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THE FAULT IN THE SYSTEM

*NEGLIGENCE + LACK OF OVERSIGHT +
IRRESPONSIBILITY = DEVASTATION*



Three years on, hundreds of thousands still live in container settlements; unfinished infrastructure, delayed housing, and ongoing lawsuits show that real recovery has not happened. Engineers warn that weak regulations, poor planning, and profit-driven urban policies still leave millions at risk of future earthquakes.



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STILL BREATHING DUST, 3 YEARS ON

*POLLUTION REMAINS FAR ABOVE LEGAL
LIMITS*



Uncontrolled reconstruction, weak monitoring, and rising health risks continue to endanger communities across Turkey's quake-hit provinces.



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SELECTIVE JUSTICE, POLITICAL DETENTION

*OPPOSITION MAYORS REMAIN UNDER PRESSURE
DESPITE COURT RELEASE*



Despite the release of Zeydan Karalar due to weakened detention grounds, multiple opposition mayors remain jailed, fueling concerns that legal processes are being shaped by political objectives.



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WEAPONIZING THE LAW, TARGETING FAMILIES

*ANOTHER POLITICAL STRIKE AGAINST THE İMAMOĞLU
FAMILY*



Dilek İmamoğlu condemned her brother's arrest as retaliation through family members, saying the use of law as a political tool of fear undermines justice and threatens the public conscience.

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WHEN POWER CAN'T DEFEAT, IT CRIMINALIZES

*ESPIONAGE CHARGES TARGET ERDOĞAN'S MAIN
POLITICAL RIVAL*



A fresh “political espionage” indictment against jailed Istanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu adds to a series of sweeping legal cases critics say are designed to push the opposition’s strongest challenger out of politics.



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CHILD LABOR KILLS

CHILD LABOR DEATHS SURGE ACROSS SECTORS



With 94 children dead in workplaces in 2025, the crisis reflects structural inequality, weak enforcement, and policies that allow child labor to persist instead of ending it.



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PROFIT FOR THE FEW, POVERTY FOR THE WORKERS

MIGROS WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST EXPLOITATION AND UNION SUPPRESSION



Warehouse workers across seven provinces launched strikes over a 1% raise, facing mass dismissals, police crackdowns, and union-busting while the company posts billions in profit.



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INFLATION BY POLICY, HUNGER BY DESIGN

FOOD PRICES SPIRAL BEYOND CONTROL



PEOPLE BUY FOOD SOLD AT LOW PRICES BY THE ANKARA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, IN ANKARA, ON FEBRUARY 2, 2023. (PHOTO BY ADEM ALTAN)

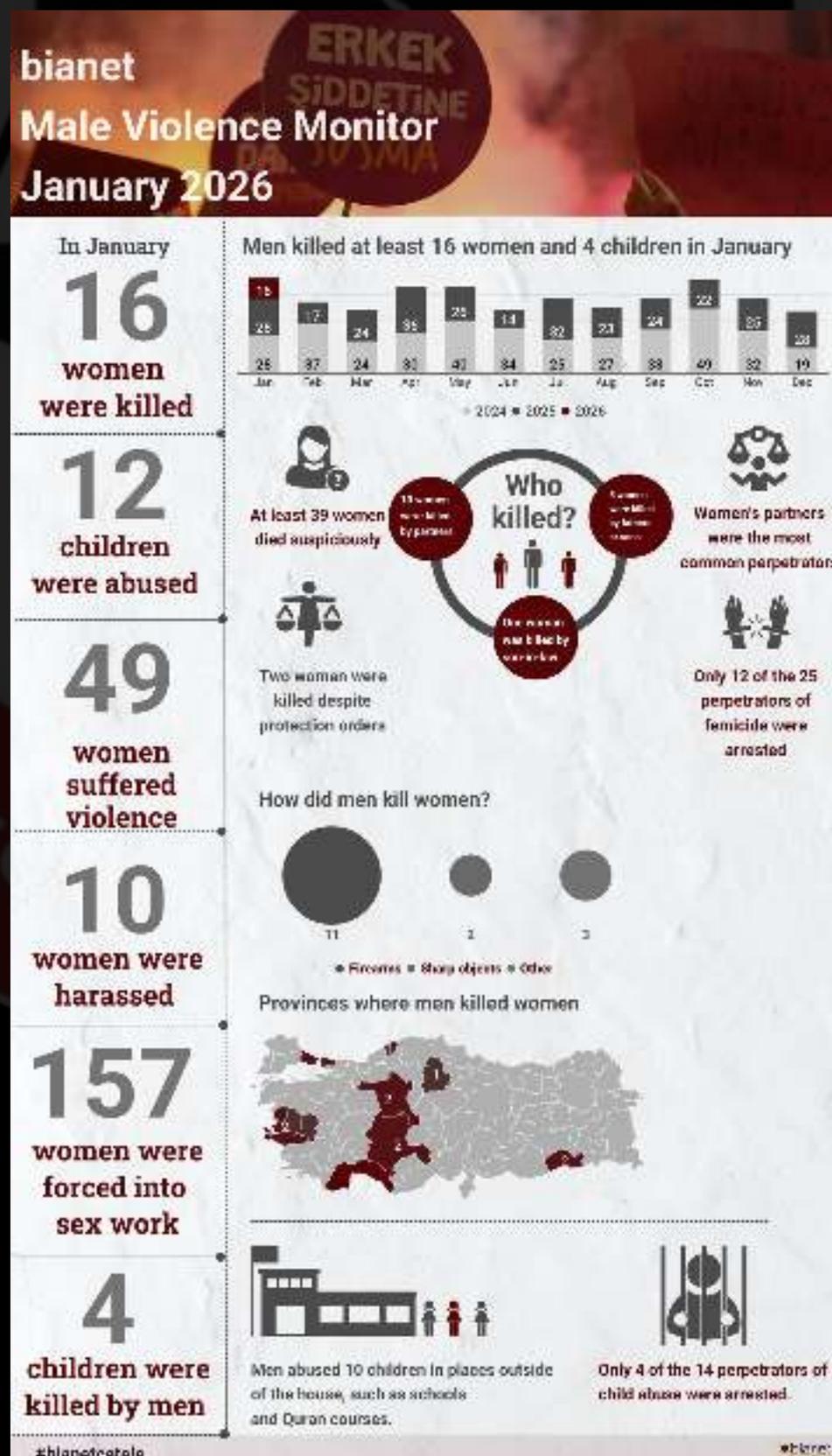
Surging food costs—many times higher than in Europe—reflect deep structural consequences of government economic policies, eroding living standards and widening inequality.



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MALE VIOLENCE CONTINUES UNABATED

IN JANUARY, MEN KILLED 16 WOMEN, INJURED AT LEAST 46, AND ABUSED 12 CHILDREN



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CAMPUS BELONGS TO STUDENTS, NOT TRUSTEES

CLUB SPACES FORCIBLY CLEARED UNDER TRUSTEE RULE AT BOĞAZIÇI.



BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY (@UNIBOGAZICI), X

Students were barred from their own campus and long-standing club rooms were abruptly emptied, a move denounced as an act of dispossession rather than administration. Students continue to defend their campus, spaces, and collective will.



OUR NEXT PANEL WITH BİLGE KAĞAN ŞARBAT

*LIVESTREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL
AT 12:00 PM EST. ON FEBRUARY 15, 2026*

March 19 Platform
BİLGE KAĞAN ŞARBAT'IN KATILIMIYLA

15 Subat 2026 Pazar

09.00-10.00 PST
12.00-13.00 EST
20.00-21.00 TSİ

Youtube Canlı Yayını

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Bilge Kağan Şarbat
CHP Kadıköy Gençlik Kolları
Başkan Yardımcısı

Onur Morkan
Moderatör

Ceren Garner
Moderatör

Bilge Kağan Şarbat, a CHP Kadıköy youth leader, has been active in protests for labor rights, democracy and freedom, and was jailed for a week for defending a dignified life. He continues his studies at Boğaziçi University.

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