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Background

The Turkish Republic has a nation-state constitution and structure with an official ideology that is not based on human rights. This state endeavored to democratize itself between 1999 and 2004, guided by the Copenhagen political criteria during the process of full membership to the EU. The reform process came to a halt in 2005 as attempts to deliver a conflict resolution to the Kurdish issue and followed a dormant course until 2013. The peace and resolution process, which was initiated in 2013 to resolve the Kurdish issue through democratic means, continued until 2015. Democratization efforts regained momentum during this interim period. Yet the reform process effectively ended in July 2015 as the armed conflict broke out again. The intensive armed conflict, Turkey's military campaign into Syria and the failed coup d'état of 15 July 2016 witnessed rather tragic events.

A country-wide State of Emergency (SoE) was declared on 20 July 2016 and the SoE was extended 7 times only to be lifted two years after on 18 July 2018. Turkey has been governed by SoE decree laws. More than 100,000 public employees have been dismissed from their posts, numerous media outlets and associations have been closed down while rather extensive and gross human rights violations have been carried out by means of these decree laws. The Turkish Constitution was amended on 16 April 2017 under the ongoing SoE and the country took on an authoritarian system based on single-man governance. While Turkey was trying to democratize itself, it went back to at least 30 years and its constitution -founded on parliamentary democracy which was the product of a military coup d'état- put on an even more anti-democratic character with the referendum of 16 April 2017 held under the ongoing SoE.

Efforts to democratize the republic has proven to be a process during which human rights defenders (HRDs) had to pay heavy prices. Turkey has long topped the list of countries where repression of and attacks against human rights defenders were witnessed the most. Numerous individuals involved in the human rights movement have faced trials, been convicted, assaulted and murdered. Associations active in the human rights field have been searched, closed down, wire-tapped and prevented from carrying out their activities. Scores of rights and law organizations in Turkey have been closed down, those that remained open have been kept at a firm grip and their executives along with their members have been subjected to a policy of judicial harassment because of the SoE.

The Constitution of the Republic of Turkey is one that was drafted pursuant to the military coup d'état of 12 September 1980. This constitution adopted a policy of impunity as a whole. Democratization efforts during the EU accession process and the peace process, however, failed to eradicate this policy of impunity in its entirety which, at the same time, become a culture in Turkey. Impunity has been re-granted an overt legal protection through decree laws issued during the SoE and even civilians have been awarded impunity particularly through the SoE decree law no. 696. The most pressing problem that HRDs have to face in Turkey is such policy of impunity implemented by the state. Thus HRDs quest for justice fail to yield any results because of these policies of impunity.

Further, İHD, which was established in 1986, has been singled out due to its holistic approach that handles human rights as a whole and its struggle to end rights violations. Militarist state policy has always perceived human rights organizations like İHD and HRDs as dangerous internal enemies. Such perception has started to change with the EU process. Yet, some institutions maintain their perception of HRDs as security risks for human rights are interpreted within the scope of a perspective characterized by security in Turkey, as is the case in the world. The Memorandum Document and the Strong Action Plan [Andıç Belgesi and Güçlü Eylem Planı] drafted by the Turkish General Staff in 1998 claimed that İHD was an internal enemy that should be closed down. This document was officially acknowledged by the General Staff in 2000. The criminal complaints filed by İHD regarding the generals who signed this document failed to yield any results with no effective investigations launched and no criminal cases were initiated against them. Within the scope of the trial launched in Ankara about the coup attempt of 28 February 1997, the generals only faced attempted coup charges while they did not face charges with regards to the Memorandum Document and the Strong Action Plan they had drafted against institutions like İHD. As is seen, the policy of impunity was maintained despite clear criminal evidence existed.

The government's human rights policy should also be examined along with the policy of impunity. Turkey adopted the UN "Declaration on Human Rights Defenders" in 2004 and it was communicated to provincial security directorates/police departments through the Ministry of the Interior's circular letter no. 2004/139. However, we have not witnessed any kind of implementation of this declaration up to today. The government adopts international documents but does not do what is necessary to implement them in practice.

The military and civilian bureaucracy is still quite powerful in the government of the state. This group has been putting up resistance in defending the official state ideology. It has been resisting governments' policies of change. Since there is no judicial law enforcement in Turkey, this task is undertaken by security directorates/police departments. Investigation files drafted by security directorates are communicated to public prosecutors' offices by a summary of proceedings and prosecutors launch lawsuits against individuals based on these summaries. Lawsuits against numerous HRDs due to the restriction of and ban on freedom of expression have been launched in this manner.

The Law on the Organization of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) was amended in 2014 and the agency was granted the authority to launch official investigations within the scope of terrorism and espionage charges, thereby, the agency was commissioned to undertake the task of judicial law enforcement. Thus, the fact that public prosecutors have been conducting investigations and launching lawsuits over files drafted by the police, gendarmerie and the intelligence agency continues to be a major problem. While judicial law enforcement under the command of public prosecutors carry out investigations in democratic countries, groups outside the command of public prosecutor's draft investigation documents that serve as the basis for investigations.

A vast majority of investigations and lawsuits launched against HRDs have been initiated by public prosecutors' offices with special powers and heard by assize courts with special powers. The civil judiciary in Turkey has been divided into two since there are assize courts and public prosecutors' offices with special powers. Such special procedure systems are often used to exert pressure on the civil society that acts outside the official domain of the state. Although the state security courts, which had been established as the continuation of courts martial in Turkey, were closed down, they were replaced by assize courts and public prosecutors' offices with special powers through Article 251 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP). Article 251 of the CCP was repealed through an amendment introduced in 2013 but these courts and public prosecutors' offices continued to operate as per Article 10 of the Anti-Terror Code (ATC). Such courts were closed down through Law No. 6526, which went into effect on 6 March 2014, pursuant to reform efforts during the peace and resolution process. The political power, however, argued for a need for such courts and public prosecutors' offices and re-opened these assize courts and public prosecutors' offices with special powers through the 17 February 2015 ruling of the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (SBJP) by virtue of the stalemate in and the chances of failure regarding the peace and resolution process. As is seen, these assize courts and public prosecutors' offices with special powers that are still operating do not have a legal basis. This situation clearly reveals the degree to which the judiciary which should have been the guarantee for fundamental rights and freedoms has been controlled by the political power.

The report of 10 January 2012 entitled "Administration of Justice and Protection of Human Rights in Turkey," drafted by the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe following his visit to Turkey from 10 to 14 October 2011, clearly stated that there was no need for courts and prosecutors' offices with special powers and they should be closed down.¹ Turkey complied with this recommendation in 2014 but went back to the former system in 2015.

The Council of Europe's European Commission for Democracy through Law's (Venice Commission) opinion (No. 852/2016) dated 13 March 2017 regarding the duties, competences and functioning of the criminal peace judgeships in Turkey proves to be highly significant.² This opinion unmistakably reveals the fact that the criminal peace judgeships, which have an even more special place within the system of assize courts and prosecutors' offices with special powers, have been instrumentalized as the most important tools of the policy of judicial harassment. Turkey needs to follow the Venice Commission's recommendations without delay.

Although Article 90 of the Constitution sets forth that in the case of a conflict between international agreements, duly put into effect, concerning fundamental rights and freedoms and the laws due differences in provisions on the same matter, the provisions of international agreements should prevail; this rule is implemented neither by prosecutors nor courts. Article 138 of the Constitution, on the other hand, prescribes that the courts should rule in accordance with the law. Not only has there been an absence of a judicial structure acting in compliance with the principle of the rule of law in Turkey, but also the judiciary has failed to be impartial and independent. About 4,300 judges and prosecutors, who were charged with serving within the judicial structure of the Fethullah Gülen organization, were dismissed from their posts by SBJP decisions during the SoE declared after the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016. Those judges and

¹ <https://rm.coe.int/16806db70f>

² <https://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/default.aspx?pdffile=CDL-AD%282017%29004-c>

prosecutors holding offices operate being vulnerable to all kinds of directions by the political power as they have no guarantees whatsoever.

It turned out to be that numerous investigations and lawsuits had been initiated and pending against those exercising their rights to freedom of expression and association, prominently HRDs, individuals or circles within the social dissidence by judges and prosecutors who had been conducting organizational activities within the judiciary. Particularly the lawsuits drawn up and launched by judges and prosecutors, who had been dismissed from their posts within the scope of their activities in the Fethullah Gülen Organization and most of whom are jailed or at large, should be reviewed and scrutinized. For instance, overruling of the motion for retrial filed by İHD's former secretary-general Atty. Hasan Anlar and three other attorneys, who also were İHD executives and members, in spite of the fact that the incidents that led to their conviction were proven to be a plot cooked up by police officers, prosecutors and judges who were members of the Fethullah Gülen Organization, the political power maintains its policy of judicial harassment against dissidents, in other words, those who do not side or do not cooperate with it. The conduct of the political power in the Ergenekon cases and others known as the KCK cases has been polar opposites. Although the plots within both prosecution processes were conspired by the same organization, the government has had different attitudes. Hence, how forceful the political power has been in implementing its policy of impunity was revealed once again.

Further, the penal legislation of the Republic of Turkey does not discriminate between those who resort to violence and those who do not. Articles 134, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220 § 6-7-8, 222, 226, 277, 285, 288, 300, 301, 305, 314 § 3, 318 and 341 of the Turkish Penal Code (TPC), the Anti-Terror Code (ATC), the Misdemeanor Law, Law No. 2911 on Assemblies and Rallies, the Law on Political Parties, the Law on Trade Unions, the Law on Associations and the Law on Protection of Atatürk incorporate very significant prohibitive and punitive provisions. Articles 220 § 6-7 and 314 § 3 of the new TPC that went into effect in 2005 and Article 2 of the ATC that was amended in 2006 both introduced provisions that set forth that those who act in line with the goal of an illegal organization despite not being members of that organization should be sentenced as if they were members of that illegal organization. Within the scope of such offenses resorting to violence or not does not emerge as a criterion.

Pressures on Human Rights Defenders

The penal legislation contains provisions that infringe upon the right to liberty of the person as well. Article 100 of the CCP sets forth provisions that provide for pre-trial detention of persons easily. In consequence HRDs can effortlessly be detained. There are statements based on concrete evidence as to the necessity to amend Article 200 of the CCP in the above-mentioned report of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe. Pre-trial detention/trial on remand is a typical example of judicial harassment of HRDs. Turkey has never complied with these recommendations. It has been observed that persons were sentenced to imprisonment even for charges that did not necessitate resorting to the detention measure as per Article 100 of the CCP, especially after the declaration of SoE. For instance, persons have often been sentenced to imprisonment under Article 7 § 2 of the ATC and Article 216 of the TPC in spite of the fact that these two articles do not require detention.

Freedom of expression is restricted in Turkey for the reasons explained above. Accordingly, HRDs face multifarious lawsuits based on such grounds as expression of thought, expression of different thoughts by the deed, supporting others to express their thoughts. Many HRDs -against whom lawsuits have often been launched, imprisoned and convicted- had to take refuge in other countries.

The policy of judicial harassment of HRDs in general, along with İHD executives and members, has escalated after the declaration of the SoE and attempts were made to narrow down the human rights field in its entirety through repression. Within this scope:

10 HRDs were arrested/taken under police custody on 5 July 2017 with trumped up charges of “committing an offense on behalf of an illegal organization as a non-member” and “membership in an armed terrorist organization” due to their participation in a workshop on the well-being and safety of rights defenders in Büyükdada, İstanbul. Two of these HRDs were then released on judicial control and the remaining 8 were detained. The indictment of the investigation was submitted to the court on 4 October 2017 and the first hearing was held on 25 October 2017 at İstanbul 35th Heavy Penal Court. The court ruled for the release of 8 HRDs in the first hearing. Nalan Erkem, lawyer with the Citizens' Assembly; İlknur Üstün, member of the Women's Coalition; Veli Acu, member of the Human Rights Agenda Association; İdil Eser, Director of Amnesty International Turkey; Özlem Dalkıran, member of the Citizens' Assembly; Günel Kurşun, former Chairperson and lawyer with the Human Rights Agenda Association; Ali Gharawi and Peter Steudtner, security consultants; Nejat Taştan, member of the Association for Monitoring Equal Rights, and Şeyhmus Özbekli, trainee lawyer and member of the Rights Initiative are on trial in this case. The court will continue to hear the case on 16 July 2019.

Taner Kılıç, the Chair of Amnesty International Turkey, was taken under custody on 6 June 2017 and was detained three days after. He was remanded in pre-trial detention in İzmir Şakran Prison on the grounds that he had “ByLock,” a secure mobile messaging application that the authorities said was used by the Fethullah Gülen Organization, on his cell phone. The court held that Taner Kılıç’s detention should continue and ruled for the joinder of his case with the above-mentioned Büyükada Case in its first hearing on 26 October 2017. There was, however, no piece of evidence that substantiated the “ByLock” charge against Taner Kılıç in the case file. On the contrary, reports drafted by two independent experts revealing that he had no such application on his phone were submitted to the court both in writing and in person. Yet Taner Kılıç was not released in the second hearing on 20 November 2017 either. Although İstanbul 35th Heavy Penal Court ruled for his release on judicial control in the third hearing on 30 January 2018, he was arrested again upon the objection of the court prosecutor. Taner Kılıç has been jailed for more than 14 months only to be released on 15 August 2018.

6,081 academics were dismissed without any justification or due legal process. Appeals mechanisms and legal remedies have been rendered inaccessible for dismissed academics through regulations implemented during the state of emergency. Additionally, these academics have been banned from public sector as well. They have been ripped off their right to social security. And their passports have been invalidated, referring to a de facto travel ban without a court order. 406 academics dismissed from their posts at universities are those who signed the declaration “We Will Not Be a Party to This Crime!” penned by Academics for Peace on 10 January 2016. Lawsuits have been brought against the signatories under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code No. 3713 with trumped up charges of “making propaganda for a terrorist organization.” As of 23 May 2019, lawsuits have been brought against 706 academics since 5 December 2017 according to data provided by Academics for Peace³. Within the framework of finalized cases in local courts, judges have sentenced 195 academics to imprisonment. Of these, 32 academics’ imprisonment sentences have not been deferred. The 15-month imprisonment sentence handed down to Prof. Dr. Zübeyde Füsün Üstel of Galatasaray University has been upheld and Prof. Üstel is now serving her sentence in Eskişehir Women’s Closed Prison. Another peace academic, Assoc. Prof. Tuna Altınel of Lyon-1 University, has also been arrested in Balıkesir, Turkey on 11 May 2019 on charges of terrorist propaganda for participating in a panel held in France for which he was not even a speaker. Altınel was in Balıkesir to get information as to why his passport was restricted. Further imprisonment sentences handed down to Prof. Dr. Büşra Ersanlı of Marmara University; Prof. Dr. Gülhan Türkay, Prof. Dr. Gençay Gürsoy and Prof. Dr. Şebnem Korur Fincancı of İstanbul University and 27 other academics are still pending before the court of appeals. This oppressive process against Academics for Peace proves to be a crystal-clear indicator of the ways in which the principle of the rule of law and the right to a fair trial have been eradicated in Turkey.

Likewise, Kocaeli Heavy Penal Court sentenced physician, peace defender, former chair of Mazlumder, Ömer Faruk Gergerlioğlu, who was dismissed by a decree law, to 2.5 years in prison on 21 February 2018 within the scope of a lawsuit launched on charges of terrorist propaganda for the PKK/KCK terrorist organization in his social media posts and articles as per Article 7 § 2 of the ATC.

Prof. Dr. İhtar Gözaydın, who was arrested with another 13 individuals from Gediz University that was closed down by a decree law, was arrested on 26 December 2016 on charges of “membership in a terrorist organization” and was imprisoned in İzmir Şakran Prison. Professor Gözaydın’s file was sent to İstanbul and the indictment was sustained by İstanbul 27th Heavy Penal Court on 30 March 2017 which ruled for her release on judicial control following 93-day incarceration. Professor Gözaydın was acquitted in the fourth hearing held on 31 January 2018.

Osman Kavala, who was the chairperson of the executive board of Anadolu Kültür Corp. along with being the founding member, executive board member or advisory board member of many NGOs like the Open Society Foundation, TESEV, TEMA Foundation, History Foundation, Diyarbakır Institute of Political and Social Research and Turkey Cinema and Audiovisual Culture Foundation, was arrested on 19 October 2017 and was referred to the court for detention by İstanbul Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office without ever taking his statement following a 14-day custody. İstanbul 1st Criminal Peace Judgeship ruled for his detention on 1 November 2017 on charges of attempting to abolish the constitutional order as per Article 309 of the TPC and attempting to overthrow the government as per Article 312 of the TPC.

The indictment submitted as part of the investigation launched into the Gezi Park protests has been accepted by the İstanbul 30th Heavy Penal Court. The indictment against 16 people, including Osman Kavala and Yiğit Aksakoğlu, who has been detained since 17 November 2018, was completed on 20 February. Yiğit Aksakoğlu was arrested following simultaneous police raids against prominent academics and civil society actors at various locations in İstanbul, Adana, Antalya and Muğla on 16 November 2018. On 17 November, he was detained on charges of “attempting to overthrow

³ <https://barisicinakademisyenler.net/node/314>

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vT05GTWUQMDot1iPfmSieJsWLGBoBorNIJyLP5IdtvJVEcKRw8C8qMxFXPighYZkz7pf2ENP2bXZ3DMo/pubhtml?gid=1873917137&chrome=false&widget=false)

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the government.” The court based its decision on allegations that he had participated in several meetings, as moderator and facilitator, in order to organize a new round of protests following the Gezi Park Protests in 2014.

The 657-page Gezi indictment, which was sustained on 4 March 2019 by the court, has incorporated 10 different charges against the defendants and warrants were previously issued against 16 people, including journalist Can Dündar and actor Memet Ali Alabora. The other individuals who have been charged with “attempting to overthrow the government” are as follows:

Anadolu Kültür Inc. Executive Board member Ali Hakan Altınay, architect Mücella Yapıcı, actress Ayşe Pınar Alabora, filmmaker and journalist Çiğdem Mater Utku, Open Society Foundation Representative to Turkey Gökçe Yılmaz, author Handan Meltem Arkan, Civil Society Development Center Coordinator Hanzade Hikmet Germiyanoglu, İnanç Ekmekçi, filmmaker, assistant director and publicist Mine Özerden, lawyer Can Atalay, Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects (TMMOB) Chamber of Urban Planners İstanbul Office Executive Board Chair Tayfun Kahraman and Anadolu Kültür Inc. Executive Board Deputy Chair and Terakki Foundation Schools' Executive Board member Yiğit Ali Ekmekçi.

On 21 May 2019 the Constitutional Court's General Secretariat rejected Kavala's individual application to end his continued pre-trial detention that it was in violation of his human rights by a majority vote in its judgment that found no violation of his right to liberty and security. The Constitutional Court has failed to act as an effective domestic remedy once again.

On 30 January 2018, the police arrested 11 members of the Central Council of the Turkish Medical Association -its President Dr. Raşit Tükel, Sezai Berber, Sinan Adıyaman, Selma Güngör, Şeyhmus Gökalg, Hande Arpat, Ayfer Horasan, Taner Gören, Funda Obuz, Yaşar Ulutaş, and Nazım Yılmaz- in four different cities, and searched their homes and workplaces. They were charged with “propaganda for a terrorist organization” and “provoking people to hatred and enmity” under the Anti-Terror Code. The charges were related to a statement issued on 24 January 2018 in which the Turkish Medical Association called for an end to the Turkish military campaign in northern Syria and argued that “War is a public health issue!” Following the statement, members of the association received numerous threats by email, phone calls and social media. In a speech on 26 January 2018, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan publicly called the Turkish Medical Association “terrorism supporters” and the Minister of Health, Ahmet Demircan, claimed that the association, which has 83,000 members making up 80% of all physicians practicing in Turkey, did not represent medical doctors in Turkey. The TMA responded with a second statement on the same day denying the false accusations.

On 3 May 2019, the court reached a verdict on the case in its third hearing. The defendants were sentenced to 20 months in prison, 10 months for each statement. There were separate charges against Hande Arpat and Şeyhmus Gökalg, namely “propaganda for an armed terrorist organization.” The court acquitted Şeyhmus Gökalg, but sentenced Hande Arpat to another 1 year 6 months and 22 days in prison for her social media posts.⁴

Especially obstacles before and restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression and association along with the failure to guarantee the right to liberty and security of the person give way to repressive practices against HRDs who wish to exercise their rights to freedom of expression and association in different areas. Moreover, the dialogue among NGOs and the public administration for the protection of HRDs is not effective enough. Government officials fail to hold joint meetings on a regular and sufficient basis with human rights organizations as well. Human rights organizations that can readily meet with EU officials have a rather hard time in meeting with ministers. HRDs' dialogue with the public administration have been cut back to the lowest levels particularly after the SoE.

At the same time great challenges are faced in the follow up of investigations and lawsuits, the number of which has been gradually increasing following the SoE. Human rights organizations can only follow these investigations and lawsuits launched against HRDs on a voluntary basis and offer support. This is one of the reasons why the capacities of human rights organizations in Turkey should be built.

Pressures on İHD Executives and Members

Under the SoE, the pressure on human rights organizations and defenders climaxed. HRDs were prevented from carrying out their ordinary activities through bans, detentions, arrests, investigations and court cases which led to a narrowed field for human rights. HRDs were also dismissed from their posts through decree laws and subjected to court cases along with legal and/or administrative investigations.

The increasing number of investigations and court cases were followed by violations of the right to a fair trial. Following biased investigations, the right of defense of HRDs was restricted during the trials. In most of the concluded trials HRDs were sentenced to imprisonment terms accordingly. Reports by human rights organizations like Amnesty

⁴ http://www.ttb.org.tr/haber_goster.php?Guid=974228a4-6db0-11e9-bc62-c74a1db01f86

International⁵ and Human Rights Joint Platform⁶ indicate that there is an upward trend in the number of investigations or court cases and convictions against HRDs. These reports also underline the fact that the SoE turned out to be a permanent regime which, on the one hand, restricts all the fundamental rights and freedoms and, on the other hand, severely punishes all the persons struggling with the ongoing oppression.

The annual 2017⁷ and 2018⁸ İHD reports on human rights violations also offer detailed information on how the government's reception of human rights changed and pin the "single person regime" in Turkey on top of its findings. The reports also incorporate numerous instances of violations or practices of pressures which HRDs have faced in Turkey recently. Especially the pressure on opposition groups has increasingly continued for the term under consideration.

Where the field of human rights is shrinking day by day, İHD members and executives, unsurprisingly, bear the brunt of pressure. Following the declaration of SoE, at least 93 İHD members and executives were dismissed from their through Decree Laws or administrative decrees. [See attached table for details]

The report of 1 June 2018⁹ by İHD incorporates information on around 250 court cases and investigations against İHD members and executives. In addition, a total of 143 lawsuits were brought against İHD's Co-Chairperson Eren Keskin alone. Ms. Keskin was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison under Articles 299 and 301 of the Turkish Penal Code (TPC) on 29 March 2018 within the scope of one of these court cases. İHD Malatya Branch Chair Ms. Gönül Öztürkoglu was detained on 27 November 2018 and arrested, while she was released on 22 March 2019. İHD's former Bitlis representative Mr. Hasan Ceylan and İHD Dersim Branch executive Mr. Özgür Ateş were convicted and imprisoned.

At least 30 investigations and court cases against the founders, president, members of the board of directors and volunteers of Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (HRFT) are still pending. Further, authorities have launched both administrative and judicial procedures against the legal personalities of human rights bodies like the HRFT and İHD. Investigation processes have been initiated and are pending with regards to a report drafted by the HRFT, İHD, Agenda: Child! Association, Trade Union for Public Employees in Healthcare and Social Services and Diyarbakır Bar Association following a visit to Cizre within the scope of initiatives to document gross human rights violations in residential areas under curfew in Turkey's South East. Moreover, there are two separate pending investigations against İHD.

Another report drafted by İHD's Legal Affairs Commission¹⁰ incorporates information on 78 lawsuits, specifically against lawyers practicing in political cases. The Chairperson of Progressive Lawyers Association Selçuk Kozağaçlı and many other executives and lawyers of the association are now in prison.

The most important case against İHD was launched following the investigation initiated upon the complaint by the Chief of General Staff to the Ministry of Interior. The ministry initiated an administrative, financial and operational inspection against the Human Rights Association. The inspection was carried out by the inspectors of the Ministry of Interior between 27.06.2016 and 21.09.2016. The Audit Report was released on 20.06.2017. In the audit report, inspectors requested the authorities to sue the İHD and its branches alleging that the published reports, statements of İHD as well as decisions taken by the General Assembly of the İHD violated the Articles 301 and 302 of the Turkish Penal Code and the Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. Upon this request, an investigation was launched against the Co-Chairperson, Öztürk Türkoğlu, and 40 members of the İHD by Ankara Press Office of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. Another investigation, with the file number 2016/15529, conducted by the same office against Öztürk Türkoğlu and chairs of other institutions who were involved in fact-finding and reporting in relation to curfews in the Southeastern provinces.

İHD's former Secretary-General lawyer Hasan Anlar, Chair of Ankara branch lawyer, Central Executive Committee member lawyer Filiz Kalaycı were sentenced to 6 years and 3 months' in prison under Article 314 of the TPC on allegations of "committing an offense on behalf of an illegal organization as a non-member." They were singled out by security forces for their human rights related activities and informing their clients in police custody about their right to remain silent. It was revealed during the trial that the investigation was conducted and the indictment was drafted by officers and the judges who were members of the Fethullah Gülen organization. The Court of Cassation upheld the verdict on 7 December 2016. The court also rejected the motion for the revision of the verdict. The appeal to the Constitutional Court is still under examination. The procedures concerning the appeal for the sake of law at the

⁵ <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/EUR4482002018TURKISH.PDF>

⁶ <http://www.i-hop.org.tr/2018/04/25/updated-situation-report-state-of-emergency-in-turkey-21-july-2016-20-march-2018/>

⁷ <https://ihd.org.tr/en/?p=1832>

⁸ <https://ihd.org.tr/en/?p=2109>

⁹ <https://ihd.org.tr/en/?p=1846>

¹⁰ <https://ihd.org.tr/en/?p=1885>

Ministry of Justice are not completed either. Meanwhile Hasan Anlar and Filiz Kalaycı had to leave Turkey, Halil İbrahim Vargün is serving his sentence in Kırıkkale F-type Prison.

İHD's former Chair of Muş Branch, lawyer Mensur Işık; Doğubeyazıt Representative, lawyer Şaziye Önder; İHD's former Chair of İzmir Branch, lawyer Nezahat Paşa and Central Executive Committee member Ayşe Batumlu are on trial on charges of "membership in an illegal organization" according to Article 314 of the TPC on the mere basis of acting as defense attorneys for Abdullah Öcalan.

An investigation was initiated against executives of İHD's Van Branch lawyers Erhan Dönmez and Cihan Yaman and they stood trial on charges of "membership in an illegal organization" under Article 314 of the TPC relying on the testimonies of anonymous witnesses and their pro bono services to persons who were on trial for terror-related offences.

Executive of İHD's Gaziantep Branch, lawyer Hasan Önder Sulu is under investigation for participating in the funerals of his clients and being present during the autopsies of his clients. Mr. Sulu has been on trial on charges of "membership in an illegal organization" under Article 314 of the TPC.

A court case was launched against executives of İHD's Ağrı Branch, lawyer Olcay Öztürk and lawyer Vural Kaya, for accompanying an applicant to İHD during the handing over of militants' bodies upon the request of their families and participating in the Peace Day rally. The case was launched on charges of "membership in an illegal organization" under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 3 May 2019, the court sentenced Olcay Öztürk to 2 years and 1 month in prison. Should the Court of Appeals uphold the sentence, he will also be dismissed from his profession as a lawyer on the grounds that the term of imprisonment is over 2 years.

On 21 January 2018, the İHD Headquarters released a press statement on the military operations conducted in Afrin region of Syria. HQ also shared the statement with its branches. The branches and members posted the statement on social media. Security forces conducted operations throughout the country following the dissemination of the statement and comments on social media on the Afrin operation. İHD Central Executive Committee member Nuray Çevirmen was arrested on 22 January 2018 in Ankara. After 4 days of police custody, she was released on 26 January 2018 with judicial control. Central Executive Committee member Hayrettin Pişkin was arrested on 23 January 2018 in Çanakkale. He was detained on 24 January 2018 and released on 21 March 2018 at the first hearing of his case. He was also sentenced to 2 years and 6 months in prison on charges of "propaganda for an illegal organization." The case was launched for sharing another user's post. The Court of Appeals quashed the verdict and acquitted Hayrettin Pişkin. But even then, such cases prove the impact of the government on judicial institutions. In connection with the comments on the Afrin operation, chair of İHD's Kars Branch, Ahmet Adıgüzel, was arrested on 23 January 2018 in Ardahan and detained on 25 January 2018. At the first hearing of his case on 15 March 2018, the court sentenced him to 1 year and 6 months in prison on charges of "making propaganda for an illegal organization." The Court of Appeals also upheld the verdict and he is serving his sentence in Kars Closed Prison. Former Chair of İHD's Hatay Branch, Mithat Can, was also arrested on 13 February 2018 for his posts on social media critical of the Afrin operation. He was released on 16 February 2018 under judicial control.

Members and executives of the İHD were also convicted for sharing caricatures of the Turkish president. A court case was launched against İHD's Tarsus Branch Board Member Dilan Doğan for a caricature she shared on social media on 6 March 2017 on charges of insulting the president under Article 299 of the TPC. The court sentenced her to 4 years and 8 months in prison, the Court of Appeals upheld the verdict. The case is now pending before the Court of Cassation. This sentence is the longest term of imprisonment under this article of the TPC. Judges in Turkey are quite willing to sentence individuals when insulting the president is in question.

Countless court cases were also launched in connection with activities like public statements or rallies on 1 September Peace Day, 10 December Human Rights Day, 8 March Women's Day, 1 May Labor Day, etc.

İHD Co-Chair Öztürk Türkdöğen, İHD board members Sevim Salihoğlu and Derya Uysal, İHD worker Besra Varlı were forcefully detained during a public statement on 9 November 2017 concerning dismissals from public duty and regular protests staged on Yüksel Street in Ankara. They were all given a fine of TL 277 each under the Law of Misdemeanors. The İHD appealed to the Constitutional Court. Chair of İHD's İstanbul Branch and member of the Central Executive Board Gülseren Yoleri and members of the İstanbul branch were arrested on 5 August 2017 for taking part in a public statement concerning dismissals from public duty through decree laws. After a 3-day police custody, they were released under judicial control and with a travel ban. An investigation was also launched on charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.

In order to re-establish a democratic society and the rule of law in accordance with universal human rights principles, Turkey has to take urgent measures. The steps to be taken are simple and clear. And all the actors have their own part to contribute to the human rights struggle in Turkey.

RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS
AND
THE RESTORATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD

Turkey has to take necessary steps for the effective implementation of UN Guidelines on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders.

All the HRDs who are either under pre-trial detention or arrest in connection with their human rights activities have to be released.

The official and non-official actors who do put pressure on HRDs through either investigations and court cases or threats and terrorization have to be identified, investigated and prosecuted. The policy of impunity has to come to an end eventually.

All the legal proceedings concerning organizational activities within the security forces, intelligence services, and the judiciary have to be readdressed. If there are any plots behind these proceedings, they have to be unveiled.

International organizations have to monitor and closely follow the investigations and court cases against HRDs and make them visible for the international community. Human rights organizations in Turkey also need their contribution to enhance organizational development.

Trust in the judiciary has dramatically decreased in Turkey in recent years. The judiciary has to be re-structured in accordance with the rule of law in order to re-gain the trust of the people. Accordingly, all the heavy penal courts with special powers have to be closed down, all the prosecutors' offices with special powers have to be repealed.

One of the most pressing problems of Turkey is still the subjective definitions and interpretations of terror and terrorism. Terror-related offences have to be re-defined in line with the UN Security Council resolutions. There should be a legal distinction between violent and non-violent activities, the body of current law should be amended duly. The government should not interfere with the judiciary in categorizing non-violent activities under terror-related offences.

Freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful demonstration and freedom of association should be secured in line with the international conventions.

Turkey should invite and allow UN special rapporteurs on Human Rights Defenders, on Protecting Human Rights while Countering Terrorism, on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, on Minority Issues to visit and implement the recommendations in their reports by introducing necessary legal amendments.

İHD
EXECUTIVES AND MEMBERS
DISMISSED FROM
PUBLIC SERVICE
[AS OF JUNE 2018]

Branch	Name	Position	Dismissal Decision
Headquarters	Osman İşçi Adnan Vural	Secretary General HQ Board Member	Decree Law No 689 Decree Law No 682
İzmir	Mine Çetinkaya Caner Canlı Eylem Temiz	Branch Board Member Branch Board Member Branch Board Member	Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686
Dersim	Gülbüz Solmaz	Branch Chair	Decree Law No 679
Kahramanmaraş	Selçuk Delibaş	Branch Chair	Decree Law No 675
Sakarya	Kamber Göçer	Branch Board Member	---
Elazığ	Behzat Hazır	Branch Chair	Decree Law No 675
İskenderun	Coşkun Selçuk Nalan Durak Hülya Ateş Fidan Durmuş Aytan Kılınç Melek Demir Sevcan Şeker Nurgül Yavuz Ziya Ayçık Nidayi Ekinici Mustafa Beyazsu Mehtiresul Doğan Kemal İrencin Şahin Yılmaz Şükret Selçuk Alican Yıldırım Mehtap Arıca Fesih Güzel	Branch Chair Branch Board Member Branch Board Member Branch Board Member Branch Board Member Branch Supervisory Board Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member	Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 672 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675
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Ağrı	Emin Bayram Mehmet Emin Yıldız Mehmet Boğa Cesim Özlen Ahmet Keleş Fatih Taşdemir Heval Bozdağ Ruken Ulaş Akkuş Özlem Arıcı Veysi Timur Ercan Özhan Mukaddes Kubilay	Branch Board Member Branch Board Member Branch Board Member Branch Supervisory Board Branch Supervisory Board Member Member Member Member Member Member Member	Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 677 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 677 Decree Law No 689 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675 --- --- --- --- ---

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Konya	Cevdet Köprülü Ramazan Turan Ayşe Keçeli	Branch Chair Member Member	Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675 Suspended from duty
Hatay	Hasan Kozat Gülizar Işık Çay	Member Member	Decree Law No 686 Administrative Decision on 23 February 2018
Mersin	Mahmut Sümbül Sinan Muşlu M. Emin Kaplan Ahmet Basri Aday Mustafa Şık Mahir Engin Çelik Hakkı Adıbelli İlhami Yurtsever Mustafa Şener Bülent Hatun Cafer İskin Duygu İçli İbrahim Coşkun M. Celalettin Kıcı Recep Sevim Hacı Aydemir Fudel Mutlu Remzi Çitçi	Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member	Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 689 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 675 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686 Decree Law No 686
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COURT CASES AND INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST EXECUTIVES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

İHD Headquarters	Following the investigation initiated upon the complaint by the Chief of General Staff to the Ministry of Interior. The Ministry initiated an administrative, financial and operational inspection against the Human Rights Association. The inspection was carried out by the inspectors of the Ministry of Interior between 27.06.2016 and 21.09.2016. The Audit Report was released on 20.06.2017. A court case was launched for the cancelation of the decisions taken during general assembly in 2014. The court rejected the case on the grounds of not being launched within the statutory period. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
İHD Co-Chair Öztürk Türkdoğan and Board Members	The most important case against İHD was launched following the above-mentioned investigation. Inspectors requested the authorities to sue the İHD and its branches alleging that the published reports, statements of İHD as well as decisions taken by the General Assembly of the İHD violated Articles 301 and 302 of the Turkish Penal Code and the Article 7§ 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. Upon this request, an investigation was launched against the Chair Öztürk Türkdoğan and 44 members of the İHD by Ankara Press Office of Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. The investigation is still ongoing. Öztürk Türkdoğan and 16 members of the İHD presented written statements to the Public Prosecutor. Remaining 27 persons are awaiting for an official invitation for their statements.
İHD Co-Chair Öztürk Türkdoğan	Another investigation, with the file number 2016/15529, conducted by the same office against Öztürk Türkdoğan and chairs of other institutions who were involved in fact-finding and reporting in relation to curfews in the Southeastern provinces. For the continuation of the investigation, the permission of the Ministry of Justice is being awaited.
Eren Keskin, İHD Co-Chair	There are several court cases launched for acting as an editor-in-chief of the daily <i>Özgür Gündem</i> under Article 314 of the TPC and under Articles 7§ 1 and 7§ 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. 48 cases are still ongoing. In one case, İstanbul Heavy Penal Court No 14 sentenced her to 3 years and 9 months in prison under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Eren Keskin, İHD Co-Chair	There are several court cases launched for acting as an editor-in-chief of the daily <i>Özgür Gündem</i> under Article 301 of the TPC. 12 cases are still ongoing. In one case, İstanbul Penal Court of First Instance No 2 sentenced her to 2 years and 3 months in prison under Article 301 of TPC.
Eren Keskin, İHD Co-Chair	Sentenced in several cases launched for acting as an editor-in-chief of the daily <i>Özgür Gündem</i> under Article 299 of the TPC which proscribes insulting the president. As of 20 March 2018, 49 cases were concluded. In 6 cases, the sentences were upheld by the Court of Appeals. The term of imprisonment sentences in those cases are converted to a fine of TL 62,660. The convictions in 40 cases -a total of 5 years' imprisonment- are pending before the Court of Appeals for final rulings. Fine sentences of TL 456,000 are also pending before the Court of Appeals. On 29 March 2018, she was sentenced to 5 years and 2 months in prison and the sentence was reprieved.
Eren Keskin, İHD Co-Chair	Launched in connection with a speech she gave during a panel on human rights on 20 February 2005. On charges of denigration of the government according to Article 301 of the TPC. She used the expressions "the state has a dirty history and blooded hands. It can even kill a 12-year-old girl." On 11 December 2014, the court sentenced her to 10 months in prison. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Rıza Dalkılıç, former İHD Vice-Chair	Launched in connection with a sit-in protest in front of the Prime Minister's office in İstanbul to draw public attention to the hunger strikes in prisons. İstanbul Penal Court of First Instance acquitted him.
İHD Chair Öztürk Türkdoğan, İHD Board members Sevim Salıhoğlu, Derya Uysal, İHD Worker Besra Varlı	Forcefully arrested during a public statement on 9 November 2017 concerning dismissals from public duty. They were all given a fine of TL 277 each under the Law of Misdemeanors. The İHD filed an appeal before the Constitutional Court.
İHD Honorary Board Member Ragıp Zarakolu	Launched in connection with a course delivered at the political academy of Peace and Democracy Party on charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the ATC. Ragıp Zarakolu had to leave Turkey during the trial and lives in Sweden. On 5 September 2018, Turkey issued a red notice for Ragıp Zarakolu.

Osman İşçi, Secretary General and member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with trade union activities, on charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the ATC. He was detained on 25 June 2012 and released 10 April 2013 to be tried without remand. The case is still pending at Ankara Heavy Penal Court No 6.
Hasan Anlar, former Secretary General, Halil İbrahim Vargün, former Chair of Ankara branch, Filiz Kalaycı, former member of the Central Executive Board	Threatened by the police for taking part in human rights activities and providing legal support to detainees. A court case was launched under Article 314/2 TPC on the allegations for “committing an offense on behalf of an illegal organization as a non-member”. The court sentenced the defendants to 6 years and 3 months’ imprisonment. The convictions were approved by the Court of Appeals on 7 December 2016. Hasan Anlar and Filiz Kalaycı sought asylum, Halil İbrahim Vargün is serving in Kırıkkale F-type Prison.
İsmail Boyraz, Vice-Secretary General	An investigation was launched upon a denunciation by a student’s parent in connection with his comments during a class and ended with non-prosecution decision.
Adnan Vural, former member of the Central Executive Board	Launched for taking part in a protest concerning governmental budget discussions at the parliament. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. Ankara Penal Court of First Instance will continue to hear the case on 2 July 2019.
Adnan Vural, former member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with the fact-finding report on Cizre during curfews drafted by İHD, TİHV, Gündem Çocuk. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization and inciting people to hatred and enmity. The investigation is still ongoing.
Adnan Vural, former member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with a protest in Ankara in connection with the curfews in the Eastern and South Eastern regions. On charges of membership in an illegal organization. The investigation is still ongoing.
Ayşe Batumlu, former member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with acting as a defense lawyer for Abdullah Öcalan. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The case is still pending.
Ayşe Batumlu, former member of the Central Executive Board	Launched on the allegations of inciting people to commit crimes and praising crime and criminals. The court sentenced her to 1 year and 3 months in prison, the sentence was reprieved.
Ayşe Batumlu, former member of the Central Executive Board	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization and violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The court acquitted her on 6 May 2019.
Ayşe Batumlu, former member of the Central Executive Board	Launched on the allegations of violating the Articles 53, 54, 58, 60 and 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. Bursa Heavy Penal Court No 8 will start to hear the case on 16 July 2019.
Büşra Demir, Şırnak Branch Board Member and member of the Central Executive Board	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code for a report drafted about 2 kids who burnt to death in Şırnak T-type Prison. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Büşra Demir, Şırnak Branch Board Member and member of the Central Executive Board	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code for participating in a peace rally. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Büşra Demir, Şırnak Branch Board Member and member of the Central Executive Board	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code for bringing back the Chinese persons abducted by PKK. She testified with the public prosecutor; the investigation is still ongoing.
Büşra Demir, Şırnak Branch Board Member and member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with a public statement on charges of denigration of the Turkish nation, government, governmental institutions according under Article 301 of the TPC.
Derya Uysal, member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with the slogans chanted before the court case concerning child abuse in the dormitories of Ensar Foundation. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Ekrem Bilek, member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with his activities regarding self-governance under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Genççağ Karafazlı, member of the Central Executive Board	Launched after his shop was attacked on 7 June 2015 following his daughter’s running for the parliament. Despite being attacked, he was sued for wounding the attackers. The trial is still ongoing.

Gülseren Yoleri, Chair of the İstanbul Branch and member of the Central Executive Board	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning dismissals from public duty through decree laws. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. Placed under judicial control and was issued a travel ban. She testified with the public prosecutor; the investigation is still ongoing.
Hayrettin Pişkin, Çanakkale Branch Board Member and member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with social media posts on the Afrin operation on charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization according to Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 2 years and 6 months' imprisonment for making propaganda for an illegal organization. The Court of Appeals quashed the verdict and ruled for his acquittal.
Nuray Çevirmen, member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with a social media post on the Afrin operation. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization according to Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. She was arrested on 26 November 2017 and released on 8 December 2018 under judicial control and to be tried without remand. A travel ban was issued for her as well. The investigation is still ongoing.
Rahşan Bataray Saman, member of the Central Executive Board	Launched in connection with a public statement on the grounds that she called clashes "war" and killings "massacre". On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization according to Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted the defendant.
Sait Çağlayan, member of the Central Executive Board	Launched for taking part in a public statement to protest the new military outposts in Hakkari. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. Hakkari Heavy Penal Court No 1 will start hearing the case on 10 October 2019.
Abdulahdi Karakurt, Chair of Ağrı Branch	Launched for taking part in public statements and meetings concerning ISIS attack in Shengal region in Iraq, armed clashes and military operations in the region, press releases of the İHD Headquarters, etc. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations; Articles 314 § 2, 58 § 9, 53 § 1, and 63; Articles 5 § 1 and 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The case is still pending with the latest hearing on 29 May 2019.
Abdulkadir Çurğatay, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code in connection with political activities. Mardin Heavy Penal Court No 2 will continue to hear the case on 30 June 2019.
Abdullah Görgen, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection to press statements of İHD and taking part in public statements with other CSOs. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The case is still pending with the next hearing to be held on 5 July 2019.
Abdurrahman Kızılay, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on hunger strikes in prisons in 2012. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The court sentenced him to 18 months' imprisonment. The Court of Appeals quashed the verdict and the re-trial will start on 31 October 2019. In another trial in connection with a public statement on hunger strikes in prisons in 2012, Derik Penal Court of First Instance acquitted him.
Abdurrahman Kızılay, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a phone call with a former HDP executive. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC. The court acquitted him and the Court of Appeals upheld the ruling.
Abdurrahman Kızılay, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched for breaking the curfew rules in Derik in 2015. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Abdülkerim Pusat, Cizre Representative	Launched in connection with human rights activities in Cizre. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Abuzer Yavaş, Malatya Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a social media post on the Afrin operation. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. He was arrested on 2 February 2018 and is remanded in Malatya E-type Prison.
Adnan Öğrü, former executive of Adana Branch	Launched for violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning clashes in Kobane. The trial is still pending.
Adnan Sarı, Bingöl Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with posts on social media on Kobane resistance. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 2 years' imprisonment and suspended the pronouncement of the judgment.
Ahmet Adıgüzel, Chair of Kars Branch	Launched in connection with a social media post on the Afrin operation. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 15 March 2018, the court sentenced him to 1 year and 6 months' imprisonment. The case is at the Court of Appeals.
Ahmet Çiçek, Treasurer of İzmir branch	Launched on allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement on the Soma Massacre which led to the death of 301 miners. On 5 March 2018, the court acquitted him.

Ahmet Keleş, Ağrı Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning the ISIS attack in Shengal region in Iraq. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Ahmet Keleş, Ağrı Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning education in mother tongue. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Ali Aydın, former Chair of İzmir Branch	A court case was launched on the allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement on the Soma Massacre which led to death of 301 miners. The court acquitted him.
Ali Koçyigit, İstanbul Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on 14 November 2012 on hunger strikes in prisons in front of the prime minister's office in İstanbul. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The court acquitted him.
Ali Osman Abalı, Mersin Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning Abdullah Öcalan's being brought to Turkey. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 1 year and 6 months' imprisonment. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Ali Şimşek, former Chair of Gaziantep Branch	Launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. He was detained on 12 December 2016 and released on 6 March 2017. The investigation is still ongoing.
Ali Tanrıverdi, Chair of Mersin Branch	Launched for attending the funerals of members of an illegal organization in 2014 and 2015, protesting Abdullah Öcalan's being brought to Turkey, taking part in the commemoration of the killings of female Kurdish politicians in Paris. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. After 5 months of detention, he was released on 18 May 2017 under judicial control and to be tried without remand. Mersin Heavy Penal Court No 7 will start to hear the case on 8 July 2019.
Ali Tanrıverdi, Chair of Mersin Branch	Launched for monitoring the banned Newroz celebrations in 2013, delivering a training on human rights in DTP's human rights academy, making statements to the press on child abuses in Pozantı Prison, etc. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 6 December 2018, the court sentenced him to 1 year and 3 months' imprisonment only for making propaganda for an illegal organization. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Ali Tanrıverdi, Chair of Mersin Branch	Launched in connection with 1 May Labor Day celebration in 2009. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Ali Tanrıverdi, Chair of Mersin Branch	Launched in connection with a speech on the 1921 constitution during a meeting of DTK. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 1 year and 3 months' imprisonment only for making propaganda for an illegal organization. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Arslan Özdemir, Diyarbakır Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of membership in the illegal organization "KCK - Kurdistan Communities Union" under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted him.
Ayşe Erkalıcı, Gaziantep Branch	Launched in connection with a public statement on the anniversary of Gezi Park protests. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. Gaziantep Heavy Penal Court No 7 will start to hear the case.
Azad TAŞ, former Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with public statements and monitoring activities. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. Siirt Heavy Penal Court No 1 will start to hear the case.
Barbaros Hayrettin Yılmaz, Ankara Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with the activities of the United Revolutionary Party. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. He was detained on 26 November 2017 and released on 8 December 2018 under judicial control and to be tried without remand. Mersin Heavy Penal Court No 7 will start to hear the case on 8 July 2019.
Beşir Dünder, Mardin Branch Board Member	2 separate cases launched for taking part in public statements by CSOs. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The court sentenced him to imprisonment and suspended the pronouncement of the judgment.
Caner Canlı, Emekli, İzmir Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a press release by the Peace Block in connection with the killed women during operations in the Southeast region. The trial is still ongoing.
Cemal Babaoğlu, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched for sharing İHD's Cizre Report on social media with the comment "violence documented". On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted him and the case is at the Court of Appeals.
Cemal Babaoğlu, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched for sharing the song "Denge Çiya." On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 1 year and 10 months imprisonment and the case is pending before the Court of Appeals.

Cemal Babaoğlu, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched for the comment “This man is nuts” on social media referring to the president’s statement concerning the elections. On charges of insulting the president under Article 299 of the TPC. The trial is still ongoing.
Cemal Babaoğlu, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with the İHD executives’ visit to BDP’s “peace tent” in Şanlıurfa on 23 March 2011. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Cesim Özlen, member of Ağrı Branch Board of Auditors	Launched for threatening and preventing people from resisting the coup attempt on 15 July 2016. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Also suspended from duty. The investigation is still ongoing.
Cihan Yaman, Van Branch Board Member	Launched upon the statement of an anonymous witness on the allegations of establishing connection between clients and an illegal organization. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Coşkun Selçuk, Chair of İskenderun Branch	Launched in connection with public statements on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Cüneyt Caniş, Van Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with taking part in public statements, demonstrations and protests. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 15 years’ imprisonment and he had to leave Turkey.
Deniz Bayrak, İzmir Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a press release by the Peace Block in 2017 in connection with the killed women during operations in the Southeast. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Deniz Uslu, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a protest on 14 October 2015 against the ISIS attack in Ankara. On charges of insulting the president under Article 299 of the TPC. The court sentenced her to 1 years and 2 months’ imprisonment, the Court of Appeals upheld the verdict.
Deniz Uslu, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched for a public statement on the ISIS attack in Suruç district of Şanlıurfa. On charges of denigration of the government under Article 301 of the TPC. The court sentenced her to 5 months’ imprisonment, the Court of Appeals upheld the verdict.
Deniz Uslu, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on 6 March 2016 by Women’s Platform. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced her to to a fine of TL 6,000; the Court of Appeals upheld the verdict.
Deniz Uslu, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched according the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. On charges of resisting security forces during a celebration in Çukurova University campus in 2016. The trial is still ongoing.
Deniz Yıldırım, Antalya Representative	Launched on the allegations of acting as lawyers for the members of illegal organizations, receiving orders from illegal organizations, attending the funeral of Ayşe Deniz Karacagil and for several social media posts. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted Deniz Yıldırım.
Derya Çiçek Nar, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization by using photos of people who died in 2014 and 2015 in Kobane at events for HDP before the general elections on 7 June 2015. The trial is still ongoing.
Derya Çiçek, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning ISIS’s attack on 10 October 2016 in Ankara. The trial is still ongoing.
Derya Gazioğlu, former executive of İstanbul Branch	Launched in connection with a public statement demanding humanitarian aid corridor to Kobane. On charges of violating Law on Meetings and demonstrations. The trial is still ongoing.
Devran Yıldız, Batman Branch Board Member	Launched for publicly reading the statement of Saturday Mothers. On charges of denigration of the government under Article 301 of the TPC. Ministry of Justice granted permission for the investigation which is still ongoing.
Dilan Doğan, Tarsus Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with social media posts. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted him and the case is pending before the Court of Cassation.
Dilan Doğan, Tarsus Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a caricature shared on social media under Article 299 of the TPC for insulting the president. The court sentenced her to 4 years and 8 months’ imprisonment, the Court of Appeals upheld the verdict. The case is pending before the Court of Cassation.
Doğan Özkan, İstanbul Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning dismissals from public duty through decree laws. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. He was released under judicial control and with a travel ban. He testified with the public prosecutor and the investigation is still ongoing.
Edip Kaynar, Bingöl Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with posts on social media on Kobane resistance. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 2 years and 6 months’ imprisonment and the Court of Appeals upheld the verdict. He had to leave Turkey.

Emirhan Uysal, former Chair of Şırnak Branch	Launched for protesting arbitrary decisions of Governor in Şırnak, protesting Roboski Massacre and ISIS attack in Suruç, taking part in world peace day activities. On charges of being member of an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. He has 6 combined files in one case, next hearing of the case will be on 13 June 2019.
Erdal Gilgil, Chair of Antalya Branch	Launched in connection with the petition “Academics for Peace” on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.
Erdal Kuzu, former Chair of Mardin Branch	Launched in connection with public statements on curfews imposed in 2015 and 2016. On charges of violating Law on Meetings and demonstrations. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Erdal Özakçıl, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with phone calls to the relatives of prisoners. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 7 years and 6 months’ imprisonment and the case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Erdal Özakçıl, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched for social media posts. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Erhan Dönmez, Van Branch Board Member	Launched upon a statement by an anonymous witness on the allegations of establishing connection between clients and an illegal organization. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Eylem Salar, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on International Women’s Day on 8 March 2017. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Fatma Kayar, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with public statements and monitoring activities. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Fatma Yıldız, İskenderun Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Fazilet Taştan Arserim, Şırnak Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Fedri Sönmez, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code for taking part in the self-governance public statement. The court sentenced him to 6 years and 3 months’ imprisonment for membership in an illegal organization and the case is pending before the Court of Cassation.
Fedri Sönmez, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code for taking part in the activities of Rojava Solidarity Association in 2016. The association was closed down through a decree law. The court acquitted him.
Fedri Sönmez, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched upon denunciation under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code for allegedly taking part in illegal events and demonstrations. 4 files are combined in this case. The investigation is still ongoing.
Felemez Ele, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched after being arrested on the allegations of being in preparation of a protest on the day HDP Co-Chairs Selahattin Demirtaş and Figen Yüksekdağ were detained. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The case is combined with the following case.
Felemez Ele, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched upon the testimony of a witness on the allegation of membership in an illegal organization. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Feyzi Adsız, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code in connection with advocacy activities. Mardin Heavy Penal Court No 3 will continue to hear the case on 24 June 2019.
Filiz Akılçağı, Bitlis Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement concerning the killings of female Kurdish politicians in Paris, public statement on human rights violations during curfews and comments on curfews on social media. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Gönül Öztürkoglu, Chair of Malatya Branch	Launched for reading public statements of İHD Headquarters in Malatya. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. She was kept in pre-trial detention for almost 3 months. The trial is still ongoing.
Gülşay Koca, former Chair of Şanlıurfa Branch	Launched in connection with public statements and rallies, Democratic Society Congress membership. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.

Gülay Koca, Şanlıurfa Former Branch Chair	Launched in connection with a public statement. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The trial is still ongoing.
Gülsüm Demir, Gaziantep Branch	Launched in connection with visual material on her phone and taking part in the funeral of a member of an illegal organization. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.
Günay Karafazlı, Rize Representative	Launched in connection with comments concerning the highway project in northern Anatolia. On charges of insulting the president under Article 299 of the TPC. The trial is still ongoing.
Günay Karafazlı, Rize Representative	Launched after his shop was attacked on 7 June 2015 following his daughter's running for the parliament. Despite being attacked, he was sued for wounding the attackers. The trial is still ongoing.
Gülbüz Solmaz, Chair of Tunceli Branch	Launched in connection with a public statement against armed clashes between security forces and members of an illegal organization. On charges of denigration of the state under Article 301 of the TPC. The investigation is closed on the grounds that the Ministry of Justice did not respond to the permission for trial request.
Gülbüz Solmaz, Chair of Tunceli Branch	Launched in connection with a public statement protesting the detention of Munzur University students. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Handan Can, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with public statements and march on femicides. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced her to 3 years' imprisonment. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Hasan Ceyhan, Bakkal, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with public statements and monitoring activities. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Hasan Ceylan, former Bitlis Representative	Launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 4 April 2019, the court sentenced him to 7 years and 6 months' imprisonment. He is now serving his sentence.
Hasan Önder Sulu, Gaziantep Branch	Confidentiality order on the investigation, allegedly launched for taking part in the funerals of his clients.
Hasan Yalçın, Diyarbakır Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with asking the fate and whereabouts of Hurşit Kültür during the sit-in by Saturday Mothers. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
Hülya Ateş, former executive of İskenderun Branch	Launched in connection with public statements on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Hülya Mendilloğlu, former Chair of Ankara Branch	Launched for taking part in trade union activities, Newroz celebrations, and demonstrations. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.
Hüsamet'in Özdem, Ankara Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with the activities of the United Revolutionary Party. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization according to Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Hüseyin Akbaba, Adıyaman Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on the ISIS attack in Suruç. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The trial is still ongoing.
Hüseyin Arslan, Mersin Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement in 2015 concerning Abdullah Öcalan's being brought to Turkey. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 1 year's imprisonment, the case is pending before the Court of Cassation.
Hüseyin Biçer, Van Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in demonstrations and chanting slogans, and membership in a students' association in Van 100 th Year University. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Hüseyin Cangir, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with having connection with an interpreter at US Adana Consulate under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Mardin Heavy Penal Court No 3 acquitted him.
Hüseyin Mavi, İHD Tunceli Branch Board Member	Launched upon the testimony of a surrendered militant. On charges of being member of an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 4 years and 3 months' imprisonment. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Hüseyin Mavi, İHD Tunceli Branch Board Member	Launched for participating the funeral of Sibel Bulut who was killed in Kobane. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 10 months' imprisonment. The sentence was converted to a fine.
İ. Halil Bakır, Adıyaman Branch Board Member	Launched for participating the 1-day strike by the Confederation of Unions in the Public Sector (KESK) to demand peace. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization according to Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. His sentence was upheld by the Court of Appeals. His sentence was converted to a fine.
İlhan Öngör, Adana Branch Chair	Launched in connection with incidents following a public statement in Adana on the condition of prisoners. On charges of resisting security forces under Article 265 of the TPC and insulting public officers under Article 125 TPC.

İlhan Öngör, Adana Branch Chair	Launched in connection with the expression “human rights are violated” during a public statement on the curfew in Silvan. On charges of denigration of the state under Article 301 of the TPC.
İlhan Öngör, Chair of Adana Branch	Launched in connection with a public statement in Adana on 1 September 2016 Peace Day. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a non-prosecution decision.
İlyas Tarım, Batman Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with boycotting courses at Dicle University to protest in the Roboski Massacre and reading a public statement by Saturday Mothers. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC, and preventing education according to Article 112 of the TPC. The court acquitted him.
İlyas Tarım, Batman Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a social media post that read “there is massacre in Cizre”. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and denigration of the government under Article 301 of the TPC. The court acquitted him and the Court of Appeals upheld the ruling.
İlyas Tarım, Batman Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a social media post saying “there is massacre in Kurdistan”. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and denigration of the government under Article 301 of the TPC. The court acquitted him and the case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
İlyas Tarım, Batman Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a comment on social media alleging that the Reina attacker ISIS member was subjected to torture. On charges of denigration of the government under Article 301 of the TPC.
İsmail Akbulut, Chair of Hakkâri Branch	Launched taking part in a public statement to protest the new military outposts in Hakkari. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. Hakkari Heavy Penal Court No 1 will start to hear the case on 10 October 2019.
İsmail Akbulut, Chair of Hakkâri Branch	Launched for sharing and distributing İHD reports and statements, drafting of a report on damages on the bodies of members of an illegal organization. On charges of attempting to disrupt the unity of the state under Article 302 of the TPC. The trial is still ongoing.
İsmail Akbulut, Chair of Hakkâri Branch	Launched for sharing and distributing İHD reports and statements, drafting of a report on damages on the bodies of members of an illegal organization. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 24 May 2019, the court sentenced him to 6 years and 3 months’ imprisonment. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Kamber Geçer, Tarsus Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in the one-day strike by the Trade Union of Education and Science Workers’ (Eğitim-Sen) to demand peace. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Application pending before the Constitutional Court.
Kemal Şahan, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning ISIS’s attack on 10 October 2015 in Ankara. The trial is still ongoing.
Kemal Teke, Chair of Balıkesir Branch	Launched in connection with a public statement concerning the ISIS attack in Ankara. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The court acquitted him; ruling upheld by the Court of Appeals.
M. Emin Köneş, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a signature campaign demanding family visits for Abdullah Öcalan. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
M. Raci Bilici, former Chair of Diyarbakır Branch	Launched in connection with asking the fate and whereabouts of Hurşit Kültür during the sit-in of the Saturday Mothers. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
M. Raci Bilici, former Chair of Diyarbakır Branch	Launched in connection with the public statement on “Roboski Massacre”. The investigation is still ongoing.
M. Raci Bilici, former Chair of Diyarbakır Branch	Launched in connection with the public statement “Find the Disappeared Persons”. The investigation is still ongoing.
M. Raci Bilici, former Chair of Diyarbakır Branch	Launched for taking part in Democratic Society Congress meetings as branch chair, serving as a moderator at a conference organized by GÖÇ-DER, monitoring meetings and demonstrations. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Adjoined with the following case.
M. Raci Bilici, former Chair of Diyarbakır Branch	Launched for human rights activities and those of the İHD. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Diyarbakır Heavy Penal Court No 5 will continue to hear the case on 25 June 2019. There are 5 more investigations / cases launched under the Anti-Terror Code.
Mahmut Aydınç, İskenderun Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a decision of non-prosecution.
Medeni Aygöl,	Launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization. On charges of membership in an

Erzurum Branch Chair	illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. He was released after detention under judicial control. The trial is still ongoing.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning the 16 th anniversary of Abdullah Öcalan's being brought to Turkey. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code and violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched for sharing a part of the movie <i>Beritan</i> on social media. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with public statement on the ISIS attack on 10 October 2015 in Ankara. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC. The court acquitted him.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with the killings of nurses and physicians in Cizre in 2015. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on curfews imposed in December 2016. On charges of disrupting the unity of the state or to weaken the independence of the state or to separate a part of the territory under the sovereignty of the state under Article 302 of the TPC.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched upon a denunciation for talking in Kurdish during a bus ride. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted him; the case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement in 2016 in Nevala Kasaba concerning the killings by unidentified assailants. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Mehmet Alanç, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement in 2015 to protest the protocol signed with the corrupt Deniz Feneri organization. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Mehmet Ali Gülşen, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning the clashes in Kobane. The trial is still ongoing.
Mehmet Emin Demir, Executive of Tarsus Branch	Launched in connection with sharing news and articles on social media. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization according to Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Mehmet Karlıdağ, Member of İskenderun Branch Board of Auditors	Launched for participating public statements of the İHD on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Mehmet Nafiz Koç, former Chair of Elazığ Branch	Launched in connection with newspapers, photos and various material found during a raid on DBP premises in Elazığ. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Travel ban was imposed and the trial is still ongoing. Another investigation was initiated in connection with the donation to Rojava Solidarity Association which was closed down through a decree law. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Mehmet Nafiz Koç, former Chair of Elazığ Branch	Launched under Article 299 of the TPC for insulting the president.
Mehmet Tuncel, Malatya Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a social media post on the Afrin operation. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 7 May 2019, the court sentenced him to 6 years and 3 months' imprisonment.
Melek Demir, Member of İskenderun Branch Board of Auditors	Launched for public statements by the İHD on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Memet Karlıdağ, former Executive of İskenderun Branch	Launched for the public statements by the İHD on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Mensur Işık, former Chair of Muş Branch	Launched in connection with acting as a defense attorney for Abdullah Öcalan. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.
Mirza Ekin, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with public statements and İHD activities. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code and violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The court sentenced him to 9 years' imprisonment for membership in an illegal organization. The case is pending before the Court of Appeals.

Mithat Can, Chair of Hatay Branch	Launched in connection with a social media post on the Afrin operation. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a decision of non-prosecution.
Mucip Erdem, Cizre Representative	On charges of being member of an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with the decision of non-prosecution.
Mucip Erdem, Cizre Representative	On charges of being member of an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with the decision of non-prosecution.
Muharrem Erbey, former Vice Chair of HQ and Chair of Diyarbakır Branch	Launched for writing petitions for applicants to the İHD and giving speeches at the international level as an İHD member. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code for being member of KCK's legal commission. The court sentenced to 6 years and 3 months' imprisonment. The case is pending before the Court of Cassation.
Muhsin Beydoğan, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with his attempts for bringing back the abducted village guard Sıddık Bilen by going to Kobane. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Muhsin Beydoğan, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched upon the statements of the surrendered militant Ümit Özer, with the code-name Şiyar. On charges of violating Articles 53, 58, 60 and 314 of the TPC and Article 5 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 18 April 2018, the court acquitted the defendant on the grounds of lack of concrete evidence.
Muhsin Beydoğan, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched for being a member of the urban organization of PKK for conducting activities as a member of İHD's commission on mass graves. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 1 June 2016, the court acquitted the defendant on the grounds of lack of concrete evidence.
Muhsin Beydoğan, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched for participating in the funeral of a militant and taking part in several public statements of CSOs. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC. The investigation is still ongoing.
Murat Melet, Chair of Van Branch	Launched for taking part in an anti-war public statement on 20 December 2015. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The trial is still ongoing.
Murat Melet, Chair of Van Branch	Launched for taking part in an anti-war public statement on 30 May 2015. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and demonstrations, making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code, and resisting security forces under Article 265 of the TPC. The trial is still ongoing.
Murat Melet, Chair of Van Branch	Launched for reading a public statement of İHD HQ on 13 December 2017 during the human rights week. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC. The investigation is still ongoing.
Musa Halefoğlu, Sakarya Branch Board Member	Launched upon a denunciation by a student in connection with his comments during a course. Launched in connection with the activities of the United Revolutionary Party. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization according to Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted the defendant; the Court of Appeals upheld the decision.
Musa Halefoğlu, Sakarya Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a caricature shared on social media under Article 299 of the TPC for insulting the president. The court acquitted the defendant; the Court of Appeals upheld the decision.
Mustafa Sarısülük, Ankara Branch Board Member	Launched for making a public statement before the hearing of the trial of the police officer who killed his brother Ethem Sarısülük during Gezi Park protests. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. He had to leave Turkey during trial.
Mustafa Vefa, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegation of collecting money in the name of an illegal organization and being member of Democratic Society Congress. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Mustafa Vefa, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of being given orders by his clients as a lawyer. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Münip Ermiş, former Chair of Antalya Branch	Launched on the allegations of being given orders by his clients as a lawyer. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Müslüm Denizhan, Gaziantep Branch	Launched for sharing photos of members of an illegal organization on social media. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Müslüm Kına, Şanlıurfa Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with the İHD executives' visit to BDP's "peace tent" in Şanlıurfa on 23 March 2011. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code, and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. He was detained on 30 September 2011 and released on 9 January 2012 to be tried without remand.
Nefise Neriman Deniz, İstanbul Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on 14 November 2012 on hunger strikes in prisons in front of the prime minister's office in İstanbul. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and demonstrations. The court acquitted the defendant.
Nehir Bilece, Substitute Board	Launched in connection with a public statement of HDP's Women Commission on femicide. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror

Member of İzmir Branch	Code.
Nejat Okay, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched under Article 301 of the TPC in connection with a public statement concerning ISIS's attack on 10 October 2015 in Ankara. The investigation ended with a decision of non-prosecution.
Nejat Okay, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning TAK's attack on 15 March 2016 in Ankara. The trial is still ongoing.
Nevzat Güzel, former Executive of İskenderun Branch	Launched for public statements of the İHD. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Nezahat Paşa Bayraktar, former Chair of İzmir Branch	On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Charges are mostly related to her acting as a defense attorney for Abdullah Öcalan.
Nizamettin Aktaş, member of İzmir Branch Board of Auditors	Launched in connection with a press release by the Peace Block in connection with the basements set on fire during operations in Şırnak/Cizre. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Numan Hasanoğlu, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning ISIS's attack on 10 October 2016 in Ankara. The trial is still ongoing.
Nuran Aydın, Bingöl Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with tweets. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced her to 1 year and 6 months' imprisonment and suspended the sentence.
Olcay Öztürk, Ağrı Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in the funeral of a militant and the Peace Day rally. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced Olcay Öztürk to 2 years and 1 month's imprisonment. Should the Court of Appeals upholds the sentence, he will also be dismissed from his profession as a lawyer on the grounds that the term of imprisonment is over 2 years.
Osman Özkan, İstanbul Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on 14 November 2012 on hunger strikes in prisons in front of the prime minister's office in İstanbul. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and demonstrations. The court acquitted the defendant.
Osman Süzen, Adıyaman Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with Kobane protests on 6-7 October 2014. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code and violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The court acquitted the defendant and the Court of Appeals upheld the ruling.
Özgür Ateş, Tunceli Branch Board Member	Launched for being referred to on the notebook of a militant. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 13 November 2018, the court sentenced him to 6 years and 3 months' imprisonment. The case is pending before the Court of Cassation. He is serving his sentence.
Özgür Avcı, Gaziantep Branch	Launched for sharing the photos of people on trial on social media. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC. Stripped naked and arrested on the street.
Özgür Çağlar, Mersin Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a rally staged to protest the killing of female Kurdish politicians in Paris. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Özlem Altun, Van Branch Board Member	Launched for reading a public statement of İHD HQ on 13 December 2017 on the occasion of the human rights week. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC.
Ramazan Ceylan, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched for sharing photos of 2 militants on Facebook. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The next hearing of the case will be on 31 October 2019 at İzmir Heavy Penal Court No 16.
Recep Us, Bingöl Branch Board Member	Launched in connection meetings at Eğitim-Sen, using the word "Kurdistan" on phone calls, a book by Abdullah Öcalan seized during a house raid, and distribution of İHD reports. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Bingöl Heavy Penal Court No 2 will continue to hear the case on 16 October 2019.
Recep Us, former executive of Bingöl Branch	Launched in connection with the expressions "hypocrite and murderer Erdoğan" during a public statement on 30 December 2016. On charges of insulting the president under Article 299 of the TPC. The court acquitted the defendant.
Recep Us, former executive of Bingöl Branch	Dismissed from public service with administrative decision for sharing İHD's reports and statements on social media. The investigation is still ongoing and the public prosecutor has not taken his statement yet.
Reşat Kızılay, member of İskenderun Branch Board of Auditors	Launched for participating the public statements of the İHD. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Rıza Dalkılıç, İHD former Vice-Chair	Launched in connection with a public statement on 14 November 2012 on hunger strikes in prisons in front of the prime minister's office. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Roja Arslan, Siirt	Launched in connection with distributing press statements of İHD and taking part in public statements

Branch Board Member	with other CSOs. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.
Rosa Erdede, Diyarbakır Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of membership in the illegal organization “KCK - Kurdistan Communities Union” under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted her.
Sebahattin Demir, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched under Article 265 of the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations on charges of resisting security forces during 1 May Labor Day celebrations. The trial is still ongoing.
Sebahattin Demir, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning TAK’s attack on 15 March 2016 in Ankara. The trial is still ongoing.
Seher Acay, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with advocacy activities on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. Mardin Heavy Penal Court No 3 will continue to hear the case on 24 June 2019.
Selahattin Barınç, Şırnak Branch Board Member	On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Selahattin Barınç, Şırnak Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Selahattin Barınç, Şırnak Branch Board Member	On charges of praising crime and criminals according to Article 215 of the TPC.
Selçuk Sağlam, former executive of İskenderun Branch	Launched for participating the public statements of İHD. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Selinay Polat, Balıkesir Branch Board Member	Launched upon the statement of an anonymous witness. On the allegations of collecting money in the name of an illegal organization when she was the HDP Chair for Edremit district. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The witness testified at the first hearing to the effect that s/he did not know the defendants. The final hearing of the case will be on 1 August 2019.
Sema Peynirci, Adana Branch former Board Member	Launched on the allegations of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations in connection with a public statement concerning ISIS’s attack on 10 October 2016 in Ankara. The trial is still ongoing.
Serdar Batur, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning the 16 th anniversary of Abdullah Öcalan’s being brought to Turkey. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code and violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations.
Serdar Batur, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with Kobane protests and imposed 3-day curfew following the protests on 6-7 October 2014. On charges of denigration of the government under Article 301 TPC.
Serdar Batur, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with the comment “Massacre in Cizre” on social media during curfew in the district in 2015. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Serdar Batur, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a comment on child death rates in Turkey shared on social media. On charges of insulting the president under Article 299 of the TPC. On 15 March 2018, the court sentenced Serdar Batur to 17 months’ imprisonment and suspended the sentence. He applied to the Constitutional Court.
Serdar Batur, Siirt Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with the comment “Massacre in Cizre” on social media during the curfew in the district in 2015 and posts on 16 March Beyazıt Massacre. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code and inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC.
Servet Üstün Akbaba, secretary of Hatay Branch	Launched in connection with a social media post on the Afrin operation. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 of the TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation ended with a decision of non-prosecution.
Seval Karaçelik, Bitlis Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement concerning the killings of female Kurdish politicians in Paris and possession of daily <i>Azadiya Welat</i> . On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.
Seval Karaçelik, Bitlis Branch Board Member	Launched for sharing Sakine Cansız’s photo on social media. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted the defendant and the case is pending before the Court of Cassation.
Sevim Kalman, İstanbul Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement on 14 November 2012 on hunger strikes in prisons in front of the prime minister’s office in İstanbul. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and demonstrations. The court acquitted the defendant.

Sevinç Koçak, Ankara Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in a public statement concerning dismissals from public duty through decree laws. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations. The trial is still ongoing.
Suna Bilgin, Tunceli Branch Board Member	Launched upon a statement by an anonymous witness alleging that she had connection with a sibling who was a member of an illegal organization. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. On 11 April 2018, the court sentenced her to 6 years and 3 months' imprisonment. She had to leave Turkey.
Şaziye Önder, Doğubeyazıt Representative	On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code mostly for acting as a defense attorney for Abdullah Öcalan. The trial is still ongoing.
Şehnaz Oral, former Executive of İskenderun Branch	Launched for participating public statements of the İHD. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Tahir Mete, Bitlis Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with a public statement concerning human rights violations during curfews. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. He was detained in August 2018 to be tried on remand and he is 70 years old suffering from several illnesses.
Tugay Bek, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched on charges of being member of an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code for taking part in a public statement. The court sentenced him to 3 years and 1 month and 13 days' imprisonment. The Court of Cassation quashed the verdict and acquitted the defendant.
Ümit Çoğan, Kars Branch Board Member	On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Ümit Efe, former Chair of İstanbul Branch	Launched in connection with a public statement on 14 November 2012 on hunger strikes in prisons in front of the prime minister's office in İstanbul. On charges of violating the Law on Meetings and demonstrations. The court acquitted her.
Vetha Aydın, former Chair of Siirt Branch	Launched in connection with distributing press statements of İHD and taking part in public statements with other CSOs. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing.
Vetha Aydın, former Chair of Siirt Branch	Launched in connection with distributing press statements of İHD and taking part in public statements with other CSOs. On charges of being member of an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The trial is still ongoing. There is also another investigation for the same reason.
Veysi Parıltı, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code in connection with political activities. The trial is still ongoing.
Vural Kaya, Ağrı Branch Board Member	Launched for taking part in the funeral of a militant and Peace Day rally and for a report on clashes. On charges of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted the defendant.
Yasemin Dora Şeker, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched for protesting x-ray device for lawyers at the entrance of Adana Court House. On charges of damaging public property under Article 151 of the TPC and resisting security forces under Article 265 of the TPC. The court acquitted the defendant.
Yasemin Dora Şeker, Adana Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with social media posts on the Afrin operation. On charges of inciting people to hatred and enmity under Article 216 TPC and making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The investigation is still ongoing.
Yavuz Karabudak, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with phone calls to the relatives of prisoners. On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court sentenced him to 7 years and 6 months' imprisonment and the case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Yavuz Karabudak, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with social media posts and his name being cited on a document of the Karakoçan municipality concerning "village commissions." On charges of membership in an illegal armed organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted the defendant and the case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Yavuz Karabudak, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with social media posts. The court sentenced him to 2 years and 3 months' imprisonment.
Yavuz Karabudak, Erzurum Branch Board Member	Launched for monitoring the parliamentary and presidential elections in 2018 with the İHD's "independent election monitor" ID card. On charges of violating the Law on Elections. The investigation is still ongoing.
Yusuf Buzgan, Bingöl Branch Board Member	Launched in connection with tweets. On charges of making propaganda for an illegal organization under Article 7 § 2 of the Anti-Terror Code. The court acquitted the defendant and the case is pending before the Court of Appeals.
Zana Aksu, Chair of Siirt Branch	3 separate investigations launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Zana Aksu, Chair of	Launched in connection with phone calls as İHD board member in Aydın. On charges of membership in

Siirt Branch	an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and Article 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code.
Zana Aksu, Chair of Siirt Branch	Launched for being a conscientious objector under Article 63 § 1-d of the Military Penal Code.
Ziya Bağı, Mardin Branch Board Member	Launched on the allegations of membership in an illegal organization under Article 314 of the TPC and 7 § 1 of the Anti-Terror Code in connection with advocacy activities. Mardin Heavy Penal Court No 3 will continue to hear the case on 24 June 2019.



Detention of İHD Executives and Activists on Yüksel Street, Ankara.



Press conference in solidarity with the human rights defenders who were arrested during a training in Prinkipo Island, İstanbul.