

SILENCED TURKEY

● HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

204 Documented Human Rights Violations Against KHK Victims

A categorized framework of human-rights violations affecting individuals dismissed under emergency decree laws, grouped according to internationally recognized human-rights principles and legal protections.



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EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Systematic and multidimensional rights deprivation

The documented violations against individuals dismissed under emergency decree laws (KHKs) are grouped into thematic categories based on internationally recognized human-rights standards. The framework reflects how civil, political, economic, social, educational, family, detention-related, migration-related, and psychological harms can operate together in a mutually reinforcing pattern.

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Thematic categories

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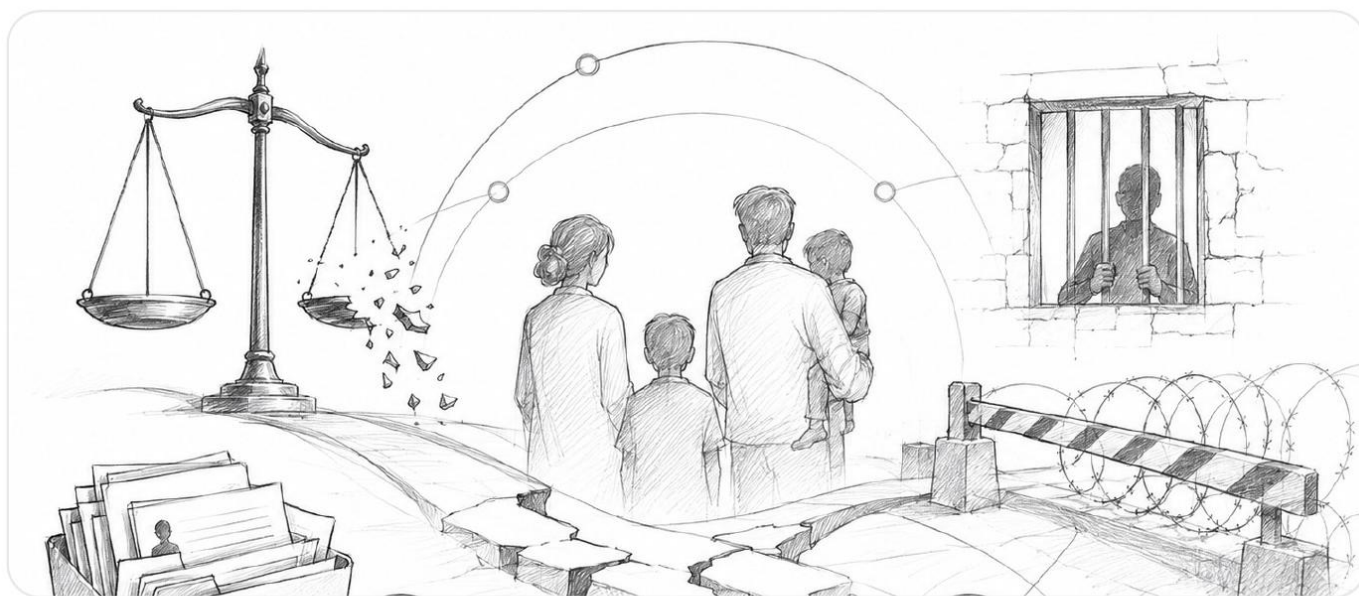
Documented violations

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Intl. rights instruments

Scope of categorization

The violations are grouped under civil and political rights; economic and labor rights; social rights; educational and cultural rights; family and children's rights; prison and detention regime; migration and citizenship rights; social stigmatization and reputational harm; psychological, physical and religious harm; and structural and systemic violations.



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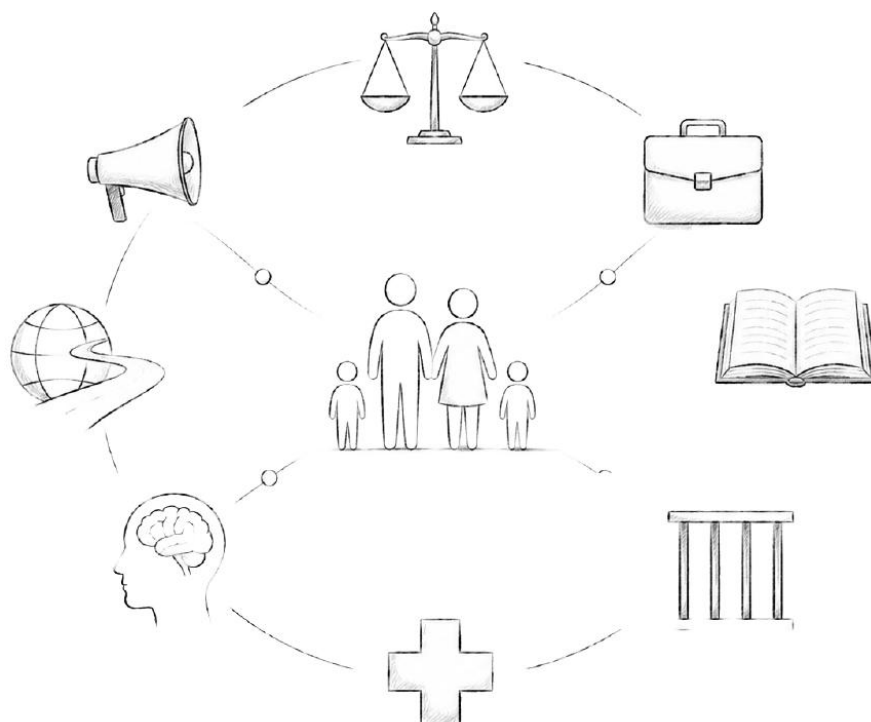
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A note on the count

The source report identifies 204 distinct methods and treats them as a minimum: it states the list is not exhaustive and that the number may rise as further evidence emerges. The report itself presents the 204 as a single flat list; the thematic grouping here is applied for readability.



CATEGORY I

Violations of Civil and Political Rights

33 documented violations

I Civil and Political Rights	
1 Arbitrary, selective labeling of who is “criminal,” “traitor” or “innocent”, breaching equality before the law	2 Reversal of the presumption of innocence into a presumption of guilt
3 Treating mere suspicion as proof of guilt, without requiring evidence	4 Violation of legality and non-retroactivity of crimes and penalties
5 Collective, kinship-based punishment instead of individual criminal responsibility	6 Use of specially assigned judges and courts instead of the natural judge
7 “Punish first, look for evidence later” arbitrary punishment	8 Blocking access to justice and avenues of legal remedy
9 Fabrication and suppression of evidence, breaching equality of arms	10 Obstructing defense by blocking payment of lawyers’ fees
11 Planned and systematic violation of fair-trial rights	12 Pressuring judicial and administrative bodies into biased rulings
13 Ignoring acquittals and non-prosecution decisions issued for victims	14 Vague terms (“affiliation/contact”) used as limitlessly expandable criteria
15 Criminal-court acquittals treated as incriminating evidence by administrators	16 Violating the right to defense by blocking access to lawyers
17 Hollowing out the defense from within via co-opted counsel	18 Targeting defense lawyers, advocates, journalists and academics
19 Turning ordinary lawful past activities into fabricated crimes	32 The State of Emergency Commission used to delay and wear victims down, not to remedy
34 Blocking correspondence with international human-rights mechanisms (CPT, ECtHR, UN)	35 Withholding seized personal belongings and digital material for years
131 Destroying the capacity to organize, associate and be represented	139 Stripping the right to vote and stand for election
140 Denying short-term military service rights and mobbing during service	141 Cutting off the ability to defend, seek rights or file applications
143 Denying the right to obtain information from public institutions	145 Denying the ability to serve as a witness

I Civil and Political Rights

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Enforced abduction and disappearance

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Suppressing peaceful assembly and protest through violence and bans

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Using administrative fines as a weapon to silence dissent

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Blocking victims' voices on social media

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Arbitrary and systematic restriction of fundamental liberties

Analytical note

These violations concern core procedural guarantees, individual responsibility, legal certainty, and freedom of expression, association and movement. Together they show administrative measures and criminal-law practice overlapping.

CATEGORY II

Violations of Economic and Labor Rights

35 documented violations

II Economic and Labor Rights	
74 Dismissal from public employment, extending to relatives	75 Exclusion from private-sector employment, extending to relatives
76 Mobbing of employed relatives and blocking their promotion	77 Revocation of professional and occupational licenses
78 Blocking retraining and the chance to acquire a new occupation	89 Disguising dismissal as “voluntary” resignation via pre-printed forms
90 Coerced forced retirement, ending careers with no formal act	91 Seizure of financial rights that had already accrued
93 Seizure of personal savings	94 Seizure of family inheritance
97 Criminalizing those who help dismissed people find work	101 Excluding victims from the pandemic ban on layoffs
103 Denying micro- and small-business support to victims’ firms	110 Blocking access to documents needed for economic activity
111 Preventing the buying and selling of real estate	112 Preventing the sale of movable property
113 Seizure of the right to dispose of real estate	114 Seizing property and then charging victims rent to use their own
115 Collecting victims’ receivables for the state while ignoring their debts	116 Preventing the opening of businesses and issuing of permits
117 Freezing bank accounts	118 Cancelling bank accounts and credit cards
119 Preventing opening of new bank accounts, spouses included	120 Preventing wire and EFT transfers, spouses included
121 Denying access to bank and institutional loans, spouses included	122 Excluding victims from debt-restructuring facilities
123 Denying POS card-payment devices	124 Excluding victims from tax amnesties and reductions
125 Blocking access to insurance services	126 Turning economic collapse into permanent debt bondage via usury
128 Retroactively stripping retirees’ ranks, titles and vested rights	144 Rendering victims functionless within their own workplace

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Arbitrary eviction from workplaces held by public institutions

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Denial of car-rental services

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Closing all lawful livelihoods, forcing victims into de facto slave labor

Analytical note

Exclusion from public and private employment, licenses, banking and commerce cuts off livelihoods and extends the economic penalty to relatives.

CATEGORY III

Violations of Social Rights

20 documented violations

III Social Rights	
72 Cutting off all social-security services and benefits	73 Blocking family support and community solidarity aid
92 Seizure of pension rights, including for the disabled	95 Blocking or seizing financial assistance
98 Blocking or seizing family allowances	99 Seizure of pregnancy, maternity and birth-support entitlements
100 Seizure of the short-time work allowance	102 Excluding victims from pandemic income and grant support
104 Denial of general health insurance coverage	105 Blocking access to mental-health services and trauma treatment
106 Denying disabled persons the assistive devices they need	107 Seizure of elderly and disability care/attendant allowances
108 Blocking or seizing natural-disaster relief	109 Starvation through seizure of social and economic support
162 Eviction from housing and coerced displacement	163 Forcing out the tenants of victim landlords
164 Denying access to any shelter or housing	165 Expulsion from public guesthouses and dormitories
184 Blocking all aid to prisoners' families, condemning them to hunger	186 Revoking veteran status and its associated honor pension

Analytical note

Withdrawal of pensions, benefits, healthcare and housing removes the basic social protection that sustains life, above all for the elderly, disabled and children.

CATEGORY IV

Violations of Educational and Cultural Rights

13 documented violations

IV Educational and Cultural Rights			
79	Blocking use of paid-for education, exams and certificates	80	Denial of internship rights, including for children
81	Cutting education scholarships and demanding retroactive repayment	82	Denying school-need education aid to victims' children
83	Denial of undergraduate, master's and doctoral education rights	84	Denying gifted children access to talent-development education
85	Blocking state education-support scholarships for victims' children	86	Blocking private-institution education-support scholarships
87	Blocking participation in state-supported scientific projects	88	Removing victims' children from sports teams or barring their entry
133	Denying the right to education by banning entry to school buildings	137	Invalidating diplomas, titles, theses and scholarly publications
153	Heavy censorship and banning of scholarly, literary and artistic works		

Analytical note

Barriers to education, scholarships, academic work and publishing damage both present opportunity and long-term intellectual life, reaching victims' children.

CATEGORY V

Violations of Family and Children’s Rights

25 documented violations



V Family and Children’s Rights

36	Detaining both parents of dependent children at the same time	37	Damaging children’s psychosocial development through a “stigmatized identity”
48	Detaining women in their hospital rooms during or right after childbirth	49	Handcuffing during childbirth and denying a support companion
50	Causing infant and maternal deaths through trauma inflicted on pregnant mothers	51	Placing children in cells together with their mothers
52	Depriving infants of breast milk	53	Preventing breastfeeding and separating the infant from the mother
54	Conducting raids, searches and arrests in front of young children	56	Denying imprisoned infants and children beds, toys and play areas
155	Holding family members hostage as leverage	188	Coding relatives to target them across generations

V Family and Children's Rights

190	Preventing victims from forming a family	191	Forcing families toward breakdown and divorce
192	Coercing children into disowning their parents	193	Coercing parents into disowning their children
194	Mobbing carried out through bloodline ties	195	Mobbing carried out through in-law ties
196	Harming continuity of the family line by preventing births and marriages	198	Removing children from biological parents and handing them to others
199	Removing adopted children from their adoptive families	200	Preventing adoption
201	Mobbing aimed at severing a family's social ties	202	Harassing families by stripping their children's education rights
203	Destroying the structural functionality of families		

Analytical note

Profiling of relatives, targeting of pregnant women, infants and children, and pressure toward family breakdown carry the harm across generations.

CATEGORY VI

Violations of Prison and Detention Regime

21 documented violations

VI Prison and Detention Regime	
20	Handcuffed “perp-walk” before cameras prior to any conviction
21	Coercing confessions through ill-treatment and discrimination in custody
22	Night-time interrogations with no breaks for basic needs
23	Mass detention in venues unfit for custody (gyms, hangars, warehouses)
24	Withholding medication and basic medical care in detention
25	Detention places lacking minimum humane conditions
26	Severe overcrowding, prisoners forced to sleep on the floor
27	Serving spoiled, moldy and nutritionally inadequate food
28	Blocking education, exams and professional development during detention
29	Destroying privacy via camera surveillance of toilets and living areas
30	Coercing self/family-incriminating statements; treating silence as guilt
31	Coercing confession by threatening to take children into state care
38	Subjecting emergency-decree prisoners to harsher conditions than ordinary convicts
39	Visual stigmatization through forced prison uniforms
40	Prolonging detention by discrimination and forcing waiver of rights
41	Refusing to defer sentences for the disabled, elderly and gravely ill
42	Deliberate transfers to distant prisons, severing family ties
43	Denying detained spouses in the same complex the right to see each other
44	Economically exploiting prisoners’ families through canteen and forced spending
57	Systematic torture and ill-treatment
182	Systematic torture, sexual harassment and rape

Analytical note

Conditions of custody, discriminatory execution of sentences and denial of medical care and family contact turn detention itself into a punitive instrument.

CATEGORY VII

Violations of Migration and Citizenship Rights

8 documented violations



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Migration and Citizenship Rights

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Stripping citizenship rights acquired through marriage

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Erasure of citizenship nationally and internationally

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De facto statelessness; trapping people inside their own country

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Banning dismissed persons from leaving the country

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Banning victims' family members from leaving the country

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Forcing people to leave the country by making life unbearable

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Transnational repression of those who fled abroad

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Deaths of those forced to flee, publicly mocked or celebrated

Analytical note

Travel bans, de facto statelessness and transnational pressure confine victims inside the country or pursue them beyond its borders.

CATEGORY VIII

Violations of Social Stigmatization and Reputational Harm

11 documented violations

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Social Stigmatization and Reputational Harm

45	Legitimizing systematic disinformation, hate speech and stigmatization	46	Encouraging assaults, assassinations and massacres, and shielding perpetrators
130	Socially erasing victims and their relatives	132	Character assassinations
134	Banning entry to public institutions and buildings	146	Hierarchical discrediting and status destruction
168	Encouraging and organizing crimes against victims	169	Organizing national and international lynching campaigns
172	Barring victims from donating blood	185	Permanent social-security stigma codes causing lifelong unemployment
189	Dismissals, defamation and rights violations aimed at the deceased		

Analytical note

Disinformation, labeling, character assassination and organized lynching campaigns manufacture social exclusion and legitimize hostility.

CATEGORY IX

Violations of Psychological, Physical and Religious Harm

27 documented violations



IX Psychological, Physical and Religious Harm

47 Using indirect methods of killing rather than direct ones to conceal the harm

55 Confiscating women's headscarves and religious clothing in custody

58 Driving victims and their relatives to suicide

59 Systematic isolation and social alienation

61 Causing deaths through pressure and denial of access to healthcare

62 Related women driven to death by systematic pressure, illness or suicide

63 Related children driven to death by systematic pressure, illness or suicide

64 Related elderly driven to death by systematic pressure, illness or suicide

65 Related disabled persons driven to death by systematic pressure

66 Related women who died because treatment was delayed or blocked

67 Related children who died because treatment was delayed or blocked

68 Related elderly who died because treatment was delayed or blocked

69 Related disabled persons who died because treatment was delayed or blocked

70 Attempts to have victims killed through assassins

71 Forcing detained victims toward death by blocking their treatment

138 Destroying the individual's future

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Turning victims into “living dead” through social isolation

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Denying dignified burial by withholding graves and blocking religious rites

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Burying the dead in “traitors’ cemeteries” and refusing funeral services

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Erasure from freedom of religious belief

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Obstruction of religious rituals such as the Hajj

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Obstruction of religious worship such as fasting

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Exclusion from places of worship such as mosques

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Denying dignified treatment in funeral transport and services

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Exclusion from faith-based solidarity mechanisms such as zakat

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Dehumanizing the target group through religious excommunication (takfir)

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Psychological killing through isolation, humiliation, exposure and provocation

Analytical note

Isolation, driven suicide, denial of healthcare, and faith-based exclusion and dehumanization operate as a gradual and often invisible destruction.

CATEGORY X

Violations of Structural and Systemic Violations

11 documented violations

X Structural and Systemic Violations	
33	Weaponizing indefiniteness and open-ended time as a deliberate intimidation technique
60	Building a mutual-surveillance society that rewards informing
127	Individually erasing victims' identity, personhood and existence
129	Systematic destruction of digital identity (e-government, e-signature)
135	Hiding official data and statistical blackout to block accountability
136	Erasure of the person's past record
142	Closing information channels so the public stays unaware of the harm
170	Systematic hypocrisy and exploitation
181	Erasing victimhood from social memory and deferring justice indefinitely
197	Replacing solidarity-based community with a polarized, conflictual society
204	Mass "execution lists" built from systematic, arbitrary profiling

Analytical note

Indefinite emergency measures, collective punishment, statistical blackout and mass profiling entrench the entire pattern into ordinary administration.

CONCLUSION

A systematic and multidimensional regime

This framework reveals a systematic and multidimensional regime of rights deprivation affecting virtually every aspect of life. Economic, social, civil, political, and cultural rights are restricted and violated in an interconnected and mutually reinforcing manner.

The cumulative impact of these measures raises serious concerns regarding compliance with international human-rights law, including obligations under the instruments below.

ECHR

European Convention on Human Rights

ICCPR

Intl. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

ICESCR

Intl. Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

CRC

Convention on the Rights of the Child

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