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Early Election Debate Gains Momentum

Calls for early elections in Türkiye are growing amid deepening economic hardship and political tensions under President Erdoğan and the AKP. Critics argue that rising living costs and eroding public trust warrant a renewed mandate, while the government resists calls for a vote.



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Mass Release After May Day Crackdown

Authorities in Türkiye released more than 500 people detained during May Day protests in Istanbul after a large-scale police crackdown. The arrests and restrictions on demonstrations have drawn criticism from rights groups, highlighting ongoing concerns over freedom of assembly.



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Rising Costs Outpace Wages

The monthly cost of living for a family of four in Türkiye has reached about \$2,493, far exceeding the minimum wage. The growing gap underscores the impact of inflation and rising expenses, intensifying pressure on households and calling for wage adjustments.



ECtHR Rulings Highlight Free Speech Violations

The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) has found Türkiye to be in breach of the right to freedom of expression in 432 rulings since 2002. The figures highlight persistent concerns over restrictions on speech, media freedom, and the protection of dissent.



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Mine Linked to Deadly Landslide Eyes Restart

Cengiz Holding is seeking to resume operations at a gold mine where nine workers died in a landslide. The move has sparked criticism over safety, accountability, and whether conditions that led to the disaster have been adequately addressed.



Unpaid Miners End Hunger Strike

Turkish miners ended a hunger strike after reaching a deal over months of unpaid wages. The agreement follows public pressure and highlights ongoing challenges workers face in securing timely payment and fair labor conditions.

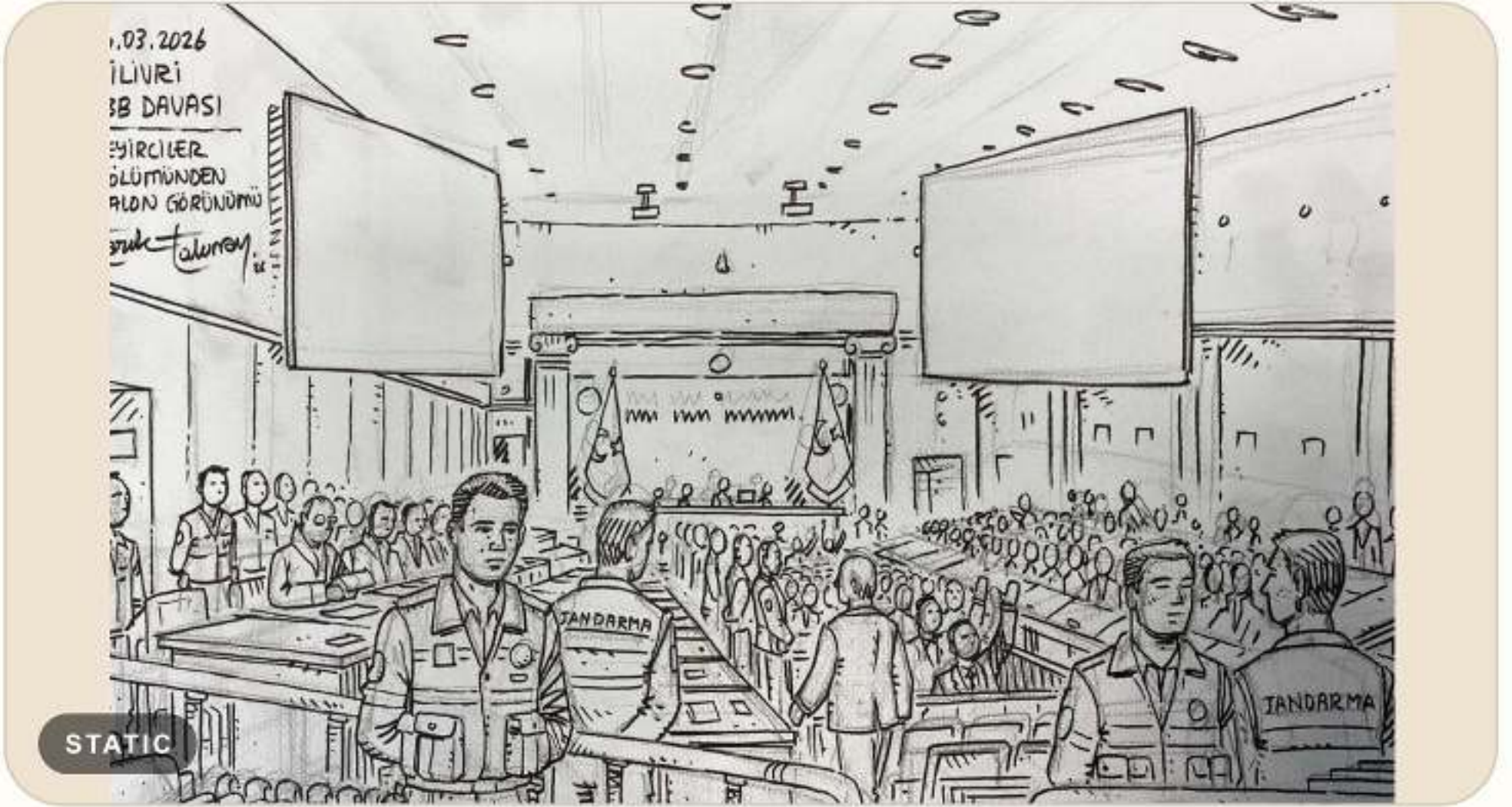
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Top Court Upholds Ankara Bombing Verdict

Türkiye's top court has rejected an appeal in the 2015 Ankara bombing case, upholding earlier verdicts. The decision closes a long legal process tied to the deadliest attack in the country's history, though questions over accountability remain.



Release Requests Filed in İBB Case

A court is reviewing a request to release nine individuals, including a key confessor, in a case linked to İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality. The development could influence the direction of the ongoing trial and has drawn public attention.



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Journalists Face Ongoing Detention and Trial Concerns

Press freedom concerns are rising in Türkiye as journalist İsmail Arı remains jailed for over 40 days, while another journalist faces trial remotely from prison. Critics say these cases reflect growing pressure on the media and on fair-trial standards.

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