

2019 SUMMARY TABLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY

VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE		
	DEAD	WOUNDED
SUMMARY EXECUTION		
Those killed and wounded by security forces for defying stop warnings; violation of the power to use arms; attacks in social protests; curfews.	9 (including 1 child)	15
Those killed and wounded by village guards	--	1
Those killed and wounded in border regions	29 (including 16 during the military offensive into northeastern Syria)	77 (including 71 during the military offensive into northeastern Syria)
Those killed and wounded by private security guards		
TOTAL	38	93
DEATHS IN PRISONS		
	69	4 (3 prisoners, 1 warden)
DEATHS UNDER CUSTODY	1 (African female asylum-seeker at İzmir-Harmandalı Repatriation Center)	
ATTACKS BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS	9	
OFFICIAL FAILURE AND NEGLIGENCE		
Those killed and wounded because of official failure and negligence	188 (3 children and 14 adults -food, alcohol poisoning etc.; 1 child and 2 adults -armored vehicle; 27 children and 30 adults -drowning in rivers,	3,265 (210 in prisons including 9 children; 3,152 including 115 cases of mercury poisoning -food, alcohol etc.; 14 -various explosions; 2 children - armored vehicle; 9 children and 4 adults -

	ponds etc.; 5 children and 19 adults -heavy rains; 53 children and 34 adults- miscellaneous negligence)	drowning in rivers, ponds, etc.; 2 children and 13 adults -heavy rain; 34 children and 35 adults - miscellaneous negligence)
Police and soldiers' suicides/suicide attempts/suspicious deaths	17	5
ATTACKS BY ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS		
The press reported on 26 June 2019 that the killing of a civilian named Süleyman Güldere (53) residing in Çemçe Village of Kars, Kağızman was claimed by People's Defense Forces (Hêzên Parastina Gel -HPG).		
ATTACKS on		
Political party, trade union and association executives/ members	8	97
Journalists		12
Teachers / Professors	1	11
Students		16
Police/Soldier/Village Guard	1	1
Attacks by unknown assailants	8	1 child
Others (Worker, healthcare employee, mayor, village guard, public employee, elected neighborhood/village representative, foreigner, lawyer, political party member, etc.)	8	37
TOTAL	24	175
ARMED CONFLICT		
Soldier, police, temporary village guard	98	206
Armed militants	324	1
Civilian	18	26 (1 child)
TOTAL	440	233
CIVILIANS KILLED AND WOUNDED BY LAND MINE AND UNCLAIMED BOMB EXPLOSIONS		
Adult	1	3
Child	2	2
TOTAL	3	5
SUSPICIOUS DEATH AND INJURY CASES		
Male	1	18

Female	136	4
Children	15	--
TOTAL	152	22
HATE CRIMES		
Attacks against LGBTI	5	7
Racist attacks	1	20 (for being Armenian, Alevi and Kurdish; because of their clothing or for speaking Kurdish)
“Honor” killings	1	
TOTAL	7	27
VIOLATIONS OF WOMEN’S RIGHT TO LIFE		
Women’s suicide cases	47	11
Murdered women	431	359
Violence, rape, sexual assault towards women; women subjected to domestic violence		1,225 (726 battery-domestic violence; 499 rape-sexual harassment)
TOTAL	478	1595
Women and children forced into prostitution		72120
VIOLATIONS OF CHILDREN’S RIGHT TO LIFE		
Children’s suicide cases	16	10
Murder / attempted murder of children	31	14
Violence at school		15
Violence, rape, sexual assault towards children; children subjected to domestic violence		646 567 sexual abuse and harassment, 5 abandoned babies, 69 battery and ill-treatment, 5 forced marriage attempts (according to İHD’s data). Şanlıurfa Bar Association’s Commission for the Rights of the Child reported that defense counsels were assigned in 2019 in the city for a total of 782 rape and sexual abuse cases 733 of which were children between the ages of 4 and 18. According to the 21 November 2019 report of the Diyarbakır Bar Association’s Commission for the Rights of the Child, 1,116 children were subjected to sexual assault and abuse in the city as revealed by the data on CCP defense counsel assignments between 1 September 2018 and 10 September 2019.

TORTURE, ILL-TREATMENT, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT AND PUNISHMENT

Torture and ill-treatment under custody	726
Torture and ill-treatment in extra-custodial places	751
Torture and ill-treatment by village guards	1
Torture and ill-treatment in prisons	495
Threats and informant offers by law enforcement and officials	137
Those beaten and wounded by security forces intervening in protests	3,935
Those subjected to torture and ill-treatment by private security guards	23
TOTAL	6,068

RIGHT OF ABODE AND RIGHT TO PRIVATE PROPERTY/SPECIAL SECURITY ZONES

The press reported on 10 March 2019 that high school students residing at Fatih Social Sciences Dormitory were removed from the dorm to be replaced by the security guards of president Tayyip Erdoğan before his rally in Şırnak on 11 March 2019.

Hakkari Governor's Office issued a general order on 29 May 2019 announcing that shepherds and all those accompanying them would be subjected to security background checks to be able to go into 212 areas permitted to conduct transhumance out of 268 areas located within the "Temporary Military Security Zone" and those who fail such checks would not be permitted to enter these areas.

World Health Organization (WHO) stated on 15 October 2019 that at least 200,000 persons were forced to migrate while 1,500,000 others needed emergency healthcare support due to the military offensive into northern and eastern Syria.

A total of 265 areas in the cities of Hakkâri, Batman, Hatay, Bitlis, Şırnak, Bingöl, Siirt, Tunceli, Şanlıurfa, Mardin, Elazığ and Gaziantep were declared as special security zones in 2019.

CURFEWS

According to İHD's data curfews on various dates with varying periods were declared in,

Diyarbakır: In 113 neighborhoods, villages and hamlets in central, Lice, Kulp, Hani, Dicle and Silvan districts;

Bitlis: In 137 neighborhoods, villages and hamlets in central, Tatvan and Hizan districts;

Siirt: In 90 neighborhoods, villages and hamlets in central, Baykan and Şirvan districts;

Mardin: In 7 neighborhoods, villages and hamlets in central, Ömerli, Artuklu, Nusaybin, Mazıdağı and Derik districts.

TOTAL	347
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VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF PERSON

Arrests (police custody)	8,803
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Detentions	831
Racist attacks	1 death (Sakarya/Şirin Tosun) 20 attacks (for being Armenian, Alevi and Kurdish; because of their clothing, for speaking Kurdish)
Jailed journalists	197 (Source: http://tutuklugazeteciler.blogspot.com/)
Jailed deputies and mayors	7 deputies and 20 mayors Figen Yüksekdağ, Selahattin Demirtaş, Çağlar Demirel, İdris Baluken, Gülser Yıldırım, Selma Irmak, Abdullah Zeydan (deputies) and 20 mayors.
Abducted police officers and soldiers	Police officers Vedat Kaya and Sedat Yabalak; Specialist sergeants Hüseyin Sarı, Süleyman Sungur, Sedat Vardar, Ferdi Polat, Ümit Gıcı, Mevlüt Kahveci; Sergeant Semih Özbey; Private Müslüm Altuntaş, Sedat Sorgun, Adil Kavaklı.

VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION	
Banned events	115 (6 plays/ 15 concerts/ 24 press conferences/ 37 panels, conferences, trainings on the rights of women and children etc. / 13 marches/ 3 demonstrations/ 5 festivals/ 1 story competition/ 1 sit-in/ 1 commemoration/ 1 signature stand/1 documentary showing/ 2 summer camps/ 1 football tournament/ 1 religious festival greeting/ 1 signature campaign/ 1 photograph exhibition/ 1 political party congress)
Shelved, banned publications and fined, raided media outlets	(6 books/ 1 commercial/ 56 news reports/ 10 banners (the same banner was banned in many cities) / 10 bills (the same bill was banned in many cities / 2 leaflets/ 4 brochures (the same brochure was banned in many cities) / 1 newspaper / 1 report publication was blocked / 7,000 stickers, 10,000 leaflets/ 3 administrative fines and bulletin ban by the Higher Board of Radio and Television -RTÜK)
Raided newspaper offices and media outlets	1 journal and 2 newspaper offices
Access Denied Websites	According to a report by the Association for Freedom of Expression (İFOD), a total of 288,310 websites were denied access from

Turkey between 2006 and 2019. While the number of access denied websites was 6 in 2006, the figure went up to 40 the following year and to 1,017 in the next. While the same figure went as high as 36,701 in 2014, it amounted to 59,510 in 2018. According to the report 36,216 websites were denied access in Turkey as of October 2019.

INVESTIGATIONS LAUNCHED IN 2019

NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS: **205**

NUMBER OF PERSONS INVESTIGATED: **642**

LAUNCHED AND PENDING CASES IN 2019	CASES FINALIZED IN 2019
350 cases against 1,880 persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 391 persons were sentenced to a total of 1,365 years, 1 month, 9 days imprisonment in 120 cases; • 19 persons were fined 384,608 TRY; • 584 persons were acquitted.

PENDING AND FINALIZED CASES AGAINST ACADEMICS FOR PEACE*	NUMBER
Signatories on trial	822
Acquitted academics	599
Sentence suspended (HAGB)	97
Sentence deferred	1
Convicted academics	31
Ongoing trials	94
Academics sentenced to 1 year 3 months imprisonment	96
Academics sentenced to 1 year 6 months imprisonment	7
Academics sentenced to 1 year 10 months imprisonment	3
Academics sentenced to 2 years 1 month imprisonment	5
Academics sentenced to 2 years 3 months imprisonment	17
Academics sentenced to 2 years 6 months imprisonment	7
Academics sentenced to 3 years imprisonment	1
* Source: https://barisicinakademisyenler.net	

VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

Assemblies and protests intervened by security forces	1,344
Investigations launched in 2019	7 investigations into 69 persons
Cases launched/finalized in 2019	41 cases were brought against 740 persons; 133 persons were acquitted; 75 persons were sentenced to a total of 85 years 8 months 17 days imprisonment; 78 persons were fined a total of 188, 520 TRY.

VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

Raided or attacked political parties, trade unions and associations	Police raids into 24 political party buildings, 8 municipalities, 3 trade unions, 1 professional chamber, 4 cultural centers. 24 political party buildings were attacked. Total: 64
Closed/attempted to be closed down political parties, trade unions, foundations and associations	An investigation was initiated into 1 association; closure lawsuits were brought against 4 political parties; 1 association was sealed.

VIOLATIONS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

Lay-offs/removals from office/ suspensions/forced replacement/administrative fines	2,716 workers were laid off; 85 mukhtars and town council members, 65 public employees (teachers, doctors, civil servants) and 7 academics were removed from office. 17 mayors were removed from office to be replaced by state trustees. State trustees were appointed to 28 municipalities.
Administrative and other investigations / forced replacement	96 workers and public employees were forcibly replaced to other posts.

According to the 2019 report by the Health and Safety Labor Watch Turkey, a minimum of **1,736** workers were killed in corporate murders/accidents. Source: <http://isigmeclisi.org/>

PRISONS	
Violations of the right to health	1,110
Violations of the right to communication	421
Disciplinary action	402
Enforced transfer	313
Protests	3,289