

Breaking News from Türkiye

Opposition Boycott Marks Tense Opening of Turkish Parliament

The new parliamentary term in Türkiye began under high tension as the Republican People's Party (CHP), the Workers' Party of Türkiye (TİP), and the Labor Party (EMEP) boycotted the opening session in protest of Erdoğan's direction and alleged democratic backsliding.

Erdoğan used his address to pledge sweeping targets for industrial, energy, and inflation reduction, but the empty opposition benches highlighted deep political polarization.



Turkish Minute

Court Postpones CHP Istanbul Congress Case

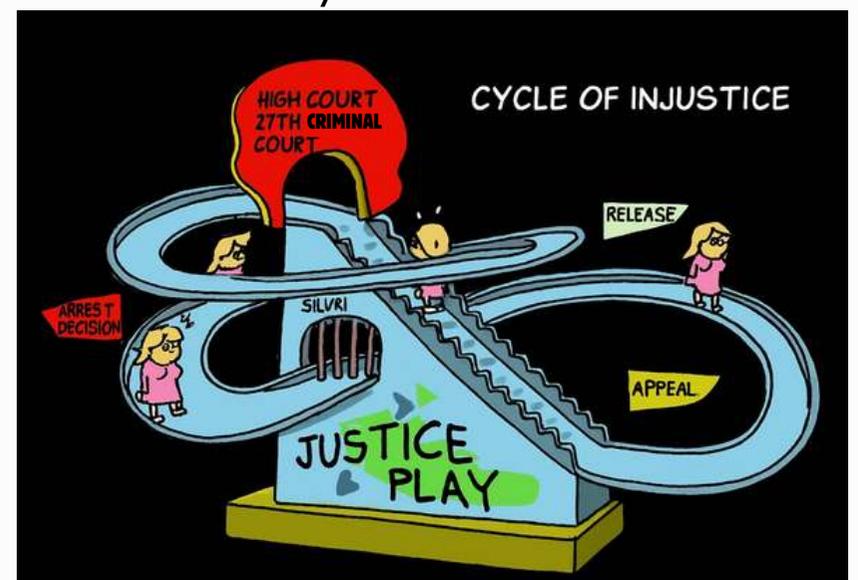
A court has postponed the case concerning the CHP's November 2023 Istanbul provincial congress to November 21, rejecting the party's request for the judge's recusal and allowing court-appointed trustee Gürsel Tekin to remain in charge of the CHP's Istanbul provincial organization. This ruling comes despite the CHP holding an extraordinary congress on September 24, at which Özgür Çelik was re-elected as Istanbul Provincial Chair.

Court Frees Convicted Killer Who Assaulted CHP Leader

An Istanbul court has freed Selçuk Tengioğlu, who was convicted and sentenced to one year in prison for physically assaulting CHP leader Özgür Özel, citing time already served. He carries a lengthy criminal record: in 2004, he was convicted of murdering two of his children and seriously injuring another, and was later conditionally released in 2020.

Reporter Fired Over Hot-Mic Erdoğan-Trump Remarks

A pro-government Turkish broadcaster has fired its Washington correspondent, Hüseyin Günay, after he was caught on a hot mic saying Türkiye "gained nothing" from Erdoğan's talks with Trump, and criticizing power struggles within Erdoğan's inner circle.



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Officials Split Over Whether Türkiye's KAAN Jet Is Truly Homegrown

Turkish officials are at odds over whether the KAAN fighter jet — touted as Türkiye's first fully domestically produced stealth aircraft — can truly be independent of U.S. components. Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan admitted that the project still relies on American engine parts, while Defense Industry Chief Haluk Görgün insisted that it will be an entirely homegrown jet, reflecting deeper tensions over Türkiye's defense self-sufficiency narrative.

Crackdown on Press and Justice: Courts Tighten Grip in Türkiye

- Journalist Fatih Altaylı remains jailed after the court denied a release motion.
- Ayşe Barım, a critically ill celebrity manager, was rearrested just after being released, despite her severe health conditions.
- Furkan Karabay was cleared of some charges but will stay imprisoned while the remaining counts are adjudicated.
- "De facto detentions" are rising in Türkiye: prosecutors are seeking up to 3 years in prison for singer Mabel Matiz under obscenity charges.



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Our Next Panel with Canan Güllü

Join our next **Democracy Watch panel on October 5, 2025, featuring Canan Güllü**, a Turkish women's rights activist and the president of the Federation of Women's Associations of Türkiye (TKDF).

The discussion will be livestreamed on our [YouTube channel](#) at 1:00 PM EST.



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