

Human Rights Violations in Turkey by Numbers: Children

- By the end of August 2017, **668** children under the age of six are in jails across Turkey with their mothers, detained or arrested as part of the government crackdown on the Hizmet Movement. 149 of these children are infants under a year old.[1]
- The Journalists and Writers Foundation is particularly concerned about the situation of the **668** children under the age of 7, who according to the Justice Ministry, are being held (as of August 2017) in Turkish prisons along with their mothers. According to this Foundation, **149** of these children in prison are under a year old; 140 are 1 year old; 124 are 2 years old; 117 children, 3 years old; 77 children, 4 years old; 44 children, 5 years old; and 6 children, 6 years old, the ages of the remaining 11 being unknown (see below). According to the Ministry of Justice, 344 of the children imprisoned along with their mothers are male and 324 are female.[2]
- The Journalists and Writers Foundation is particularly concerned on the situation of **560** children, between 0 to 6 years old, who according to the Justice Ministry are being held (as of May 2017) in Turkish prisons along with their mothers. According to the same source, 114 children in prison are between 0 and 12 months old; 128 children are 1-year-old; 114 children 2 years old; 81 children 3 years old; 70 children 4 years old; 31 children 5 years old; 5 children 6 years old; while the age of the remaining 17 is unknown (see below). According to the Ministry of Justice, 291 of the children imprisoned along with their mothers are male and 269 are female.[3]
- **5** children left alone in tears in front of Sincan Prison in Ankara as their mother was detained while they were visiting their jailed father. 856 people around the world raised \$41,850 in a week as the elder brother shared a video, saying in tears: “We are five brothers, left alone. We have a handicapped brother. I commend those people to God’s punishment (January 2017).[4]

[1] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, The State of Turkey’s Children: Victims of Unlawfulness (October 2017), p.4, para.2

[2] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, The State of Turkey’s Children: Victims of Unlawfulness (October 2017), p.18, para.2

[3] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, Women’s Rights Under Attack in Turkey (May 2017), p.42, para.1

[4] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, Women’s Rights Under Attack in Turkey (May 2017), p.53, para.7