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ARBITRARY DEPRIVATION OF LIFE

July 7: The Constitutional Court [found](#) inadmissible applications filed by people affected by a curfew in the predominantly Kurdish southeast of Turkey in which 137 were killed in counterterrorism operations in 2015-2016.

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

No news has emerged of [Yusuf Bilge Tunç](#), 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

July 4: Gendarmerie in Şırnak [intervened](#) in a protest by local inhabitants against an energy company, detaining 20 people.

July 5: The police in Batman [detained](#) four people over slogans chanted at a HDP rally.

July 5: The police in Ankara [detained](#) three journalists for attending a demonstration protesting the arrest of 16 of their colleagues on terrorism charges.

July 5: The police in Ankara [intervened](#) in a pride march, briefly detaining at least 50 LGBT rights activists.

July 7: The police in İstanbul [intervened](#) in a protest vigil, detaining four people.

July 7: The police in Mardin [detained](#) seven people protesting a local energy supplier.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND MEDIA

July 5: A Niğde court [ruled](#) to block access to a news report about a former district governor.

July 6: Prosecutors [launched](#) an investigation into journalists Canan Coşkun and Barış Pehlivan over their reporting on the appointment of a controversial judge as the deputy justice minister.

July 6: An İstanbul court [sentenced](#) journalist Can Ataklı to 11 months, seven days in prison over his remarks on a TV program.

July 6: The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK), the broadcasting regulator, [imposed](#) penalties on pro-opposition Halk TV and TELE1 channels over remarks made on their political programs.

July 7: The police in İstanbul physically and verbally [assaulted](#) journalists covering a protest march organized by health workers.

July 7: The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK), the broadcasting regulator, [prohibited](#) media outlets from reporting on the murder of a doctor by a patient's relative in Konya.

July 8: A Sivas court [ruled](#) to block access to three news reports about a photo of the president with someone allegedly under investigation due to his Gülen links.

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE & RULE OF LAW

July 5: The Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSK) [disbarred](#) two judges on account of their alleged links to the Gülen movement.

July 5: A former high judiciary member was [arrested](#) and sent to prison after the Supreme Court of Appeals upheld his sentence handed down due to his alleged links to the Gülen movement.

KURDISH MINORITY

July 5: The police in Batman [detained](#) four people over slogans chanted at a HDP rally.

PRISON CONDITIONS

July 5: An İstanbul prison [denied](#) medical treatment to amputated inmate Necdet Erik.

July 7: An Elazığ prison [denied](#) medical care to inmates suffering from health problems.

July 8: Officials at a Manisa prison [denied](#) medication to a sick inmate, citing the economic crisis.

REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

July 4: An İstanbul court [rejected](#) a request to extradite Samir Handal, a suspect in the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse. The court released Handal from pre-trial detention.

TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

July 5: The guards in a women's prison in İzmir [mistreated](#) inmates during an involuntary transfer.

July 6: The guards in a Kayseri prison [tortured](#) an inmate named Rıdvan Taş.

July 7: The police in İstanbul physically and verbally [assaulted](#) journalists covering a protest march organized by health workers.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

July 4: A leading women's rights group [reported](#) that Turkey has seen the murder of at least 259 women at the hands of men since the country's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention in July 2021.

July 6: Men [killed](#) at least 32 women and inflicted violence on at least 89 women in June, according to a monthly monitoring report released by Bianet.