

Breaking News from Türkiye

Erdoğan Pushes to Redesign the Opposition, CHP resists

- On September 3, a court annulled the CHP's 2023 Istanbul provincial congress, removing Provincial Chair Özgür Çelik and appointing a temporary board led by Gürsel Tekin.
- CHP members resisted: Headquarters were blockaded, protests broke out, and police used pepper spray/tear gas to clear the way for the court-appointed leadership.
- After police blocked a CHP protest in Istanbul, Türkiye's media regulator threatened pro-opposition broadcasters with license revocations—an effort to silence dissent before it can be seen.
- Türkiye's government throttled internet access for ~12 hours during a police-backed takeover of the Istanbul CHP headquarters, cutting off social media to suppress opposition mobilization and block public scrutiny.
- The party expelled Tekin after he accepted the interim position, saying only internal party bodies can decide its leadership and accusing the courts of overreach.
- The party announced that the building, surrounded by riot police, will no longer serve as its provincial office.
- Meanwhile, legal uncertainty looms: an Ankara court rejected annulment in one case, but there are ongoing lawsuits over the CHP's national congress (November 2023) that could further threaten the current party leadership.
- On September 10, CHP organized a protest in Istanbul's Kadıköy, where 125,000 people (CHP's estimate) gathered to oppose the court's removal of the Istanbul branch leadership.
- Erdoğan's ruling partner, Bahçeli, demanded that social media be banned, supported Erdoğan staying beyond the term limit, and explicitly called for the removal of Özgür Özel from the CHP leadership.
- The pro-Kurdish DEM Party denounced the trustee takeover of CHP as judicial engineering to sideline the opposition.

İmamoğlu on Trial over Diploma Case

Istanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu appeared in a Silivri prison courtroom to face charges of fraudulently obtaining his university diploma, drawing cheers from supporters who gathered as he entered.

Rights Groups Demand Release of Jailed Journalist Karabay

Seventeen press and rights groups demanded that Türkiye free Furkan Karabay, calling his detention an attack on press freedom.

Girl Band Faces Travel Ban in Obscenity Probe

Girl band, Manifest, was barred from travel and put under investigation for "obscenity," in what critics call a crackdown on artistic freedom.

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