

Human Rights Violations in Turkey by Numbers: Prisons

- Turkey down two places to rank **101**st in 113-country rule of law index. [1]
- On October 14, 2016 Turkey's Director-General of Prisons and Detention Facilities stated during a meeting at the Human Rights Commission of the Turkish parliament that Turkey's prisons were over capacity, after nearly 40,000 new arrests (34,000 over links with Hizmet movement) following the coup attempt. According to the information shared by the Director-general there are nearly **195,000** prisoners in 372 prisons across Turkey, which is **4%** over the maximum capacity.[2]
- On October 20, 2016, the Human Rights Association reported that based on its observations and analysis there were **220,000** individuals in prisons across Turkey, exceeding by approximately 37,000 (over 20 percent) persons the overall capacity of 180,176.[3]

[1] World Justice Project: Rule of Law 2017-2018 (February 2018), p. 3

[2] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, Women's Rights Under Attack in Turkey (May 2017), p.43, para.3

[3] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, Women's Rights Under Attack in Turkey (May 2017), p.43, para.4