

Persecution of Women in
**POST-COUP
TURKEY**

TURKEY'S EXTENDED STATE OF EMERGENCY

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—Turkey has declared the state of emergency after the coup attempt on July 15, 2016.

AUTOCRATIC LEADER

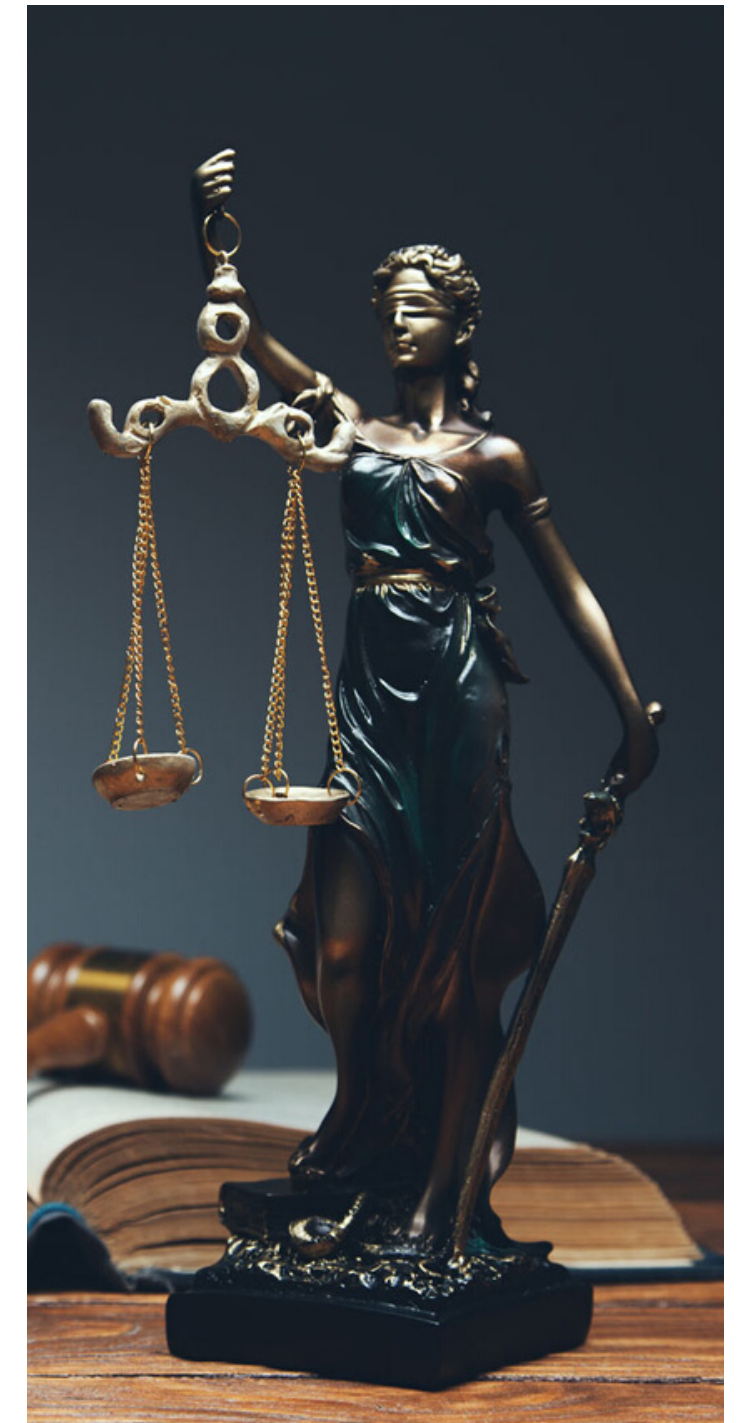
The state of emergency allowed President Erdogan to become an autocratic leader.

MASSIVE CRACKDOWN

The state of emergency allowed President Erdogan to start a massive crackdown.

11,000 WOMEN IMPRISONED ALONG WITH 800+ CHILDREN

Around 65,000 people were arrested. Unfortunately, women are one of the most vulnerable target of this witch-hunt. There are approximately 11,000 women (around 4,000 of them as political prisoners) in Turkish prisons along with over 800 children (1).



VIOLETION OF LAWS AND RIGHTS

—*“Execution of sentences for pregnant and puerperant women shall be delayed for six months”*
Article 16 of the Law on the Execution of Sentences and Security Measures

Turkey clearly violates not only the universal principles of law, but also the essential obligations of the convention.

CEDAW

There is special emphasis on the rights and legal protections of pregnant and nursing women.



*Women are jailed with their newborn babies
under horrible ward conditions.*


Children often suffer from malnutrition.

Not enough beds, no cribs.

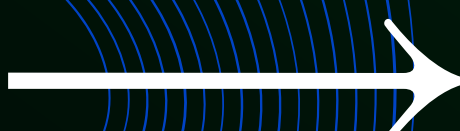
Children sleep with their mother.

*Children often get sick due to poor diet
and only play with plastic food wraps or cardboards.*





SERIOUS RISKS OF DEATH



"THE STATE SHOULD ENSURE THAT CHILDREN HELD WITH THEIR IMPRISONED MOTHERS ARE NEVER TREATED AS PRISONERS" - OHCHR

- serious risks of health complications, stunting and even death.
- women report being mentally unwell and unable to breastfeed or to look after their children who are imprisoned with them.

MOTHERS IN DESPAIR

—11,000 women imprisoned (around 4,000 of them as political prisoners) along with 800+ children.



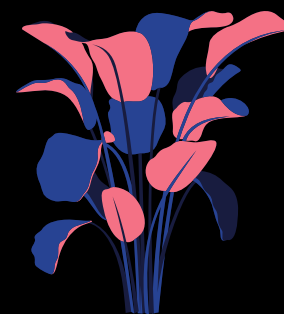
FATMA OZTURK

A teacher was handcuffed to her hospital bed just hours after she delivered her baby.



HATICE AVAN

Detained on the day after her delivery, while suffering from poor health after the surgery.



ELIF ACIKGOZ

Detained hours after her C-section surgery. Her husband is also in jail.



FEYZA YAZICI

Detained the day after giving birth to a premature baby.



S.A.

Mother of a week old premature baby was taken into custody on her way to the hospital to feed her baby.



HAVVA HAMAMCIOGLU

A housewife, whose husband has also been jailed, was detained after the day of her delivery.



NURIYE YALCIN

4.5 months pregnant, was expecting twins. She was detained during a medical control.



AYSUN AYDEMİR

English teacher, was detained with her 3 day old baby. She was later released and put under house arrest along with an electronic bracelet.



FADIME GUNAY

The police awaited to detain her while she was giving birth at the hospital. Detained on the day after her delivery.



BUSRA ATALAY

A pregnant woman in her 6 month, expecting twin babies was detained. She gave birth early and lost one of her babies. The other baby put in intensive care.

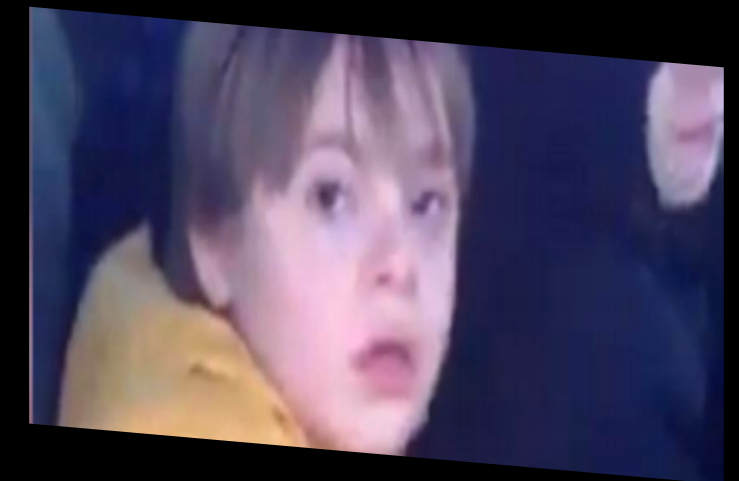


AYSE KAYA

Detained on the same day of her delivery in Istanbul. She was transferred to a Police Station in Edirne, 240 km away from Istanbul.



5 children were abandoned in the parking lot of Sincan Prison after their mother was detained while making a visit to their father in prison.





thousands of hundreds of
 moms & babies

JAILED BY ERDOGAN REGIME

560 children between 0-6 age are in prison in Turkey with their mother. Prison administration does not provide bread for children. The mothers share their bread with children. Furthermore children do not have toys.

IDIL ESER

—Amnesty director Idil Eser spent 113 days in jail on terrorism charges in Turkey.



NURIYE GULMEN

—Nuriye Gulmen was on hunger strike for months, after losing her job. She was sentenced with 6 years and 3 months of imprisonment.



AYSENUR PARILDAK

— 27 year old journalist Aysenur Parildak was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison. She wrote a letter about solitary confinement and sexual harassment.



TORTURE

A stylized illustration in the bottom left corner shows a dark grey silhouette of a person lying on the ground, being struck by another dark grey silhouette of a person standing over them. A jagged, lightning-bolt-like line indicates the point of impact. The background of the entire slide is dark blue with a series of thin, light blue wavy lines that flow from the left side towards the center.

TUGBA Y

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Tugba Y, mother of three, has lost sanity due to weeks of torture. The ill-treatment, violence and the torture massively impacted her mental health and led to insanity.

“As soon as Asli was brought into the room, female police officers took off all her clothes and beat her until she was unconscious. She was hearing her husband’s screams from the next room, as she was also screaming from pain. The officers were insulting them loudly at the same time. The torture didn’t stop there. The male police officers were pounding on the door, demanding to rape her.”

ILLNESSES AND PRISON CONDITIONS

—Article 116 of Law No. 5275 says that the execution of a sentence may be delayed for detained persons due to an illness.

FATMA BEKTAS

Alzheimer's, cardiac and herniated disc. Bektas couldn't remember why she was in jail and was unable to defend herself in the court.



DISABLED CHILDREN

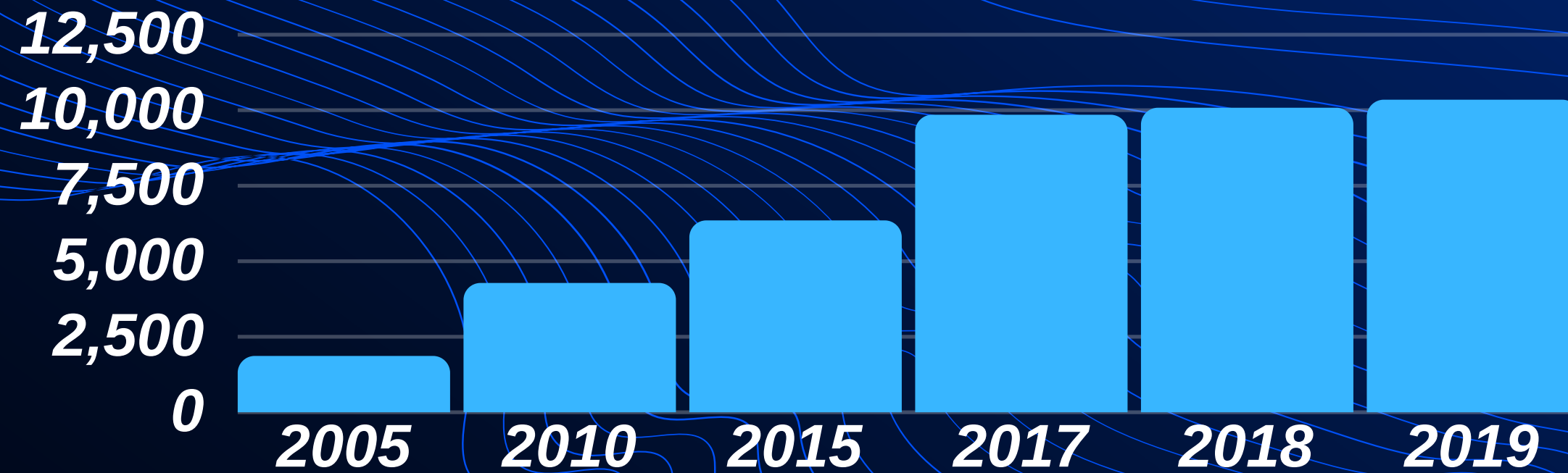
Housewife left to take care of disabled children alone after husband arrested



ESCAPING IS NOT SAFE

Many women and children drowned in Eagen Sea while fleeing.





— *Women imprisonment increased **%470** in Turkey since 2005.*



SUICIDE



35 PEOPLE COMMITTED SUICIDE

TUGCE OLCER

21 year old, was a fourth-grade student in Bogazici University. She was dealing with depression after her father's imprisonment. Unfortunately, Olcer jumped off a balcony and passed away.

H.G.

60 year old woman, hanged herself in her house in Aydin/Turkey during her husband's imprisonment.

KILLINGS OF WOMEN

— *In 5 years 2,324 women murdered in total, 1,753 of them killed by shooting.*

— *Violence against women increased **%27** in Turkey since 2005.*

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