

Human Rights Violations in Turkey by Numbers: Judges & Prosecutors

- More than **4400** judges and prosecutors have been investigated with more than **2400** put in pretrial detention.[1]
- Turkey's **14,000** judges and prosecutors elect ten regular members of the HSYK.[2]
- Among the first duties of one of these newly appointed judges has been to order the July 22 detention of **100** police officers, which the media termed an anti-Gülenist operation targeting some of those police officers who played a key role in the December corruption investigation.[3]
- **3,400** judges permanently dismissed, their assets frozen[4]
- Over **4,000** judges and prosecutors were arbitrarily dismissed, of whom around **2,400** were remanded to pretrial detention pending trial on terrorism charges for FETÖ membership for their alleged links with the Gülen movement.[5]
- Over **3,500** judges and prosecutors and an unknown number of law faculty academics have been dismissed.[6]
- The High Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK), in its decision to dismiss **543** judges and prosecutors, presented a detailed report of Gülen networks within the judiciary but no specific evidence against any of the judges and prosecutors dismissed and excluded from public office.[7]
- By February [2017] **4,272** judges and prosecutors (close to two-fifth of Turkey's judiciary) were removed over alleged ties to the Hizmet movement.[8]
- At least **2,200** judges and prosecutors are jailed pending investigation, reportedly because their names appeared on a list of alleged Gülen supporters.[9]
- On April 2, 2017, the Minister of Interior stated that **2,575** suspects were either judges or prosecutors. There are no accurate statistics on the number of detained judges; however, relying on the fact that 36.9 percent of the total number of judges in 2013 were female, the Journalist and Writers Foundation believes approximately 35 percent of all detained judges are women.[10]

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- [2] Human Rights Watch Reports, Turkey’s Human Rights Rollback: Recommendations for Reform (September 2014), p.25, para.4
- [3] Human Rights Watch Reports, Turkey’s Human Rights Rollback: Recommendations for Reform (September 2014), p.28, para.3
- [4] Human Rights Watch Reports, Turkey: Events of 2016 (January 2017), p.3, para.2
- [5] Human Rights Watch Reports, In Custody: Police Torture and Abductions in Turkey (October 2017), p.37, para.2
- [6] Amnesty International Reports, Turkey: no end in sight: purged public sector workers denied a future in Turkey (May 2017), p.13, para.2
- [7] Amnesty International Reports, Turkey: no end in sight: purged public sector workers denied a future in Turkey (May 2017), p.7, para.1
- [8] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, Women’s Rights Under Attack in Turkey (May 2017), p.19, para.1
- [9] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, Women’s Rights Under Attack in Turkey (May 2017), p.19, para.1
- [10] Journalists and Writers Foundation Reports, Women’s Rights Under Attack in Turkey (May 2017), p.19, para.1