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**HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES  
2018 Turkey**



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**4,000 +** Judges and Prosecutors are **DISMISSED**  
**2,300 +** Private Educational Institutions,  
**1,500 +** NGO's, **1,500 ~** Associations or Foundations,  
**200** Media Companies, **19** Unions and Trade Confederations,  
**15** Private Universities are **C L O S E D** after July 15th 2016  
by Turkish government under Erdogan Regime.



The Ministry of Justice also reported that, between July 2016 and July 2018, “investigations have been opened into **612,347** persons. The number of the people under investigation equals to the population of Kentucky. A majority of these were reportedly detained for alleged ties to the **Gulen movement**, often with **little due process or access to the evidence** underlying the accusations against them.



Authorities prosecuted **1,539** lawyers, arrested **580**, and sentenced **103** to lengthy prison terms.



**7,257 academics** had been **dismissed** and **5,705 academics** were **suspended** since July 5th, 2016.



Human rights groups claimed **28 individuals disappeared** or were the victims of politically motivated kidnapping attempts.

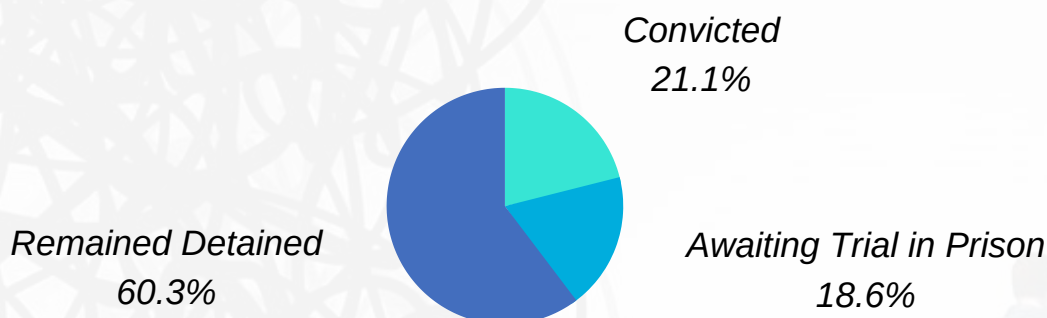


More than **100 members** of Gulen Movement from **18 countries** were **taken back into Turkey** forcibly by MIT, The National Intelligence Organization.

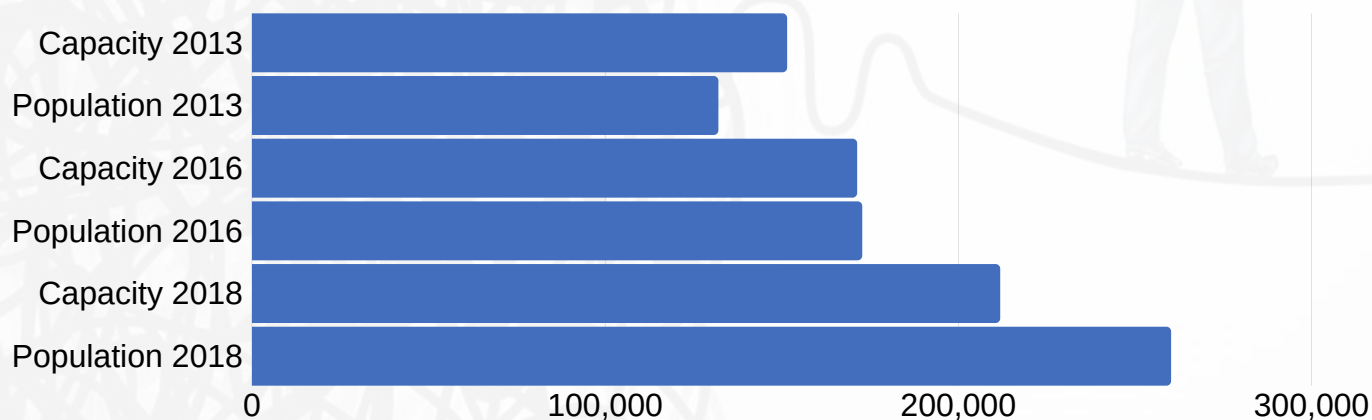
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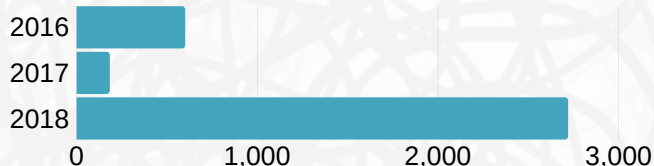
**217,971** persons are detained in connection with July 15th. Of those, the courts had convicted **16,684**, and another **14,750** were in prison awaiting trial. **47,778** individuals remained detained as suspects of July 15th.



Total prison inmate **population** of **260,144** in government-operated detention facilities with a **capacity** of **211,766** inmates.

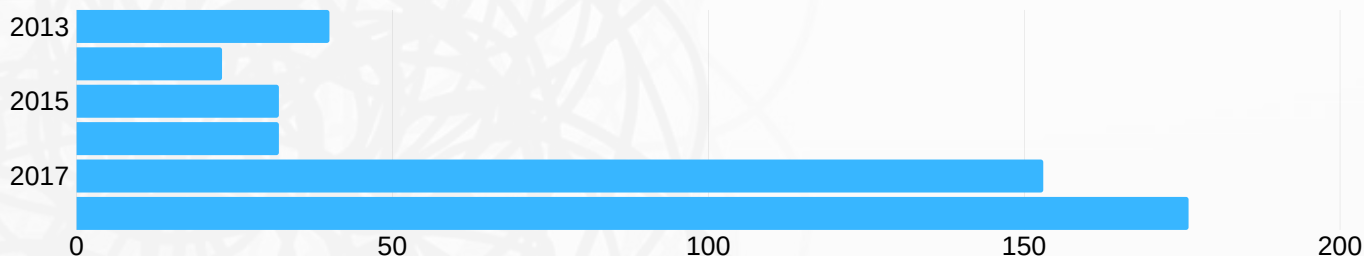


## Torture, Mistreatment, Abuse

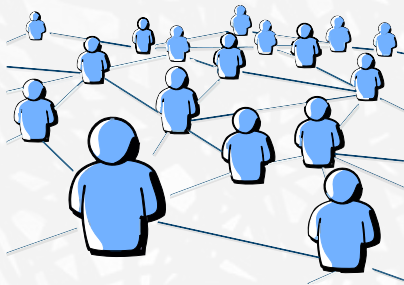


**51** Suspicious Deaths in Official Custody in the last 3 years

## Imprisoned Journalists



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**45,000** social media accounts were **investigated**.

Legal action had taken against **17,000** of social media accounts on charges of propagandizing for and praising mostly Gulen Movement.

In November the Interior Ministry reported that authorities **631,233** digital materials were **investigated**, **110,000** social media publications were **monitored**, and **detained 7,000** individuals for social media posts.



From 2014 through 2017, **government** authorities filed more than **68,000** **insult**-related lawsuits against individuals or organizations.

The **government blocked** at least **54,400** **websites** during the year.

During the first six months of the year, Twitter received **8,988** court orders and other legal **requests from authorities to remove content**, more than double compared to the previous six months.



Authorities **banned seven strikes** and **suspended 15**, affecting nearly **200,000** **workers**.



On July 25, the Ministry of Interior announced it would lift **travel bans** on **155,000** individuals whose **family members** had alleged connections mostly with Gulen Movement.

<https://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/humanrightsreport/index.htm?year=2018&dlid=289191#wrapper>