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As a human rights advocacy organization, we closely monitor human rights violations in Turkey. As part of this effort, we publish a weekly bulletin documenting the human rights violations that occur throughout the week. In addition, we regularly share up-to-date statistics and categorized sources related to these cases. The Turkey Rights Monitor report has been published consistently for 317 consecutive weeks and is being shared with institutions, organizations, and relevant stakeholders engaged in human rights. You can access updated information and statistics via our website: <https://turkeyrightsmonitor.com/>

ARBITRARY DETENTION AND ARREST

Throughout the week, prosecutors ordered the detention of at least 1070 people over alleged links to the Gülen movement. Since 2017, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD) has issued 26 [opinions](#) concerning arbitrary detentions based on alleged membership in the Gülen movement, in which it has expressed grave concern that the widespread or systematic imprisonment of individuals linked to the group may amount to crimes against humanity. Solidarity with OTHERS has compiled a detailed [database](#) to monitor the Gülen-linked mass detentions since a failed coup in July 2016.

13 July: Turkish prosecutors [ordered](#) the detention of 968 people across all 81 provinces over alleged links to the Gülen movement, in a nationwide operation launched two days before the 10th anniversary of the failed 2016 coup.

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

No news has emerged of [Yusuf Bilge Tunc](#), a former public sector worker who was sacked from his job by a decree-law during the 2016-2018 state of emergency and who was reported missing as of August 6, 2019, in what appears to be one of the latest cases in a string of suspected [enforced disappearance](#) of government critics since 2016.

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

16 July: Turkish police used force and [detained](#) at least 40 private-school and prospective public-school teachers, including union leaders, as they attempted to march to the

Education Ministry in Ankara to demand fair wages, employment security and redress for interview-related grievances.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND MEDIA

16 July: Turkish actor Levent Üzümcü was [detained](#) over a social media post shortly after criticizing the government as incompetent, although authorities did not initially disclose the alleged offense or identify the specific post under investigation.

17 July: A Turkish court [ordered](#) the pretrial detention of AKUT founder Nasuh Mahruki on charges of inciting hatred over a social media post alleging that authorities knowingly allowed the 2016 coup attempt to proceed.

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE & RULE OF LAW

15 July: A Turkish court [ordered](#) the pretrial detention of Çankaya Mayor Hüseyin Can Güner and 23 others on corruption-related charges, after which the Interior Ministry suspended Güner from office.

17 July: Turkish authorities [ordered](#) the blocking of jailed İstanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu's YouTube channel and a campaign X account on national security and public order grounds, without identifying the content that prompted the decision.

TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

14 July: A new documentary [features](#) six former Turkish Air Force Academy cadets who say they were unknowingly

deployed during the July 2016 coup attempt, tortured in custody, sentenced to aggravated life imprisonment and forced to rebuild their lives abroad.

TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

14 July: Turkey [added](#) three overseas organizations and three individuals linked by authorities to the Gülen movement to its asset-freeze list, a designation formally limited to Turkey but capable of triggering banking and payment restrictions abroad.