

Breaking News from Türkiye

Long Live the Republic!

As the March 19 Platform, we celebrate the 102nd year of the Republic of Türkiye: A victory for equality, freedom, and the people's will. We stand to protect democracy and justice for all.



Students refuse to bow down!

İmamoğlu and Yanardağ Arrested in Escalating AKP Crackdown

An İstanbul court ordered the arrests of suspended mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, journalist Merdan Yanardağ, and campaign manager Necati Özkan in a politically charged espionage probe. CHP says Erdoğan's government is using the judiciary to silence the opposition.

AKP Seizes Tele1, Another Opposition Voice



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Authorities seized opposition broadcaster Tele1 TV and appointed a trustee after arresting editor-in-chief Merdan Yanardağ in an espionage probe linked to İmamoğlu. The move, seen as another AKP attack on press freedom, led the entire Tele1 staff to resign. Find the staff's public statement [here](#).

Merz Criticizes Türkiye's Judiciary, Clashes with Erdoğan

On his first visit to Ankara, German Chancellor Merz criticized Türkiye's judiciary and clashed with Erdoğan over Gaza, citing İmamoğlu's imprisonment as failing European democratic standards.

AKP Targets Opposition in New İstanbul Data Leak Probe

Four İstanbul municipal staff were detained over alleged leaks of citizens' data via the "İstanbul Senin" app, in what the opposition calls another politically driven attack by Erdoğan's AKP against suspended mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu.



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Machete Attack at Hacettepe University

At Hacettepe University, socialist students protesting a nationalist event were attacked by police and machete-wielding men. Over 40 students were detained, with similar clashes reported at Ankara University the same day.

Lawyers Demand Probe into Journalist Hakan Tosun's Killing

Lawyers noted that one attacker was questioned merely as a witness and that crucial security footage is still missing, adding that Tosun and his assailants appeared to know each other.

Academic Jailed for Objecting to Erdoğan's Traffic Blockade

Eda Saraç was arrested in İstanbul for "insulting the president" after protesting Erdoğan's traffic blockade, in what critics call another crackdown on free expression.

Child Poverty Deepens in Türkiye Amid Inaction

About 40% of children in Türkiye live in poverty, the highest rate in Europe and nearly double the OECD average. One in five children goes to school hungry, prompting experts to urge rights-based reforms and the introduction of free school meals.

Court Clears 109 Protesters in İmamoğlu Case

An İstanbul court acquitted 109 people detained during March protests over Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu's arrest, citing constitutional and ECHR protections for peaceful assembly. The ruling is seen as a rare judicial pushback amid ongoing prosecutions targeting opposition figures.

Our Next Panel with Seraf Özer

Join our next Democracy Watch panel on November 8, 2025, featuring Seraf Özer, a lawyer and the daughter of Dr. Ahmet Özer, the imprisoned mayor of Esenyurt municipality. The discussion will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel at 1:00 PM EST.

GELECEK PANELİMİZ

SERAF ÖZER'İN KATILIMIYLA

8 Kasım 2025 Cumartesi

10.00-11.00 PST
13.00-14.00 EST
20.00-21.00 TSI

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