

Human Rights Violations in Turkey by Numbers: Judges & Prosecutors

- Approximately **1525** lawyers have been prosecuted, **578** have been arrested and held in pre-trial detention and **99** have been sentenced.[1]
- During last 8 months, **402,000** people face investigations for being part of the Gulen Movement.[2]
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- During and since the Gezi protests, the authorities have charged thousands of people in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, and other cities with participating in unauthorized demonstrations, resisting the police, and damaging public property and at least **5,500** have been subjected to legal proceedings.[4]
- Media reported the detention of another **63** forensic specialists in Istanbul. (August 10).[5]
- The Union of Turkish Bar Associations informed Human Rights Watch that **79** bar associations had reported that in total **202** lawyers had been placed in pretrial detention on suspicion of involvement in the coup attempt or links to the Gülen movement.[6]
- Intense security operations in the period January to May in towns in the southeast where the city militias linked to the PKK had become entrenched resulted in displacement of up to **400,000** residents.[7]
- According to official figures, at least **241** citizens and security personnel were killed, and over **2,000** more injured during the clashes in the capital Ankara and Istanbul (July 15, 2016).[8]
- Around **130** wounded militants and unarmed activists sheltering in three basements surrounded by the security forces were killed in circumstances which the state has neither explained nor effectively investigated.[9]
- The government introduced a decree appointing trustees to take over **28** municipalities (24 of them in the southeast), removing elected mayors and council members from office. By mid-November **53** had been dismissed and **39** arrested pending investigation.[10]
- Amnesty International conducted a total of 61 interviews in Ankara, Diyarbakır and Istanbul for this report between December 2016 and April 2017. Of those **33** interviewees were dismissed public servants themselves, 17 men and 16 women who represent a cross-section of professions subjected to dismissal under state of emergency decrees.[11]
- They told Amnesty International that up to the end of 2016, **2,094** of their members had been dismissed from their positions, and that many of this number were union activists or union officials.[12]

- On 15 July 2016 elements within Turkey's armed forces launched a violent coup attempt against the elected government. The coup attempt was resisted, in part due to ordinary citizens taking to the streets to face down armed soldiers and tanks, but only after a night of violence that, according to the authorities, left 234 people, including 34 coup plotters, dead and 2,191 people injured.[13]
- As of September 2016, approximately 45,000 cases relating to the period of the state of emergency were already pending at the court, a figure likely to have increased exponentially by the time of the publication of this report.[14]
- Significantly, the seven-person commission lacks the capacity to examine potentially over 100,000 appeals from dismissed individuals and the hundreds of associations and institutions closed down under state of emergency decrees.[15]
- As of May 2017, the Journalists and Writers Foundation has been also able to document 695 cases (in 23 countries) where Turkish consulates have declined to provide consular services to Turkish citizens – including an alarming number of 76 (seventy-six) children who were denied access to birth registration and thus were born stateless. In addition, passports of 19 (nineteen) individuals were confiscated by Turkish representations without explanation, while in 10 (ten) cases Turkish citizens abroad in possession of valid passports/visas were not allowed to travel.[16]
- In addition to extensive limitations, many lawyer's associations across the country have been shut down and at least 287 lawyers are under arrest, while detention warrants have been issued for 708 attorneys since the attempted coup.[17]

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