkent hospital on Jan. 31, was detained over alleged Gülen links on Feb. 1. A group of police officers arrived at the hospital and demanded Güney's immediate discharge from the hospital as soon as she delivered her baby. Almost after 12 hours of waiting outside of the hospital, police detained Güney and reportedly took her to a police station for interrogation.



FEBRUARY 1, 2017

The Haberdar daily reported that Staff Maj. Bilgehan Bulbul, the commander of the largest transport fleet of the Air Force Command in Ankara and the first female fleet commander, was detained over alleged involvement in the coup attempt on July 15. Bulbul, who was expected to become the first female general, and her husband Nail Bulbul are accused of being members of Gülen Movement.

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

A total of seventeen university students were arrested by a Turkish court in an investigation targeting the Gülen movement. According to the pro-gov't Sabah daily, police detained 38 people on Jan. 6 in simultaneous raids across Istanbul. Of those, 17 were sent to jail while 14 were released pending trial.

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Justice Minister Bekir Bozdağ announced that a total of 1,094 cases have been launched as a result of investigations into members of the Gülen movement since the failed coup attempt on July 15. Later the same day, detention warrants were issued for 177 former and on-duty police officers as part of an investigation into the movement.

FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Gov't-backed trustees were appointed to companies belonging to 32 purge-victim businessmen in Turkey's Aegean province of Uşak on charges of alleged coup involvement. Among them was a company owned by Hazım Sesli, the owner of major blanket producer, Sesli Battaniyeleri.

FEBRUARY 4, 2017

Turkey's Health Minister Recep Akdağ said over 6,500 staff members were dismissed from the ministry as part of an investigation targeting the Gülen movement. "About 1,500 doctors have been dismissed. This is not significant when considering the total number of doctors working within the ministry," added Akdağ during a visit to the Ordu office of the ruling Justice And Development Party.

FEBRUARY 4, 2017

Ninety-one civilians were arrested by a Turkish court due to alleged use of a smart phone application called ByLock and links to the Gülen movement. According to the state-run Anadolu news agency, police detained a total of 235 people on Jan. 21 in simultaneous raids across Turkey. Of those, 91 were sent to jail late on February 4.

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

With a new state of emergency decree issued on Feb. 7, the Turkish government dismissed 4,464 from state bodies. Of those, 2,585 teachers, public servants are from the Ministry of Education, 417 police officers are from the Security General Directorate and 893 others are from the Gendarmerie General Command. Also, a total of 330 academics from several universities across Turkey were dismissed with decree numbered 686.

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Filiz Y., a 30-year-old woman who gave birth at Mersin City Hospital On Feb. 6, was detained on Feb. 7 over alleged links to the Gülen movement. A video footage showed the moment plainclothes policemen detaining Filiz and taking her to the police station for interrogation.



FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Turkish journalist Sıtkı Özcan reported that a 12-year-old child died of brain cancer several months after Turkish border agents seized his and his parents' passports at Istanbul Atatürk Airport, causing the family to abandon their plans to receive cancer treatment in Cuba. "There was a kid, 12 years old. Had brain cancer. Doctor said he had 30 days left. The family had not lost hope and found a chance for treatment in Cuba," tweeted Özcan, adding: "However, that child you (Turkish officials) prevented from leaving the county passed away today. Furkan is no longer with us. Be proud!"



FEBRUARY 6, 2017

An indictment prepared by a Kayseri prosecutor sought a jail sentence of from three to 15 years for 71 businessmen due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. Later the same day, twenty-two lawyers were arrested by an Istanbul court in an investigation targeting the movement.

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Former assistant professor at Istanbul University's Faculty of Engineering, E.Ö. was detained along with his family in Turkey's border town of Meriç as they were attempting to flee to Greece.

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

An Ankara court ruled to block the website of TurkeyPurge.com without issuing prior notification, citing "legal consideration" of a law regarding crimes committed through social media. According to a notification sent by Twitter to TurkeyPurge's official e-mail address on Feb. 5, after technical analysis and legal consideration based on Law No. 07/00195, the Ankara 3rd Criminal Court of Peace blocked access to Turkeypurge.com with decision No. 34403158-42199.E.2635 on Jan. 13.

FEBRUARY 9, 2017

An Ankara court ruled for continuation of the imprisonment of journalist Aysenur Parlidak, who had been behind bars for six months. The 27-year-old reporter appeared in court in the first hearing on Feb. 9.

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

Turkish authorities sought a prison sentence of up to 3,126 years in total and 18 life sentences for 55 deputies of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), including imprisoned Co-chair Selahattin Demirtaş. The lawmakers are charged with 645 crimes, including terror propaganda, supporting terrorist groups such as the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and disrupting the public order.

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

A columnist at Doğan Media Group's Posta daily, Hakan Çelenk had his contract reportedly cancelled by the newspaper management days after he sarcastically criticized government plans for a presidential referendum.

FEBRUARY 11, 2017

Put under detention with his mother at Ankara's Sincan Prison, a two-month-old newborn had been denied access to breast milk for 17 days. According to CHP deputy Mahmut Tanal, the 53-days-old baby was not allowed to be breastfed by his mother for 17 days. The mother was reportedly detained as part of an investigation into the Gülen group.

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Turkey's Interior Minister Süleyman Soyulu announced that a total of 8,477 people have been detained while 2,603 of them have been jailed due to their alleged links to the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) over the Past five months.

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Tr724 news portal reported on Feb. 13 that Ayfer Yavuz, whose husband was imprisoned as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement, was put in jail along with her four-and-half-month-old infant when she went to Kars prison to visit her husband on Jan. 23.

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Turkish journalists have been languishing in prison for months, Amnesty International said as part of a campaign launched to demand their release. "Turkey has earned an accolade which holds no glory," the monitoring group stated underlining that Turkish government has become the worst jailer of journalists across the world.

FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Deniz Yücel, the Turkey representative of the German Die Welt daily, was detained by police over terrorism charges in Istanbul. Lawyer Veysel OK told BBC Turk that his client has been under detention over 72 hours at Istanbul Police Headquarters. Yücel was arrested 10 days later and sent to prison on February 27.



FEBRUARY 17, 2017

A.I.B. and his wife E.K.B. who are claimed to be the dentists of Fethullah Gülen, face up to 15 years in prison each. The couple is accused of membership to the Gülen movement.

FEBRUARY 17, 2017

At least 5 people have suspiciously died at the women's prison in Kocaeli's Gebze district over the second half the last year, Republican Peoples' Party (CHP) deputy Gamze Akkuş said, questioning possible negligence by authorities.

FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Emrah Özge Yelken, the public prosecutor in Afyon's Dinar district issued detention warrants for 21 women including mothers of newborn babies as well as elderly citizens, as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement. Turkish media reported that police rounded up all 21 women the same day.



FEBRUARY 18, 2017

A doctor who was earlier removed from his post at the Izmir-based Katip Çelebi University's hospital as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement, committed suicide on February 19 by jumping from the 10th floor of the hospital.

FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Ayşe Büyükgözici, the mother of a six-month-old baby boy, was reportedly detained in Balıkesir over alleged links to the Gülen movement and sent to Tekirdağ for interrogation, a city located some 200 kilometers from where she was detained.



FEBRUARY 20, 2017

Former judge Dursun Ali Gündoğdu and prosecutors Adnan Çimen and Sadrettin Sarıkaya, who had overseen an investigation into the Iran-backed Tevhid-Selam network in Turkey until they were dismissed in 2014, were arrested on February 20.

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Turkish parliament stripped HDP co-chair Figen Yüksekdağ of her parliamentary status.

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Access to German daily BILD's website was blocked by the Turkish government

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

One of the five largest sock companies in Turkey, Akin Çorap, which has an annual turnover of \$50 million, was transferred to Turkey's state-run Savings Deposit Insurance Fund (TMSF) due to its alleged links to the Gülen movement.



FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Turkish woman, identified with the initials H.G.D., was jailed along with her 7-months-old baby after the Supreme Court of Appeals upheld the decision sentencing her to 6 years and 3 months in prison. Having spent 1 year behind bars, H.G.D. was previously released in early 2013 as part of an investigation into the Kurdistan Communities Union (KKCK).

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Turkish police detained prominent Turkish businessman Hüseyin Hersek as part of an ongoing investigation on the alleged followers of the Gülen movement. Hersek is the president of Kırklareli Industry and Business Association and owns a tour company based in Kırklareli province.

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

The İzmir Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued detention warrants for 101 individuals including courthouse employees in İzmir, Manisa, Konya and Kütahya provinces. Anadolu news agency reported, 76 of them detained on the same day.

FEBRUARY 24, 2017

A female judge, identified with initials N.S.D., was arrested in Hakkari province as part of an investigation targeting the Gülen movement, reported by the Anadolu news agency.

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

State-run Anadolu news agency reported that a total of 1,734 people have been arrested since the failed coup attempt, while 18,194 others were on a detention list on charges of disseminating terror propaganda from their social media accounts.

FEBRUARY 22, 2017

Yavuz Bölük, a former police chief dismissed from profession following corruption probes implicating Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has colorectal cancer (CRC), and would be struck with paralysis if he was not given medical attention. Nurgül Bölük told Turkeypurge.com that her husband's pleas were ignored.

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

An annual report released by the Amnesty International said a failed coup attempt in July prompted a massive crackdown on the civil society in Turkey and the Gülen movement has been the main target.



# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY MARCH 2017

**MARCH 1, 2017**  
Veteran Turkish journalist Hasan Cemal was given a suspended prison sentence of 11 months, 20 days on charges of "insulting Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan." Cemal is a columnist with the T24 news website and a founding member of the P24 Independent Journalism Platform.

**MARCH 2, 2017**  
Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) submitted a list of names and mobile phone numbers of 112,000 people who use ByLock, a mobile application that Turkish authorities claim is a communication tool between members of the Gülen movement.



**MARCH 2, 2017**  
Abdi Aykut, who was allegedly tortured during a recent military blockade of the village of Koruköy in southeast Turkey's Mardin province, was arrested on charges of aiding a terrorist organization. Aykut's lawyer, Rıdvan Alp, said that despite objections due to his poor health after he was subjected to violence, the court handed down the verdict for his arrest.

**MARCH 3, 2017**  
A total of 1,846 people were dismissed from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. Minister of Science, Industry and Technology Faruk Özli announced.

**MARCH 4, 2017**  
The 2016 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices — the Human Rights Reports — released by the US State Department said that Turkish courts had imprisoned tens of thousands of people with little clarity on charges and evidence over their alleged links with a failed coup in July 2016 that was blamed on the Gülen movement.

**MARCH 5, 2017**  
Visually impaired Turkish journalist Cüneyt Arat was sentenced on Feb. 22 to 6 years 3 months in prison due to his alleged links to the Gülen movement. Arat tweeted that he was also given one year, 10 months and 15 days jail time for promoting a "terrorist" organization.



**MARCH 6, 2017**  
Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) sent a list of 910 academics to the Higher Education Board (YÖK), who should be dismissed from universities over their alleged use of ByLock chatting application, which is claimed by the government to be the top communication tool among the members of the Gülen movement.

**MARCH 16, 2017**  
Turkish Airlines (THY) says it has fired 26 more employees over their alleged links to the Gülen movement. The state-run company sacked the employees, including management, pilots and cabin crew, as part of a purge of state institutions. According to the Anadolu news agency, with the most recent dismissals, the total number of those sacked from THY reached 237.

**MARCH 13, 2017**  
A total of 31 academics working at Eskişehir-based Anatolian University were detained over alleged links to the Gülen movement. The detentions took place across 5 provinces — Eskişehir, Konya, Izmir, Bursa and Adana — as part of an investigation launched by the Eskişehir Chief Prosecutor's Office.

**MARCH 10, 2017**  
The Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued detention warrants for 102 people working at the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock over alleged links to the Gülen movement.

**MARCH 9, 2017**  
Noemi Levy-Aksu, an assistant professor of history at Turkey's prestigious Boğaziçi University, was dismissed from her position. This is the first time Boğaziçi University dismissed one of its academics since a coup attempt on July 15, 2016.

**MARCH 9, 2017**  
Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım announced that the ongoing state of emergency will be extended for three more months and remain in effect until July 2017.

**MARCH 8, 2017**  
A total of 104 suspects including professors and personnel at Mustafa Kemal University (MKÜ) were detained in Hatay-based operation. Later the same day, Turkish prosecutors issued detention warrants for a total of 142 people across 32 provinces due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement.

**MARCH 8, 2017**  
Bilal T., a Turkish citizen who was arrested over his alleged use of a smartphone messaging application called ByLock, walked free after nearly 7 months behind bars. The prosecutor had accused Bilal of using the mobile application. However, it was later revealed that the phone Bilal had used Nokia 3310, a mobile phone that is not capable of running smartphone applications, including ByLock.

**MARCH 7, 2017**  
Zehra Doğan, a Turkish painter and reporter for the now-closed Dicle news agency, was given a prison sentence of two years, nine months, 22 days for painting the destruction caused by operations carried out in the Nusaybin district of Mardin province by Turkish security forces against the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

**MARCH 7, 2017**  
Mehmet Tosun, a 29-year-old Turkish judge who was expelled from his job and subsequently arrested over alleged involvement in the coup attempt, died of cancer in prison. "Mehmet Tosun, 29 year-old, a judge of Council of State. Dismissed with a decree, arrested, got sick in prison, died yesterday, buried today," Hüseyin Aygün, a former deputy of the main opposition People's Republican Party (CHP), tweeted.

**MARCH 22, 2017**  
Özlem Yüzgeç, the wife of Mehmet Yüzgeç, one of the prosecutors who conducted a corruption probe that became public in late 2013 and implicated senior members of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) government, was arrested in Kahramanmaraş province late on March 22.

**MARCH 21, 2017**  
At least 108,290 people were dismissed from state institutions as part of post-coup operations, according to Labor Minister Mehmet Müezzinoğlu. 94,867 people were sacked over their alleged links to the Gülen movement while the remaining 13,423 were dismissed for perceived ties to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). Müezzinoğlu said during a TV show.

**MARCH 21, 2017**  
Detention warrants were issued for 265 people including students and what the government calls group leaders, as part of an Ankara-based probe against the Gülen movement. Police carried out operations in 20 provinces and have rounded up 105 people on March 21.

**MARCH 18, 2017**  
Turkish Defense Minister Fikri İhsan stated that the ruling Justice and Development Party government dismissed a total of 22,920 military personnel after a coup attempt on July 15. İhsan said 6,511 officers and 16,409 cadets were dismissed from the military. The cadets included 4,080 from military high schools, 6,140 from noncommissioned officers colleges and 6,179 from university-level military schools.



**MARCH 18, 2017**  
Turkeypurge.com reported that Ali Osman Karahan, an 86-year-old Turkish man with walking and speaking difficulties had been kept in an Isparta prison for almost eight months over alleged links to the Gülen movement. A video footage, posted by Karahan's grandson on Twitter, showed the moment a police officer in plain clothes walks Karahan into a building where he will be testifying before a judge.

**MARCH 17, 2017**  
A report prepared by two academics for the Human Rights Joint Platform (IHOP) revealed that a total of 2,673 cases have been filed against individuals on charges of insulting the president over the past six months.

**MARCH 16, 2017**  
Turkey's Supreme Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK) dismissed 202 more judges and prosecutors over alleged links to the Gülen movement. With the dismissals, total number of purged judges and prosecutors has reached 4,272.

**MARCH 16, 2017**  
The body of Murat Zümre, a computer engineer at the 15th Missile Base Command in Istanbul who was dismissed from his post due to alleged links to the Gülen movement and investigated for the same reason, was found in the Maritsa River 78 days after he went missing. Turkish media reported.

**MARCH 22, 2017**  
The deaths of 53 individuals who allegedly committed suicide either after being imprisoned, released or due to fear of being taken into custody over perceived links to the July 15 coup attempt should be considered suspicious until a thorough probe is carried out for each case, the Stockholm Freedom Center (SCF) said. The Sweden-based monitoring group said 22 people were killed while under custody, 5 in police custody and the remaining 26 individuals suspected of having ties to the alleged coup plotters died outside.

**MARCH 22, 2017**  
A New York Times article said that Serkan Gölge, a Turkish-born NASA scientist who was arrested as part of Turkey's post-coup crackdown against perceived enemies, is now allowed to see the sun only for an hour a day, as he is being kept in pre-trial detention in an Istanbul prison. Facing up to 15 years in prison, Gölge is accused of being a CIA operative.

**MARCH 22, 2017**  
The governor's office in the province of Isparta announced that a total of 1,143 people have been dismissed from public service as part of a purge of the Gülen movement since July 15, 2016. The majority of civil servants were from the education and police departments and includes academics from Süleyman Demirel University as well.

**MARCH 23, 2017**  
Ali Özer, a 48-year-old medical doctor jailed due to his alleged links to the Gülen movement, died of a heart attack in Çorum Prison. The doctor died at the Çorum Teaching and Research Hospital, where he was taken after suffering a heart attack in his prison ward.

**MARCH 25, 2017**  
A total of 2,750 members have been expelled from Turkey's Galatasaray, the disciplinary board of the club announced. According to the announcement, majority of the board members voted to revoke the membership of former prosecutor Zekeriya Öz, former governors Sahabettin Harput and Hüseyin Avni Mutlu; former footballer İsmail Demiriz, businessman Hazim Sesli, former stars Nakan Sükür and Arif Erdem.

**MARCH 31, 2017**  
Turkeypurge.com reported that at least 2586 people were detained, with 423 of them put under arrest, in operations targeting the Gülen movement and Turkey's Kurdish minority throughout March.

**MARCH 31, 2017**  
All 21 journalists who had been in pre-trial detention for eight months and were to be released pending trial on March 30 were arrested again early on March 31 without ever having been freed. The Istanbul 25th High Criminal Court had ruled March 30 for the release of 21 out of 26 journalists. However, the prosecutor's objection to the decision accepted by the court.

**MARCH 28, 2017**  
Turkish theatre player Juilde Kural received a suspended 15-month sentence for standing in for a day as editor-in-chief of a pro-Kurdish daily as a part of a solidarity campaign launched against the investigations into the newspaper.



**MARCH 27, 2017**  
Fatma Saadet Yilmazer and Rabia Fitnat Yilmazer, daughters of jailed former police intelligence chief Ali Fuat Yilmazer, were arrested by an Istanbul court. Yilmazer was jailed following corruption probes in late 2013 implicating then-Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's government.

**MARCH 25, 2017**  
Romanian police seized the passport of Soner Cesur, a Turkish businessman with investments in Romania upon a demand made by the Turkish government, the Global News website reported. According to the news, Cesur's passport was seized by police at Henri Coanda Airport.





**APRIL 1, 2017**  
A total of 262 Turkish diplomatic and military personnel have applied for political asylum in Germany. Der Spiegel reported. According to the report, the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) has not finalized any of the applications.

**APRIL 1, 2017**  
A Turkish court banned all services of Periscope, a live video broadcasting platform owned by Twitter popularly used by opposition deputies. The ban came several weeks before a referendum on a constitutional package that would switch Turkey to an executive presidency.

**APRIL 3, 2017**  
An Antalya court re-arrested a total of 16 individuals including journalists and police officers over their alleged links to Gülen movement shortly after their release by another court last week. The Antalya 2nd High Criminal Court last week released 20 police officers and eight journalists on judicial probation. The Antalya 3rd High Criminal Court ruled for the re-arrest of 16 of them following objection from prosecutors against their release. Zaman's former local news representative in Antalya, Tuncer Çetinkaya and journalists Serhat Şeftali and Olgun Matur are among the re-arrested journalists.

**APRIL 3, 2017**  
Supporters of the ruling AKP protested Turkey's global food giant, Ülker, which recently drew attention with a controversial TV commercial, by posting videos in which they cut, stab and execute biscuits and chocolates produced by the company. An April's Fools Day advertisement by Turkey's largest food company, Ülker, triggered panic among AKP supporters amid accusations that the video heralded a military coup.



**APRIL 3, 2017**  
An Ankara court ruled to block access to Turkeypurge.com and @TurkeyPurge twitter account for the third time in 6 months. According to a notification sent by Twitter to Turkey Purge's official e-mail address on April 3, after technical analysis and legal consideration based on Law No. 5651, Ankara Gözbaşı Criminal Court blocked access to @TurkeyPurge with a decision No. 34403158-421.98-E17987 on March 22.

**APRIL 4, 2017**  
A prosecutor issued detention warrants for 41 employees of Turkey's Court of Accounts due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. The detention warrants were issued by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office for 41 people across seven provinces.

**APRIL 5, 2017**  
Speaking at a rally in Zonguldak, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that Gülenists in the country will not enjoy the right to life. "We are purging every Gülenist in the army, in the police and in state institutions. And we will continue cleansing them because we will eradicate this cancer from the body of this country. They will not enjoy the right to life."

**APRIL 11, 2017**  
Co-Chairperson of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) Figen Yüksekdağ was sentenced to 1 year in prison for "disseminating the propaganda of a terrorist organization."

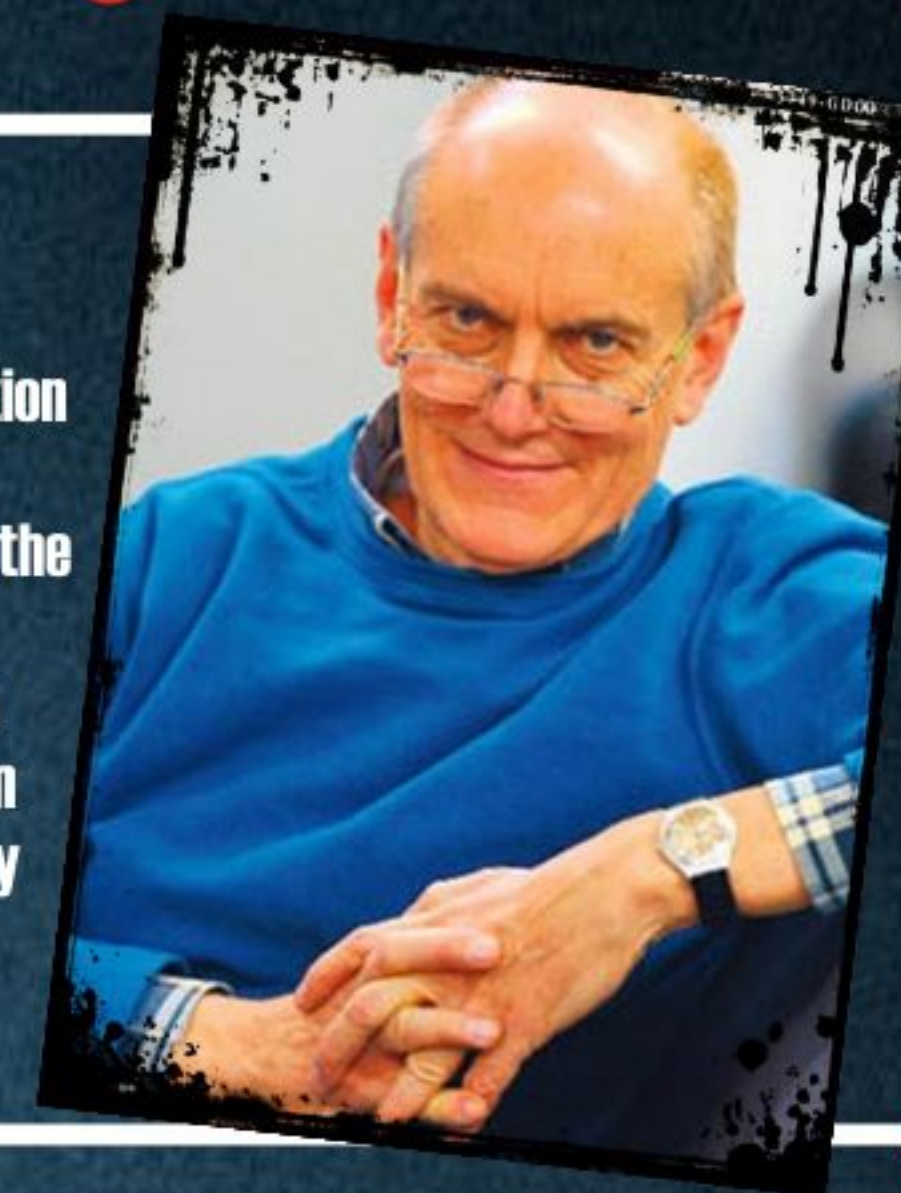
**APRIL 11, 2017**  
Kadir Eyce, a 33-year-old police officer jailed due to alleged links to the Gülen movement, died on April 11, several weeks after he was released from prison due to health problems. These two images were taken days before Eyce was sent to jail for depositing money in Bank Asya, a Gülen movement-linked lender, and after he was released pending trial.



**APRIL 11, 2017**  
An indictment prepared by an Istanbul prosecutor sought three consecutive life sentences for 30 individuals who include journalists and executives from the now-closed Zaman daily on coup charges. There are a total of 30 suspects in the indictment, 21 of whom are jailed. Mümtazer Türköne, Sahin Alpay, Ali Buluç, Ahmet Metin Sekizkardes, Ahmet Turan Alkan, Alaattin Güner, Cuma Kaya, Faruk Akkan, Hakan Tasdelen, Hüseyin Belli, Hüseyin Turan, İbrahim Karayegen, İsmail Küçük, Mehmet Özdemir, Murat Avcıoğlu, Mustafa Ünal, Onur Kutlu, Sedat Yetiskin, Seref Yılmaz, Yüksel Durgut ve Zafer Özsoy tutuklu. Ahmet İrem, Ali Hüseyinçelebi, Süleyman Sargın, Osman Nuri Arslan, Osman Nuri Öztürk, Lalezer Sarıbrahimoğlu, Nuriye Ural and Orhan Kemal Cengiz are mentioned as suspects in the indictment.

**APRIL 10, 2017**  
An indictment prepared against 77 academics from the Bolu-based Abant İzzet Baysal University (AİBU) sought up to 15 years in prison each of 75 and up to 22 years for the remaining two. The 72-page indictment accuses M.Y. and K.G. of leading a terrorist organization, a crime in the Turkish law that carries a potential penalty of a prison term of between 15-22 years. Seventy-five academics including a former AİBU rector face between 7.5 years and 15 years in jail on accusation of membership to a terrorist organization.

**APRIL 7, 2017**  
The Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued detention warrants for 38 people working for the state-run Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) on allegations that they have links to the Gülen movement.



**APRIL 6, 2017**  
Turkey's Higher Education Board (YÖK) cancelled the work permit of a British academic, Chris Stephenson, who signed a peace declaration which in early 2016 calling on the Turkish government to halt operations by security forces in southeastern Turkey.

**APRIL 11, 2017**  
Gabriele del Grande, an Italian journalist working for the ANSA news agency, was detained during a security check in the southern province of Hatay.

**APRIL 12, 2017**  
An indictment prepared by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office is seeking three consecutive life sentences for 150 military officers at the Land Forces Command over their alleged involvement in the failed coup attempt on July 15, 2016.

**APRIL 13, 2017**  
At least 16 people were detained in the western province of Izmir, including a 50-year-old hairdresser, identified as İ.D., who used to give haircut to Fethullah Gülen during 1990s.

**APRIL 15, 2017**  
The 74-year-old businessman Recep Erdem, under arrest as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement, passed away after a heart attack while his two children, also in prison over similar charges, were allowed to attend funeral ceremony only in handcuffs.



**APRIL 17, 2017**  
Yasar Kavalcioglu, one of the prosecutors who gave the order to stop National Intelligence Organization (MIT) trucks that were suspected of illegally transporting weapons to Syria in 2014, was arrested by an Istanbul court.

**APRIL 17, 2017**  
Hakan T., a Kurdish civilian, was arrested by a Bursa court for wearing a T-shirt featuring an independent Kurdistan map while voting in a referendum on a switch to an executive presidency.

**APRIL 19, 2017**  
Human Rights Watch (HRW), a US-based international non-governmental organization that conducts research and advocacy on human rights, said that Turkey's government and president should reverse the decision to extend the state of emergency after winning the April 16 presidential referendum and end the wave of political repression unleashed in the months before the vote.

**APRIL 20, 2017**  
Forest engineer, identified as Savas A., received a jail sentence of 6 years and 3 months for his ties to the Gülen movement, which the government blames for the July 15 coup attempt and labels as a terrorist organization.

**APRIL 20, 2017**  
The Istanbul 64th Penal Court of First Instance fined columnist Tugrul Çelik TL 4,391 for "insulting" President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's son Bilal Erdogan in an article published by the Türk Solu daily on Oct. 25, 2015.

**APRIL 21, 2017**  
At least 2,462 "No" campaigners were detained and 453 sent to jail during the 85-day campaign in the run up to a referendum in Turkey to extend the country's presidential powers. According to a recent report released by the pro-Kurdish HDP, the past two months were a "total violation of democratic principles across the country."

**APRIL 21, 2017**  
A total of 359 individuals have so far been ordered by Turkish courts to wear electronic ankle bracelets due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. Turkey's general director of prisons and houses of detention, Enis Yavuz Yıldırım stated.

**APRIL 21, 2017**  
Minutes before paying a visit to her jailed father early on Sunday morning, İ.A. was photographed in front of Sakarya I. Type Prison wearing a T-shirt bearing a photo of her newborn baby brother. She couldn't bring the infant himself to visit due to regulations; therefore, his photo was printed on her T-shirt to show the imprisoned father his newborn son.



**APRIL 23, 2017**  
Kazim Kizil, a filmmaker and photojournalist known for his documentaries on human rights violations in Turkey, was put under pre-trial detention after being detained by police while covering protests in the aftermath of an April 16 referendum in Izmir, his lawyer said.

**APRIL 24, 2017**  
A Sırnak court ruled for the arrest of Yannis Vasilis Yaylali, a peace activist and conscientious objector, for "insulting" President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and "disseminating terrorist propaganda" for the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

**APRIL 25, 2017**  
Judges Metin Özcelik and Mustafa Baser who in April 2015 ruled to release Hidayet Karaca, the head of the now-closed opposition broadcaster Samanyolu TV, were sentenced to 10 years in jail each on accusation that they had abused their judicial power.



**APRIL 30, 2017**  
Turkeypurge.com reported that Mustafa Erdogan, a Supreme Court of Appeals member until he was dismissed as part of the government's post-coup purge of public institutions, was kept in a holding cell at a private hospital since Dec. 30, 2016.



**APRIL 29, 2017**  
Access to Wikipedia was blocked in Turkey as a result of "a provisional administrative order" imposed by the Turkish Telecommunication's Authority (BTK).



**APRIL 29, 2017**  
The Turkish government issued two new state of emergency decrees, dismissing 3,974 people including 484 academics from state institutions while banning "wedding match" programs on TV. 1,037, including a general from the Turkish military, 1,127 from the Justice Ministry, 216 from the Ministry of Health, 56 from the Gendarmerie, 120 from the Coast Guard and 201 from the Religious Affairs Directorate were dismissed. The scholarships of 59 exchange students who were studying abroad, mostly in the US, have been cancelled.

**APRIL 26, 2017**  
Turkey, which has around 240 journalists jailed in its prisons, is ranked 155th among 180 countries in the 2017 World Press Freedom Index released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF).

**APRIL 26, 2017**  
An Ankara court ruled to block access to Turkeypurge.com and @TurkeyPurge twitter account. The website was previously banned three times by different courts in Ankara.

**APRIL 26, 2017**  
The Turkish government suspended a total of 9,103 police officers due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement. 2,500 of those suspended worked in Istanbul, while 1,350 were in Ankara. Later the same day Turkish prosecutors issued detention warrants for a total of 4,900 people in the police force due to their alleged links to the group.

**APRIL 26, 2017**  
At least 803 people have been detained as part of an Ankara-based investigation into the Gülen movement. Detention warrants were issued for 1000 police officers in 53 provinces over their alleged or real ties to the movement. As many as 8,500 police officers were ordered to carry out simultaneous raids in 81 provinces to detain their colleagues across the country.



# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE

## MAY 2017



A number of TV and radio stations, which were closed down by the government in the aftermath of a failed coup attempt on July 15 due to their links to the Gülen movement, were sold to the pro-gov't Turkuvaz Media Group without a tender for alleged membership in a terrorist organization and disseminating the propaganda of a terrorist organization.

MAY 4, 2017

Mehmet Güles, a reporter for the Dicle News Agency, which was closed by the government following the coup attempt on July 15, was sentenced by a court in Elazig province to nine years, four months and 15 days in prison for alleged membership in a terrorist organization and disseminating the propaganda of a terrorist organization.

MAY 4, 2017



A.A., a 2nd degree police officer until he was dismissed under a post-coup government decree, was shot in his leg and detained by his former colleagues as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement in Ankara.

MAY 3, 2017

Aysenur Parıldak, a former reporter from the now-closed Zaman daily, was released early on May 2, and then re-arrested by the same court hours before leaving prison upon a prosecutor objected to the initial ruling. While Parıldak and Her family were awaiting her release, a prosecutor from the Ankara Public Prosecutor's Office petitioned the court for her re-arrest, claiming that the Information Technologies and Communications Authority (BTK) was sending new evidence from her mobile phone.

MAY 2, 2017

An indictment prepared by an Istanbul prosecutor sought three years sentence for Mümtaz'er Türküne, a political science professor and columnist for now-closed Zaman daily on charges of "threatening Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan" in a column February 2016.

MAY 2, 2017

Bursa police rounded up 7 teachers after a raid against a central bookstore in Istanbul. Detainees included an accountant and two bookstore personnel. According to state-run Anadolu news agency, 10 other were taken into custody as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement.

MAY 2, 2017

At least 165 individuals were detained during the celebrations held across Turkey to mark May Day, according to the Istanbul Security General Directorate. A total of 30,000 police officers were deployed in Istanbul to maintain security during the celebrations while demonstrators are not allowed to enter Taksim Square, where thousands of police officers are on duty.

MAY 1, 2017



Turkish Justice Minister Bekir Bozdağ said 149,833 people have been investigated and 48,636 have been jailed as part of an investigation targeting the Gülen movement since a July 15 coup attempt in Turkey.

MAY 7, 2017

The Bingöl Governor's Office declared a curfew in 20 villages and at least 83 neighborhoods in the eastern province of Bingöl as part of operations against members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

MAY 8, 2017

An indictment drafted by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office seeks a consecutive life sentences and additional jail sentence of up to 10 years for Turkish comedian Atalay Demirel on coup charges. In the indictment, Twitter messages between Demirel and Enes Kanter, a basketball player in the NBA, was cited as evidence for Demirel's links to the Gülen movement.

MAY 4, 2017

At least 98 people including teachers, doctors, military officers and small business owners were detained as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement. Police carried out operations in Izmir, Ankara, Aydın, and Antalya provinces; and took into custody 98 suspects who are accused of giving financial support to the movement.

MAY 5, 2017

A report released by the Diyarbakır branch of the Human Rights Association (İHD) revealed that a total of 7,907 rights violations took place in Turkey's predominantly Kurdish Southeast in the first three months of 2017.

MAY 5, 2017

Turkey's top judicial body, the Supreme Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK), has dismissed 107 more judges and prosecutors over alleged ties to the Gülen movement.

MAY 5, 2017

Der Spiegel reported that at least 450 Turkish diplomats, military personnel, judges and other civil servants sought asylum in Germany in a bid to escape a post-coup crackdown back home. "Currently the Federal office for migration and refugees (BAMF) considers relevant about 450 applications from Turkish diplomats, military personnel, judges and other civil servants," the magazine reported.

MAY 6, 2017

Under arrest since July 31, 2016, veteran columnist and writer Ali Buluç said he is being denied access to books in prison. "Let them give me meal only once a day. It doesn't matter if they leave me to starve but they shall not keep me without books. I am 66 years old. I want to write a new book but I can't. This affects me more than hunger," Buluç told opposition CHP deputies during their visit to the prison.

MAY 7, 2017



Aysun Aydemir, an English teacher who gave birth to a baby in an elective caesarean procedure on May 12, detained at the hospital on May 15 and subsequently arrested by a court and put in pretrial detention with a 3-day-old baby in Zonguldak province as part of a witch-hunt targeting the Gülen group.

MAY 15, 2017

Malay authorities deported three Turkish nationals to Turkey, according to police chief Khalid Abu Bakar. Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and UN Human Rights Office for South-East Asia earlier called on Malay officials to refrain from extradition as the detainees are affiliated with the Gülen movement.

MAY 12, 2017

Turkish border Agents detained the responsible manager of the now-closed TV10 TV station at Istanbul's Sabiha Gökçen Airport on the night of May 10 with her one-year-old baby upon her arrival from Germany.

MAY 10, 2017

Credible reports of mass torture and abuse in an unofficial detention center in the Turkish capital have been received by the Stockholm Center for Freedom (SCF), a monitoring group for rights violations in Turkey, according to a report on their website on May 9.

MAY 9, 2017

Turkish police raided the Belge publishing house in Istanbul, searching the venue for about three hours, direnisteyiz5.org reported. The officials reportedly prevented employees from leaving, seized a total of 2170 books and briefly detained editor Mehmet Ali Varis. The publishing house was raided on accusation of having links to the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C).

MAY 9, 2017

A court in Istanbul handed down a sentence of 22 years, six months to both Cavheri Güven and Murat Çapan, top editors of now-closed Nokta magazine on May 22.

MAY 22, 2017

Public sector workers who were earlier dismissed from their jobs under post-coup state of emergency rule are being denied a future in Turkey as they are prevented from finding employment elsewhere and blocked from going abroad as well, Amnesty International said in a report on May 22.

MAY 22, 2017

Detained over coup charges in late February, Senay Olgun Sağlam, a mother of one who is pregnant with her second child, suffered from weight loss due to poor dietary standards in prison. According to a report by the Aktifhaber online news portal and several social media accounts, Sağlam faces a risky pregnancy due to malnutrition in prison.

MAY 21, 2017

Detention warrants were issued for leading opposition newspaper, Sozen's publisher, two executives and one reporter over Gülen links. Publisher Burak Akbay, reporter Gökmen Ulu as well as executives Melda Olgun and Yonca Kaleli are accused of making propaganda on behalf of the Gülen movement.

MAY 19, 2017

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's security guards attacked a group of people who gathered outside the Turkish embassy residence in the US capital to protest his policies back home. Erdoğan met with US President Donald Trump in a scheduled gathering on Tuesday. During his visit to the Turkish embassy residence in Washington DC after the meeting, his supporters clashed with another group who gathered outside the embassy building in order to protest Erdoğan's policies in Turkey.

MAY 17, 2017



Turgay Karaman and İsmet Özcelik, two of the three Turkish nationals who were earlier deported back home by Malaysian officials despite international calls over torture risk were put in pre-trial detention May 25.

MAY 25, 2017

Turkeypurge.com reported that at least 43 more companies were seized over coup charges between Apr 1 and May 24, bringing the total number of companies under the state-run Savings Deposit Insurance Fund's control to 922.

MAY 26, 2017

A total of 154,695 individuals have been detained and 50,136 others have been sent to prison since a failed coup attempt on July 15 in Turkey, the state-run Anadolu news Agency reported.

MAY 28, 2017

Former Zaman columnist and academic, Abdülkadir Civan was sentenced to 10 years and 5 months in prison over alleged membership to a terrorist organization.

MAY 31, 2017



Semih Özakça and Nuriye Gülmen, two educators who went on a hunger strike after they were fired by government decrees in the aftermath of a July 15 coup attempt in Turkey and were arrested. The educators were detained after police searched their homes in the early in the morning, and then referred to the Ankara Courthouse with the prosecutor demanding their arrest on the 76th of their hunger strike. Among the reasons for the detention, the prosecutor claimed that their hunger strike could trigger widespread protests as was in Gezi Park in 2013 and like Tekel protests in 2009.

MAY 23, 2017



# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKISH COUP PURGE JUNE 2017

JUNE 1, 2017

Under arrest as part of a post-coup investigation into the coup attempt, Aydın Sefa Akay, an Ankara-born United Nations (UN) judge faced up to 15 years in prison. Arrested on Sept 26, 2016, Akay was accused of membership to the movement, attempting to abolish Constitutional order and murder. A judge on the Mechanism for the International Criminal Tribunals (MICT), Akay earlier denied any links to the movement, describing himself as a Freemason.

JUNE 2, 2017

Elif Aslaner, a religious education teacher who gave birth to a baby late on May 31 at a private hospital in Bursa, was detained due to her alleged links to Turkey's Gülen group on June 2. According to a statement from her husband, police teams arrived at the hospital the evening of on May 31 to detain Aslaner; however, the woman's doctor said she should be kept under supervision for at least 48 hours because of possible complications.



JUNE 2, 2017

A 9-year-old girl was reportedly separated from her foster family as the adoptive father was being under investigation over his alleged links to the Gülen movement. An official from Turkey's Ministry of Family and Social Policy in late November, 2016 told media that authorities may remove children from homes if their guardians are found to be supporters of the coup attempt.

JUNE 2, 2017

Turkish police detained Professor Mehmet Kanter, father of NBA Oklahoma City Thunder player Enes Kanter, who the government seeks to arrest over links to the Gülen movement. Kanter's father was detained in Kadıköy as part of an investigation launched by the Tekirdağ Public Prosecutor's Office. "HEY WORLD MY DAD HAS BEEN ARRESTED by Turkish government and the Hitler of our century He is potentially to get tortured as thousand others," tweeted Enes Kanter.

JUNE 3, 2017

Nazlı N. Mert, who gave birth to a baby at Lokman Hekim Hospital in Ankara's Etilik neighborhood early on June 3, was detained by police and taken to a police station with her newborn baby later the same day. Nazlı reportedly gave birth to a baby in a caesarean procedure and her husband had previously been arrested and imprisoned over his alleged ties to the Gülen group.



JUNE 3, 2017

Turkish police detained political observer and owner of the MetroPoll polling company, Professor Özer Sencar.

JUNE 3, 2017

President Erdoğan said in a public speech that if people affiliated with Turkey's Gülen group are released from prison after completing their prison terms, the Turkish public will "punish them in the streets." "If they [Gülenists] are released after completing their prison sentences, every time they see them in the streets, my people will punish them," Erdoğan said.

JUNE 7, 2017

An Istanbul prosecutor submitted an indictment seeking three consecutive life sentences for former Istanbul Governor Hüseyin Avni Mutlu and former Police Chief Hüseyin Çapkın. Later the same day, HDP co-chairperson Figen Yüksekdağ was handed down a prison sentence of one year for "publicly insulting the government of Turkey."

JUNE 7, 2017

Seventy-three teachers, who were earlier dismissed from their jobs, were detained in an Istanbul-based investigation into the Gülen movement. Later the same day, Detention warrants were issued for 128 people as part of an investigation into Kaynak Holding, an Istanbul-based conglomerated the government seized in late 2015.

JUNE 6, 2017

An indictment drafted by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office sought two consecutive life sentences for 13 people, including prominent Turkish journalists and pop singer Atilla Tas, on coup charges. The journalists named in the indictment are National Party (UPİ) leader and Türk Solu weekly columnist Gökçe Fırat Çulhaoglu, Yakup Çetin, Binyamin Köse, Cihan Acar, Abdullah Kılıç, Oğuz Usluer, Hüseyin Aydın, Murat Aksoy, Mustafa Erkan, Seyit Kılıç, Yetkin Yıldız, Ali Akkus and famous pop singer Tas. The indictment revealed that the suspects are accused of membership in a terrorist organization due to their stories, critical tweets and retweets.



JUNE 5, 2017

Esra Demir, 31-year-old teacher who gave birth to a baby at a Batman hospital on June 4, was reportedly detained by police and taken to a police station with her newborn baby on June 5. CHP Istanbul deputy Sezgin Tanrikulu said in a tweet that Demir was taken to the police station only a day after she gave birth.

JUNE 5, 2017

In a written statement on June 5, Interior Ministry said 920 people were detained over their alleged links to the Gülen movement between May 29 and June 5. The ministry also said another 81 were detained on charges of terrorist propaganda on social media.

JUNE 5, 2017

Turkey's Interior Ministry released the list of 130 people who are currently abroad including Turkish-Islamic scholar Fethullah Gülen and two deputies from the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) who will be stripped of citizenship if they do not return to the country within three months. The list was published in the Monday version of the Official Gazette.

JUNE 8, 2017

Turkeypurg.com reported that 62-year-old religion and ethics teacher Hüseyin Pembe, arrested for raising donations on behalf of a Gülenist charity, passed away after his battle with cancer in prison. With the starting date for his imprisonment still unknown, Pembe had been under arrest in Samsun prison for at least four months.



JUNE 9, 2017

Taner Kılıç, a lawyer and the chairman of Amnesty International Turkey's board, was arrested by an Izmir court as part of an investigation into Turkey's Gülen group. According to a tweet posted by Gauri Van Gulik, deputy Europe Director at Amnesty International, Kılıç was "charged and remanded in pre-trial detention."



JUNE 10, 2017

A high criminal court in the southern province of Adana applied to Turkey's Justice Ministry demanding the revocation of the Turkish citizenship of journalist Bilal Ögütçü over terror charges.

JUNE 10, 2017

Ten people, including three members of the Turkish Communist Party (TKP), were sentenced to 11 months, 20 days in prison for allegedly insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The convicts were accused of insulting Erdoğan in a press statement in the Salihli district of Manisa province following a Bomb attack in Ankara in 2015.

JUNE 11, 2017

Turkeypurg.com reported that Turkish government closed down 15 universities across the country since last summer, leading 66,000 students to look for somewhere else to continue their education.

JUNE 11, 2017

A group of police officers awaited for hours outside Private Yalova Hospital in order to detain a woman who gave birth on June 10. Havva Hamamcioğlu gave birth late on June 10, 2017. Hours later, police came and demanded Hamamcioğlu's immediate discharge from the hospital. After a long wait outside the hospital, police managed to detain the mother and reportedly took her to police station for interrogation. Whereabouts of Hamamcioğlu and her baby are still unknown.



JUNE 14, 2017

An Istanbul court sentenced main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) deputy and a former journalist Enis Berberoğlu to 25 years in prison over a report on National Intelligence Organization (MIT) trucks. A report in Cumhuriyet newspaper claimed in May 2015 that MIT trucks were stopped by gendarmerie in early 2014 while carrying weapons to Syria.

JUNE 15, 2017

The main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) kicked off a "march of justice" from Turkey's capital Ankara to Istanbul in protest of the arrest of CHP deputy Enis Berberoğlu. Kılıçdaroğlu started the march at Ankara's Güven Park on June 15 with a banner in his hand that read only one word: justice. The opposition leader concluded his march to Istanbul in 3 weeks and held a mass rally in Maltepe with almost 1.5 million attendance.

JUNE 15, 2017

A 60-year-old Turkish man whose son has been kept in Istanbul Silivri Prison for over 10 months on coup charges, attended a "March of Justice" kicked off by the main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) in order to demand his son's release. Uncle Veysel's son was Air Force Academy student and arrested after July 15 coup attempt on charges of attempting to eliminate the constitutional order, attempting to overthrow the Turkish government and the Parliament by use of force and membership in a terror organization.



JUNE 17, 2017

Zehra Elbir, a former court clerk who was earlier dismissed from her job in the government's post-coup purge of state institutions, was detained only 40 days after she gave birth to her second child during a visit to her husband in prison.

JUNE 18, 2017

Turkeypurg.com reported that Fatih Altınay, owner of now-closed Merzifon Ottoman Kitchen Restaurant and famed Topuz Kebap, has been kept in an Amasya prison for almost 10 months over his alleged links to the coup involvement.



JUNE 20, 2017

Three people, accused of attacking police headquarters and tortured under detention in the eastern Turkish province of Van, turned out to be civilians who were collecting mushrooms on a mountainside.



JUNE 23, 2017

Jiyar Gol, BBC World Bilingual correspondent and filmmaker, tweeted that he was detained by police at Istanbul's Atatürk Airport and then deported because of his reports on Turkey. According to the tweets posted by Gol, he was kept under custody for five hours.

JUNE 27, 2017

Turkey's Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK) said that at least 102,000 Gülenists had used ByLock, a mobile application claimed to be the once-top communication tool among Gülenists.

JUNE 23, 2017

A total of 52 teachers were given varying jail sentences of between 3 years and 10.5 years in Eskisehir. 4 teachers received 10.5 years, 19 teachers got 9 years, 14 of them were sentenced to 7.5 years and the remaining 15 were given 3 years, 1 month and 15 days in prison.

JUNE 23, 2017

Hatice Avan, who gave birth to a baby in the western Turkish province of Denizli on June 22, was detained on June 23 over alleged links to the Gülen movement. Avan, who used to work at a student dormitory affiliated with the Gülen movement until three years ago, was taken to the prosecutor's office although her doctor warned that she had just had surgery and was suffering from poor health.

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JUNE 23, 2017

Turkey's Education Minister İsmet Yılmaz said nearly 33,000 teachers have been dismissed from their jobs as a result of anti-coup investigations so far. "Due to and as a result of this coup, nearly 33,000 teachers were discharged. We also completed disciplinary proceeding for some 14,000 teachers who participated in unlawful protests," Yılmaz said in a statement.



# CHRONOLOGY OF TURKEY PURGE JULY 2017

JULY 1, 2017

Fourteen İzmir people and the chief editor of the Redaktif website, Hakan Gülseven in Balıkesir were detained on grounds of insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The detainees were accused of disseminating propaganda for an organization and insulting the president.

JULY 1, 2017

A 29 year-old woman died of heart attack while on her way to visit her husband who was imprisoned over alleged links to the coup attempt. Pinar Çınar reportedly fell to the ground minutes before she left her house in Bursa province in order to pay a visit to her imprisoned husband. Çınar was immediately taken by a hospital, where she later died.

JULY 1, 2017

A woman named Senay Günaydin was arrested in Istanbul after she called on people at an event last week to "take to the streets" to support the ongoing March of Justice. Günaydin had spoken at Istanbul's Mağka Park during a vigil supporting the March of Justice, which was initiated by the main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP).



JULY 2, 2017

One of the brothers of Turkish Islamic cleric Fethullah Gülen, Kuthettin Gülen, who was arrested in October, was being deprived of his prescribed medication despite suffering from heart disease and high blood pressure, according to the tr724 news website.

JULY 3, 2017

Speaking during a live show on Halk TV, main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) deputy Atilla Sertel said that a housewife named Fadime and her teacher husband were arrested and put in different sections of the same prison, while their children were sent to Bitlis province.

JULY 3, 2017

Göbekli Tepe, the world's oldest temple at more than 11,000 years, has been closed to visitors for 15 months due to alleged links of the excavation team leader and sub-contractor to Turkey's Gülen group, the Evrensel daily reported.



JULY 4, 2017

An Istanbul court handed down a prison sentence of four years, two months to political scientist and columnist Mümtaz'er Türküne for "threatening" President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in one of his articles. The decision for conviction was made by the Bakırköy 2nd High Criminal Court.

JULY 5, 2017

A group of police officers detained a woman who gave birth late on July 3, according to tweets posted by the woman's family members. Yasemin Yılmaz gave birth to a baby in the Istanbul's Esenyurt district and Turkeypurge.com learned that despite her doctor's objection, police detained the woman hours later at the hospital over her alleged links to Turkey's Gülen group. Yılmaz is being sought as part of an investigation carried out in Karabük, a city located 400 km away from Istanbul.



JULY 5, 2017

Police detained nine human rights advocates including Amnesty International Turkey Director idil Eser at a hotel on Büyükdada, one of Istanbul's nine islands in the Sea of Marmara. Police, acting on an anonymous tip, raided the hotel and detained Nalan Erkem and Özlem Dalkıran from the Allegiance Association, İlnur Üstün from the Women's Coalition, Eser and Veli Acı from Amnesty International, Günel Kurşun from the Human Rights Association, Nejat Taştan from the Observation for Equal Rights Association, activist Şeyhmus Özbekli and activist Ali Garawli.

JULY 5, 2017

Kamil Ü., a 61-year-old businessman who had been under arrest for over 10 months due to alleged links to Turkey's Gülen group, died on June 5 reportedly due to cramped conditions and high temperatures in the Elbistan L-type prison. According to the TR724 news website, the businessman was arrested on Aug. 14, 2016 and had been in Elbistan prison, where the average temperature in June was 35°C and humidity ranged between 60 and 80 percent. Kamil Ü.'s body was reportedly found in a bathroom by other inmates.

JULY 5, 2017

Main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu said that detention of women on coup charges shortly after giving birth is unacceptable, and called on Turkish authorities to stop "acting out of vengeance" in post-coup operations. Speaking during a live show on HaberTürk TV Kılıçdaroğlu said: "A woman gives birth. And her 5-day old kid is taken away. And she is kept at a police station for 3 days. We have objected to this. This is wrong. How can something like this happen? Let's say, that woman is guilty. What is that kid's crime? Let him, at least, suckle at his mother's breast. That baby needs milk."

JULY 4, 2017

Detention warrants were issued for 121 people in the central Turkish provinces of Kayseri and Konya over their alleged links to Turkey's Gülen group. The detainees were accused of using a smart phone application called ByLock, in an investigation overseen by the Kayseri Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

JULY 7, 2017

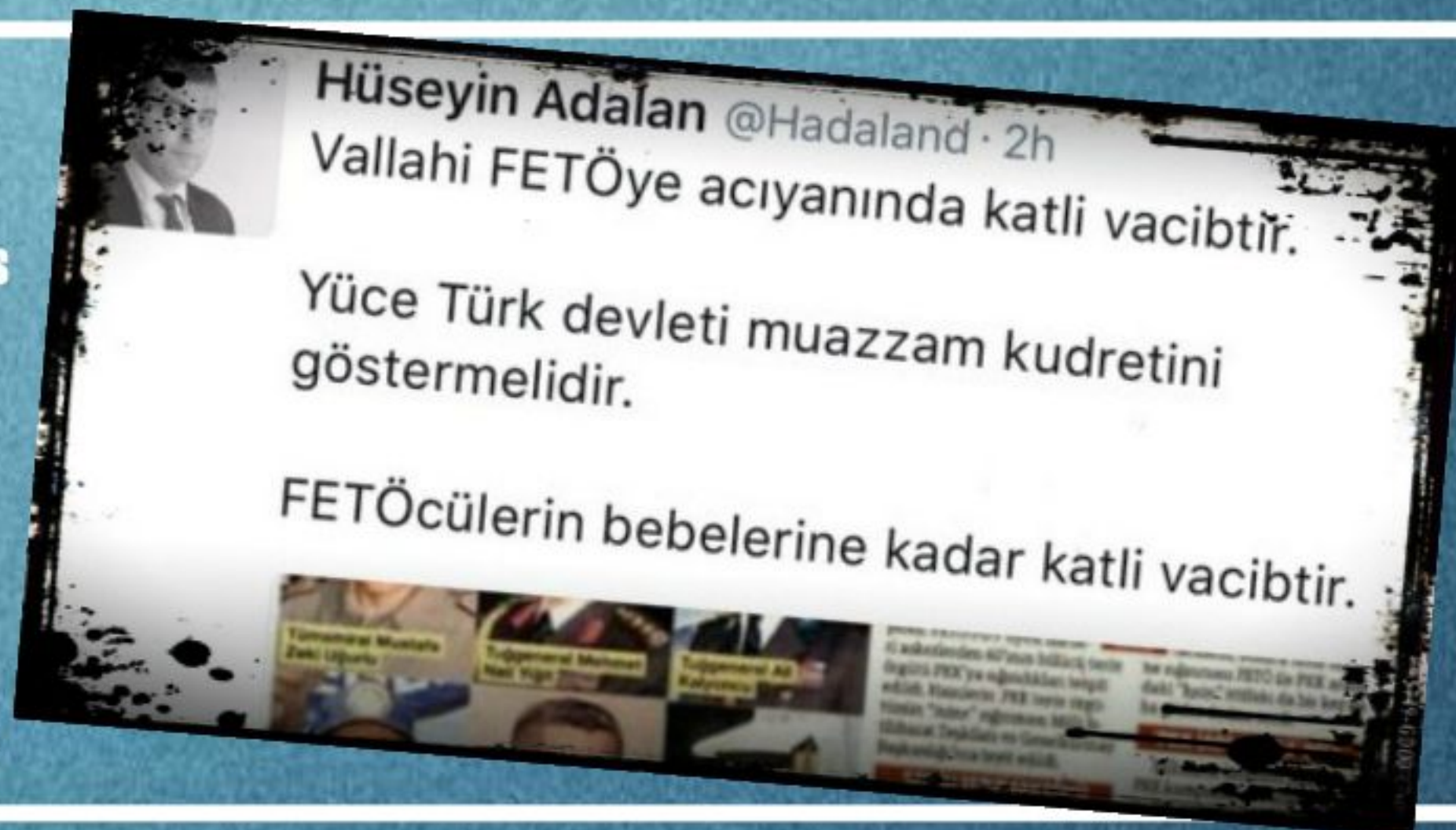
More than 700 out of 950 Turkish military officers serving at NATO and in Turkish diplomatic missions around the world are estimated to have been purged as part of a government crackdown on dissent launched after a failed coup attempt last summer, BBC reported.

JULY 7, 2017

Turkish Justice Minister Bekir Bozdağ said that since the failed coup attempt last July, 50,504 people have been arrested and 168,801 are the subject of legal proceedings for their alleged involvement in the organization of the coup. While 48,731 were released on judicial probation without prior arrest, 8,551 were released on judicial probation following their arrest. "A total of 615 people are in detention, arrest warrants have been issued for 8,069 people and 433 were released without judicial probation," said Bozdağ.

JULY 8, 2017

Hüseyin Adalan, a columnist for pro-government Millat and Yenisöz dailies, tweeted that killing people affiliated with Turkey's Gülen movement is "a religious obligation for Turkish state." "Honorable Turkish state needs to reveal its power. Killing FETÖ members is a religious obligation," Adalan said in a tweet he posted several days ago. "FETÖ" is a term coined by the AKP government and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to refer to members of the Gülen group.



JULY 8, 2017

Ömür Varol, a TV commentator from the pro-gov't Beyaz TV argued that due to its lyrics and name, Turkey's iconic pop singer Sezen Aksu's newest song "Manifesto" could have been calling for a second coup attempt in the upcoming autumn season. According to Varol, the song "Manifesto" (Manifest) reminds the word "memorandum," which is generally issued by the military officers in the aftermath of a military coup. The TV commentator mostly focused on these two lines: "the wind is blowing backwards again, oh we have a harsh autumn ahead of us," and then claimed that the singer may be signaling a second coup attempt in the upcoming autumn session.



JULY 8, 2017

Meliksah Kultur, a 41-year-old former police officer who was dismissed as part of an administrative investigation launched against him, was found dead at an apartment in the central Anatolian province of Konya. Kultur reportedly told one of his friends that he was not doing well and that he needed to rest his head for some time, and then he moved to his friend's place.

JULY 8, 2017

A total of 965 companies with a total value of TL 41 billion (\$ 11.32) billion in assets have either been transferred to Turkey's state-run Savings Deposit Insurance Fund (TMSF), or trustees have been appointed to their management by the government since the failed coup attempt, deputy Prime Minister Nurettin Canikli said.

JULY 8, 2017

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said during a press conference that he perceives pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) Co-chairperson Selahattin Demirtaş to be a terrorist. Speaking to the press after the G20 summit in Hamburg, Erdoğan accused Demirtaş of using his "Kurdish brothers" to murder other Kurds.

JULY 8, 2017

Prof. Dr. Abdusselam Uluçam, former rector of the Batman University and the head of the excavation team at Hasankeyf's historical area, was detained as part of an investigation into the Gülen movement while he on duty inspecting the work on the ground. Uluçam was round up at Hasankeyf excavation area and taken to Batman police station for interrogation.

JULY 8, 2017

Turkish teacher Fatma Ozturk was detained just after she gave birth to her baby at Ege Umut Hospital in Manisa's Turgutlu district while police handcuffed her to a bed she is resting on. Police detained Ozturk over her alleged links to the Gülen movement. An anonymous tip submitted to magduriyetler.com, police raided Ege Umut Hospital in Turgutlu and handcuffed Ozturk to the bed just after she delivered her baby. The tip said police await at hospital entrance and that mother And baby's health condition remain serious.

JULY 14, 2017

A total of 7,563 people were dismissed with a new post-coup emergency decree, released only a day before the first anniversary of the July 15, 2016 coup attempt. The government decree, numbered 682, dismissed 7,563 people including 302 academics, from their jobs. Those purged included 418 from the Justice Ministry, 2,303 from the police, 551 from the Religious Affairs Directorate (Diyanet), 45 from the Foreign Ministry, 1,486 from the Interior Ministry, 102 from the Education Ministry, 789 from the Health Ministry, 302 from the Higher Education Board (YÖK), 546 from the Turkish military, 28 from the Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) and 235 from the gendarmerie.

JULY 12, 2017

A total of 4,521 judges and prosecutors were dismissed from their jobs since July 15, according to Turkey's Board of Judges and Prosecutors. Speaking to state broadcaster TRT, HSK's inspection committee head Yunus Nadi Kolukısa said 4,521 judges and prosecutors were expelled from profession thanks to administrative investigations that were launched as early as April 2015.

JULY 12, 2017

Turkey's Defense Ministry announced that a total of 7,655 people have been dismissed from the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) since the failed coup attempt on July 15, 2016.

JULY 10, 2017

Turkish police have seized 4,806 passports and detained 132 people at Istanbul Atatürk Airport since July 15 coup attempt, the pro-government Sabah daily reported.

JULY 10, 2017

Turkish police teams detained 72 academics working at Istanbul's Bogaziçi and Medeniyet universities over alleged links to the Gülen movement. The detention warrants were issued for eight people at Bogaziçi University including Associate Professor Koray Çalışkan and 64 people at Medeniyet University including 19 assistant professors at the University's faculty of medicine.



JULY 9, 2017

Emine Cetik and Aykut Kutlu, a soon-to-be-married couple, were stopped by police in a bridal car and detained over links to the Gülen movement while they were on their way to the wedding venue in Usak. Set to be officially married in just hours, the couple hit the road, along with a motorcade established by relatives and beloved ones, for the wedding hall located in the city center in Banaz, Usak on July 9. When they got close to the wedding venue just an hour before the ceremony, a group of gendarmerie forces stopped the bridal car, detained both the bride and the groom.



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