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ILLEGALLY IMPRISONED, NOW HOSPITALIZED!

*TAYFUN KAHRAMAN'S WORSENING HEALTH IGNORED
AS JUDICIAL DEFIANCE CONTINUES*



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Imprisoned since 2022, Tayfun Kahraman was hospitalized after a multiple sclerosis attack while authorities in Türkiye continue to disregard a Constitutional Court ruling that found his right to a fair trial had been violated.



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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE “PEACE PROCESS”?

*AHMET TÜRK KEPT OUT OF OFFICE DESPITE
ACQUITTAL AS TRUSTEE RULE CONTINUES*



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Despite Ahmet Türk's acquittal, the Interior Ministry has extended the state-appointed trustee's control over Mardin, exposing the government's "peace process" rhetoric as hollow while elected local democracy in Türkiye remains suspended.



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JUSTICE STILL DENIED TO ACADEMICS FOR PEACE

*COURT RULINGS IGNORED AS PURGED SCHOLARS
REMAIN EXCLUDED*



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Nearly a decade after signing a peace petition, hundreds of academics in Türkiye remain dismissed from their jobs despite Constitutional Court rulings recognizing violations of free expression, exposing the state's ongoing refusal to implement its own judicial decisions.

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STRONG MAN SYSTEM FAILING

*FROM AIRSPACE SECURITY TO EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE,
ACTION STALLS WITHOUT ERDOĞAN*



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Opposition leader Özgür Özel says authorities waited hours for Erdoğan's approval before downing a drone approaching Türkiye's airspace, echoing a deadly pattern of state paralysis previously seen after the southeastern earthquakes when lifesaving response was delayed.



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RECORD FEMICIDES IN 2025, IMPUNITY ENDURES

*HUNDREDS OF WOMEN KILLED AS STATE PROTECTION
REMAINS ABSENT*



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In 2025, at least 420 women were murdered and 508 died under suspicious circumstances in Türkiye, underscoring how state policies, lack of accountability, and withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention continue to expose women and children to systematic violence.



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LEGAL COVER FOR TORTURE STRUCK DOWN

COURT ADMITS LAW PROTECTED ABUSIVE OFFICIALS



EXPRESSIONINTERRUPTED.COM

Türkiye's Constitutional Court has annulled a legal mechanism that allowed public officials convicted of torture or ill-treatment to evade accountability, acknowledging that the system violated the constitution's absolute ban on torture.



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RECORD HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT REACHES 30%

*OFFICIAL FIGURES CLAIM IMPROVEMENT AS
JOBLESSNESS REMAINS WIDESPREAD*



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Despite official claims of declining unemployment, broadly defined joblessness in Türkiye remains at nearly 30 percent, reinforcing public skepticism that statistics are being used to obscure deepening economic hardship.



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ONLINE CENSORSHIP EXPANDS

*GOVERNMENT USES COURTS TO SILENCE
OPPOSITION AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA*



TURKISHMINUTE.COM

In the first seven months of 2025, Turkish courts blocked thousands of news articles, social media posts, and accounts—disproportionately targeting opposition and independent voices—showing how online censorship has become a routine instrument of political control in Türkiye.



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DELAYED JUSTICE IS NO JUSTICE!

*FATIH ALTAYLI FREED AFTER MONTHS
BEHIND BARS FOR HIS WORDS*



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After months of imprisonment for a YouTube comment critical of power, journalist Fatih Altaylı was released pending appeal, proving once again that in Türkiye, detention itself has become the punishment.



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OUR NEXT PANEL ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

*LIVESTREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL
AT 12:00 PM EST. ON JANUARY 18, 2026*



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