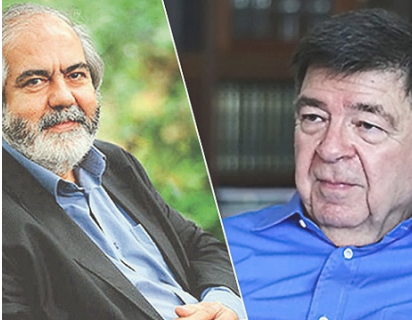


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Turkey In Crisis: Guilty Until Proven Innocent

by AST Editorial Board

The end of January is quickly approaching and this year, 2018, has already proven to be the worst year for universal human rights in the Republic of Turkey. According to the Freedom House's annual report, Turkey is no longer a free country. Press and net freedom are non-existent.

Turkey is no longer a country where rule-of-law reigns. The Erdogan regime extended the emergency rule, declared in the aftermath of July 15 2016, by 3 more months. An emergency decree, no. 675, published in the Official Gazette legalized vigilantism.

Similarly, women and children rights are systematically ignored. More than 668 babies are in the prison system. Authorities plan to build 174 new prisons within the next five years in order to create space for hundreds of thousands of civilians, men, women, and children, falsely charged with orchestrating a coup.



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**WE, THE ADVOCATES, HAVE MADE IT OUR MISSION TO CHAMPION THE RIGHTS OF SILENCED TURKEY UNTIL
UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE ARE ESTABLISHED AND SUSTAINED AS THE
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Turkey in January

Women's & Children's Rights



THERE ARE 624 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX IN PRISON



FAMILY OF EDUCATORS IMPRISONED LEAVING THREE CHILDREN HOMELESS



MOTHER ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER GIVING BIRTH



CHILD PREGNANCIES REIGNITE SEXUAL ABUSE DEBATE IN TURKEY

TAKE ACTION NOW!

URGING AUTHORITIES TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HIZMET PARTICIPANTS

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Report of the Month: Human Rights Watch

The new presidential system, which consolidates the incumbent's hold on power, is a setback for human rights and the rule of law. It lacks sufficient checks and balances against abuse of executive power, greatly diminishing the powers of parliament, and consolidating presidential control over most judicial appointments. The presidential system will come fully into force following elections in 2019. [Read More...](#)

Rule of Law & Arbitrary Detention



TURKEY: MEDIA, ACTIVISTS, POLITICAL OPPOSITION TARGETED



STATUTORY DECREE NO. 696 AND THE DEMISE OF RULE OF LAW



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70 THOUSAND STUDENTS ARRESTED IN TURKEY

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THE FREEDOM HOUSE CONCLUDES TURKEY IS NO MORE A FREE COUNTRY. WHAT IS NEXT?

A new report released by the independent, non-profit and non-partisan watchdog organization Freedom House concluded that democratic principles such as election integrity and freedom of the press, political and civil rights have severely downgraded in Turkey that is no longer 'a free country.' The study added that Turkey's status declined from Partly Free to Not Free due to a deeply flawed constitutional referendum that centralized power in the presidency. [Read More...](#)

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD RECONSIDER JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN TURKEY

Regrettably, the European Court of Human Rights, which monitors the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights in the Council of Europe member states has been rejecting the applications related to recent events taking place in Turkey on the ground that the applicants have not exhausted domestic remedies. [Read more...](#)



NEED HELP?

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PERSECUTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN TURKEY

Today 17,000 women, 668 babies and children are jailed in Turkey. While some of the children are brought to the prison with their mother, lots of children stays with their relatives or public dorms due to their parents are jailed. Nonetheless, some women imprisoned have serious disease and illnesses, which are exacerbated with the hard for prison conditions. [Read more...](#)

ERDOGAN'S GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED POLITICAL CONTROL OVER TURKISH JUDICIARY

Under the rule of law everyone is considered innocent until proven guilty. In Turkey, it's now the opposite. People from all across the ideological spectrum have been baselessly charged with crimes and expected to prove their innocence. If there is no rule of law, then there is neither order nor democracy.

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IT IS HIGH TIME FOR THE
EUROPEAN COURT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS TO STEP
IN!



STATUTORY DECREE NO.
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PROTECTING ERDOGAN
DISSIDENTS IN THE U.S



"This is not a
legitimate
investigation,
this is a
politically
motivated witch-
hunt that charts
a frightening
future for rights
in Turkey"

**Secretary General Salil
Shetty, Amnesty
International**

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hospital for months and does
not respond to treatments. In
this process he needs his father
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- 6) CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH VICTIMS AND EXPERTS ON TURKEY REGARDING THE VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY.
- 7) TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.
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