

Human Rights Violations in Turkey by Numbers: Purge

- Based on monitoring government decrees and other reports from official sources, by the end of August 2017, Turkey Purge reported **146,674** dismissals and **124,698** detained individuals.[1]
- By the end of April 2017 TurkeyPurge has reported **138,147** dismissals, mainly through monitoring government decrees and other reports from official sources.[2]
- Last updated on March 18, 2017, the information contained in the website showed that 80,482 individuals were in pre-trial detention and 108,734 were convicted. That information, even though now outdated, shows a considerable increase compared to figures posted on the website exactly a year ago, on March 18, 2016, when **26,257** people were in pre-trial detention and **141,739** were convicted. [3]
- In August 2016, acting under powers granted by the state of emergency authorities announced plans to release up to 38,000 prisoners (roughly one in five in Turkish prisons) of convicted criminals to make room for the wave of journalists, teachers, lawyers, civil servants and judges detained after the coup attempt. It appears that the government's amnesty for convicted felons reduced the number of convicts in jail from 141,739 a year ago to **108,734** on the day the Justice Ministry stopped reporting.[4]
- More than **100,000** public sector employees dismissed under the decrees.[5]
- In the weeks following the failed putsch, tens of thousands of soldiers, police officers, judges, prosecutors, academics, teachers, and other civil servants with suspected ties to the Gülen movement were dismissed from their jobs, and at time of publication over **37,000** had been formally arrested.[6]
- Since the failed coup attempt, the police have detained more than **40,000** soldiers, officers, policemen, judges, prosecutors, teachers and others.[7]
- By late September, Turkey's Justice Minister announced that around **32,000** people had been jailed pending investigation and criminal investigations were underway in relation to **70,000**. [8]
- Around **41,000** civil servants and public officials were permanently discharged from their jobs. (By September 1, 2016)[9]
- In addition, **4,235** employees of the Ministry of Justice and **276** employees of the Council of State have also been permanently dismissed from their positions and their assets were frozen.[10]

- More than **33,000** are teachers and other employees of the Ministry of Education, more than **24,000** are police officers and other employees of the Ministry of Interior, more than **8,000** are members of the armed forces, more than **6,000** are doctors and other employees of the Ministry of Health, more than **5,000** are academics and other higher education employees, more than **4,000** are judges, prosecutors and other employees of the Ministry of Justice and more than **3,000** are employees of the office of the Prime Minister and connected institutions.[11]
- Official figures show that in the past year well over **150,000** people have passed through police custody accused of terrorist offenses, membership of armed groups, or involvement in the attempted coup in July 2016.[12]
- A May 2017 report by Amnesty International found that “the dismissal of more than **100,000** Turkish public-sector workers [was] arbitrary and has had a catastrophic impact on their lives and livelihoods.[13]

[1] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, *The State of Turkey’s Children: Victims of Unlawfulness* (October 2017), p.18, para.1

[2] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, *Women’s Rights Under Attack in Turkey* (May 2017), p.32, para.4

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

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

[5] Human Rights Watch Reports, *Silencing Turkey’s Media: The Government’s Deepening Assault on Critical Journalism* (December 2016), p.20, para.4

[6] Human Rights Watch Reports, *A Blank Check: Turkey’s Post-Coup Suspension of Safeguards Against Torture* (October 2016), p.8, para.3

[7] Human Rights Watch Reports, *A Blank Check: Turkey’s Post-Coup Suspension of Safeguards Against Torture* (October 2016), p.17, para.4

[8] Human Rights Watch Reports, *A Blank Check: Turkey’s Post-Coup Suspension of Safeguards Against Torture* (October 2016), p.17, para.5

[9] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, *Women’s Rights Under Attack in Turkey* (May 2017), p.19, para.1

[10] Amnesty International Reports, *Turkey: no end in sight: purged public sector workers denied a future in Turkey* (May 2017), p.6, para.3

[11] Human Rights Watch Reports, *In Custody: Police Torture and Abductions in Turkey* (October 2017), p.7, para.4

[12] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, *The State of Turkey’s Children: Victims of Unlawfulness* (October 2017), p.15, para.4