

TURKEY'S FINAL STOP: TOTALITARIANISM

Advocates of Silenced Turkey



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A Rogue State Under Erdogan: Turkey's Global Witch Hunt

by AST Editorial Board

The Turkish government has been conducting a witch-hunt against dissenting groups under the state of emergency since the coup attempt in July 2016. The existing regime's authoritarian and anti-democratic tendencies in regard to domestic victims has been systemically extended to the rest of the world.

Turkey has truly become a rogue state under the Erdogan regime. The Turkish government's extralegal operations extend far and beyond Turkey and continue to terrorize teachers, doctors, businessmen, mothers, and children, who work and reside in different countries away and disconnected from the unrest in Turkey. Innocent civilians of Turkish descent who live outside of Turkey are being abducted through clandestine plots and unlawfully handed over to the Turkish government.

Forcefully returned to Turkey, victims of such abductions have been afforded no legal rights; their spouses, children, extended families, and friends have been intentionally left in the dark about the conditions of their loved ones.



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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
UTMOST PRIORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

Turkey in May

Women's & Children's Rights



GÜLEN MOVEMENT-LINKED
TURKISH WOMAN DIES IN
GREECE AS SHE WAITS TO
JOIN HUSBAND IN GERMANY



MOTHER'S DAY 2018:
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BODIES OF PREGNANT
WOMAN, YOUNG GIRL
FOUND IN EVROS RIVER



WOMAN IN FOURTH
MONTH OF PREGNANCY
DETAINED OVER GÜLEN
LINKS

TAKE ACTION NOW!

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



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URGING THE EUROPEAN COURT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE
ACTION AS REGARDS THE RECENT
APPLICATIONS FROM TURKEY

REPORT OF THE MONTH: HUMAN RIGHTS THEMED ART CONTEST BY AST

More than 500 thousand people have been forced into exile over the past several years. The Kurdish population, the biggest minority group in Turkey, has been subjected to severe human rights abuses, and leaders and countless deputies of People's Democratic Party have been unjustly imprisoned. Exploitation of religion and the use of religious discourse for political gain has triggered immense socio-cultural problems, including systemic human rights violations such as torture, ill-treatment, and social exclusion. For these reasons, the Advocates of Silenced Turkey (AST) has decided to organize an international art competition to give artists an outlet to reflect and describe the cruelties and oppressions encountered in Turkey through the language of art and literature. *See more...*

Rule of Law & Arbitrary Detention



STORY OF GOKHAN
ACIKKOLLU



GROOM DETAINED FOR
'INSULTING' ERDOĞAN, BRIDE
PERFORMS CEREMONY ALONE

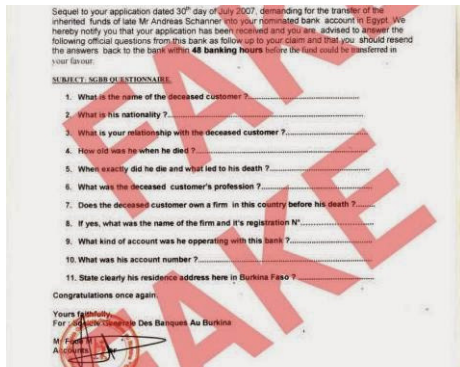


BUSINESSMAN FORCIBLY
RETURNED FROM SUDAN
TO TURKEY GETS 10-
YEAR JAIL SENTENCE



CONSCRIPT IN 5TH DAY
OF MILITARY SERVICE
GETS 14 LIFE SENTENCES
ON COUP CHARGES

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THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S NEW STRATEGY: USING FABRICATED DOCUMENTS

Since the corruption allegations in 2013, the existence of Mr. Erdogan's government is maintained by means of polarization and controlled political crises. By those crises Mr. Erdogan opens way to himself and, planning to create the new Turkey he incubated, is moving the game a step forward by doing this; otherwise there'd be a huge probability of someone stepping forward and saying "The king is naked!". **Read more...**

SNAP ELECTIONS IN TURKEY AS THE FINAL STEP ON THE ROAD TO AUTHORITARIANISM

Following months of speculation about possible early elections, on April 16, 2018, the anniversary of the controversial 2017 referendum, Devlet Bahçeli, the leader of the Nationalist Action Party (MHP), called for early elections to be held on August 26, the national holiday. On April 18, the State of Emergency was extended for the seventh time. A few hours later, Bahçeli and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met and announced that snap elections would be held on June 24. **Read more...**



TURKEY MUST ENSURE FREEDOM OF RELIGION UNDER ITS JURISDICTION

Considering all different types of persecutions religious communities have been suffering, one cannot say that Turkey is complying with its responsibilities under the 1982 Constitution, the ICCPR as well as the ECHR. If the country is secular, then it must be equidistant from all types of beliefs. As the Advocates of Silenced Turkey, we would like to remind the Turkish government that it is obligated to ensure freedom of religion under its jurisdiction and also that it must align its domestic law and practices with internationally accepted human rights standards.

ERDOGAN'S TOOL TO TAKE OVER HIZMET SCHOOLS ILLEGALLY: THE MAARIF FOUNDATION

The activities the Maarif Foundation is expected to perform, and its intended takeover of the Hizmet inspired schools, represent numerous other challenges, including the following: Affiliation with an oppressive foreign government with a clear political Islamic agenda, and acting on that government's instructions in a sovereign country, would unmistakably contribute to further youth radicalization and extremism. **Read more...**



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AST'S STATEMENT ON TORTURE ALLEGATIONS IN TURKEY

For the last two years, starting from the false flag coup attempt on July 15, 2016, almost entire democratic and fundamental human rights have been suspended in Turkey.

The Erdogan regime has been completely out of control in terms of accessing to basic human rights, equality and respect for human dignity, in the sense that the western civilization stipulates, and in this sense it has completely broken it's ties with the modern world, as is clearly stated in other reports prepared by many internationally recognized human rights institutions

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SERIOUSLY ILL EDUCATOR
STILL HELD IN MANISA
PRISON FOR 22 MONTHS

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ABDUCTED IN FRONT OF
THE COURTHOUSE

PROTECTING ERDOGAN
DISSIDENTS IN THE U.S

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