

Breaking News from Türkiye

What Do We Know About The Fake Diploma Scandal?

Türkiye's Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor has charged 199 people in a major fake diploma scandal, accusing them of cloning senior officials' e-signatures to forge diplomas, driver's licenses, and alter national exam results. The case implicates top figures from BTK, YÖK, and 14 universities, with prosecutors seeking up to 50-year sentences for organized fraud.

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OP-ED: Massive Fake Diploma Scandal Shakes Türkiye's Institutions:

Fake diplomas, stolen e-signatures, and unqualified officials are shaking Türkiye's institutions to the core. From building dams to running classrooms, imposters have climbed into positions of power, while over a million qualified teachers remain jobless. With 30 AKP MPs among those accused, the scandal raises urgent questions about trust, merit, and the integrity of upcoming digital elections.

Escort Scandal at Türkiye's Religious Affairs Directorate Confirmed

Austrian media reports alleged that funds from diplomatic accounts—where donations from Turks in Austria for charity, pilgrimage, and sacrificial offerings were held—were used by certain Directorate of Religious Affairs officials to pay for escort services. The Austrian Turkish Islamic Union (ATİB) has confirmed the scandal, stating: "This was done by the previous administration. The current leadership has no involvement."

Lawyer Arrested in Bribery Scandal Targeting Opposition

In Türkiye, lawyer Mehmet Yıldırım was arrested after being implicated in a bribery scandal involving opposition figures. Allegations suggest he used his ties to prosecutors to solicit large sums from detainees' families in exchange for favorable legal outcomes. This incident adds to the growing concerns over judicial independence and the crackdown on opposition leaders in the country.

204 Workers Killed in Workplace Homicides in July

According to the report by the Workers' Health and Safety Assembly (İSİG), 204 workers lost their lives while working in Türkiye in July 2025. Among them, 17 workers who were fighting fires also died, with the report highlighting insufficient safety measures and inadequate equipment as the main causes of these fatalities.



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Murat Çalık's Mother Collapses During Son's Prison Transfer

Beylikdüzü Mayor Mehmet Murat Çalık, arrested in the investigation into the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, was returned to Buca Prison after treatment at İzmir City Hospital. Transferred without being allowed to see his family, Çalık was taken directly to prison. Upon hearing this, his mother, Gülümser Çalık, became distressed and collapsed.

Ekrem İmamoğlu on How Türkiye Can Have Peace at Home and Respect Abroad

In July, 30 PKK members disarmed in northern Iraq, offering a rare chance for peace, but President Erdoğan's repression and opposition crackdowns cast doubt on its durability. Jailed CHP candidate Ekrem İmamoğlu urges a transparent, democratic process led by parliament and civil society, warning that without political reform, Türkiye cannot be a trusted regional partner.

Another Blow to Press Freedom: Fatih Altaylı's YouTube Channel Restricted in Türkiye

In a fresh attack on independent journalism, authorities have ordered internet service providers to block access to veteran journalist Fatih Altaylı's YouTube channel. This move further narrows the already shrinking space for free expression in Türkiye, cutting off yet another platform where critical voices reach the public.

Türkiye Arrests LGBTQ+ Activist Following the Council of Europe Speech

LGBTQ+ youth activist Enes Hocaoğulları was arrested upon his return to Türkiye after delivering a speech at the Council of Europe, where he criticized police violence and democratic backsliding. He now faces charges of spreading misleading information and inciting hatred, sparking concerns over the suppression of free speech in the country.

Judge Who Voted to Acquit İmamoğlu Reassigned to Passive Post

In the "Akın Gürlek" case, Judge Mehmet Can Kozan, who voted for Ekrem İmamoğlu's acquittal on all charges, has been reassigned. Kozan was moved from his position as a member of the Istanbul 14th High Criminal Court to serve as a judge at the Istanbul 45th Labor Court.



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