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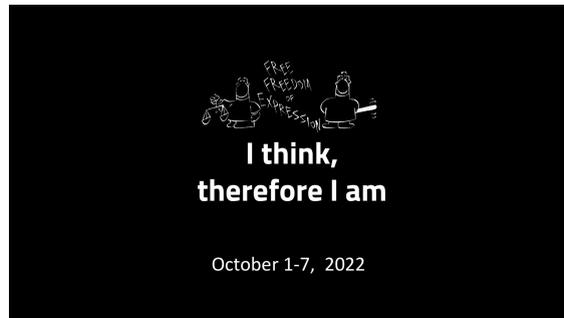
Freedom of Expression Weekly Newsletter (Issue 39/22 - October 7, 2022)

What happened last week?

- With the opening of the new legislative session, the first work of the parliament was the censorship bill that the government brought to the agenda with the claim of "fighting disinformation". The General Assembly debates of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) and Nationalist Movement Party (MHP)'s law proposal, which predicts censorship of the press and prison sentences, started with protests. Press organizations called for struggle, saying, "If the law passes, there will be no freedom of press, expression and communication in our country."
- As the censorship law was being debated in the parliament, President Erdoğan made the statement that his party announced as "a very strong signature in the history of the struggles for rights and freedoms". He declared that the work on a constitutional package regarding "rights and freedoms" was in progress. In response to the proposal of the main opposition leader Kılıçdaroğlu to legally secure the headscarf, Erdoğan said, "Come, let's guarantee this matter under the Constitution." Erdoğan said about the constitutional arrangement, "The family and all are involved in this." Targeting LGBTQI+s, he said, "They tried to degenerate our family structure. We will do what is necessary."
- Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT) announced annual inflation as 83.4%. The Inflation Research Group (ENAG), which consists of independent economists, announced annual inflation as 186.27%.
- Muhterem İnce was appointed as a member of the Constitutional Court among the three candidates declared by the Presidency of the Court of Accounts with the votes of Justice and Development Party (AKP) and Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) supporters in the Parliamentary vote. The appointment of İnce, who became a member of the Court of Accounts from the Deputy Ministry of Interior 3 months ago, reminded all about İrfan Fidan, who previously became a member of the Constitutional Court with "appointment only".
- 65 more immunity files against 34 MPs, including Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Kılıçdaroğlu, were submitted to the Parliament. Thus, during the 27th term of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, which started in 2018 with the first summaries of the new legislative year, the number of the summaries before the Assembly exceeded 1,665.
- According to the September Press Freedom Report prepared by Republican People's Party (CHP) MP Utku Çakırözer, more than 60 journalists stood trial in a month. 7 journalists were sentenced to 27 years, 7 months and 19 days in total. [Please click here](#) for details.
- The Human Rights Association (İHD) has announced the "Report on Human Rights Violations in Turkey in 2021". In the evaluation of the report, it was stated that 2021 was a year in which the rights of expression, association, assembly and

demonstration, which are among the most fundamental rights, were highly restricted and prohibited; It was emphasized that trust in justice was reduced to the lowest level by using the judiciary at the beginning of the repression tools. According to the data of the report; In 2021, 1,114 people were ill-treated and tortured, 7,704 people were investigated for violating the Law on Meetings, Demonstrations and Marches No. 2911. [Please click here](#) for details.

- Ministry of Justice's Support Services Department Head Serkan Tüzün killed his wife in the judge's lodging in Ankara Etimesgut and committed suicide. The Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSK) has issued a condolence message for Serkan Tüzün. The message was removed from the official website after heavy public reaction.
- In an entertainment venue in Ankara, three people killed Onur Şener, the musician they had argued with, on the grounds that he did not know the song they requested. It turned out that two of the killers were bureaucrats in the Ministry of Labour, and the other was an engineer at the Turkish Aircraft Industry Joint Stock Company, a public defense company.
- An armed attack was carried out on the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) Bingöl Karlıova District Organization building. It was stated that in the attack carried out at night, two shots were fired at the building and the bullets hit the inside of the district organization.
- LC Waikiki has previously instructed its employees to "not use signs that connote LGBTQI+, do not produce such products". Industry and Technology Minister Mustafa Varank spoke at the Yalova Logistics Center Opening Ceremony of LC Waikiki company and said, "While there is an imposition of LGBTQI+ and genderlessness in the world, I find LC Waikiki's initiative very valuable," and thus targeted the LGBTQI+s.
- The Constitutional Court (AYM) annulled the provision of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which states that "in the event that a decision other than conviction is made according to the evidence gathered, the case can be concluded in the absence of the accused without interrogation". The Constitutional Court ruled that the relevant provision was unconstitutional by limiting the right to a fair trial disproportionately.
- In the application of former Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) MP Leyla Güven, who was arrested on charges of "establishing and leading a terrorist organization" in 2018 and was re-arrested after being elected as a member of Parliament, the Constitutional Court ruled that her right to "personal freedom security" was violated. The high court pointed out that the violation was about the pre-trial period before the conviction decree against her, and did not issue a release verdict for Güven on the grounds that she is now "judicially imprisoned".



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Lawsuit against Emine Şenyavaşar

Emine Şenyavaşar, who has been demanding "justice" in front of the Urfa Courthouse for months after her husband and two sons were murdered by the bodyguards and relatives of Justice and Development Party (AKP) MP İbrahim Halil Yıldız, stood trial once again for "insulting" Minister of Interior Süleyman Soylu

and Justice and Development Party (AKP) member İbrahim Halil Yıldız. Speaking at the hearing held at the Urfa 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance, Emine Şenyavaşar said, "Whatever penalty you give, get the hospital records and penalize those who killed my children as well. Why are you making us go through this?" The hearing was adjourned to February 17.



Court bases penalty on "danger" after not being able to find criminal element

Istanbul 22nd Assize Court justified the 6 years and 3 months prison sentence given to former Mezopotamya Agency correspondents Sadiye Eser and Sadık Topaloğlu for "terrorist organization membership" by saying "even though no criminal action has been detected, it is dangerous for the state and society". Accepting the statements of Dilek Akyol and Özgür Baran, who testified against the

journalists, as "evidence", the court ignored the fact that the witnesses did not know the journalist.



Minister files compensation lawsuit against BirGün Daily

Industry and Technology Minister Mustafa Varank filed a lawsuit for compensation due to the news titled "Varank's cousin turned the corner" published in the BirGün Daily on September 4. Due to the news about the 208 million TL tender that Varank's cousin Sedat Varank received from Emlak Konut, Varank

demanded 50 thousand TL compensation from Birgün Daily, the newspaper's Chairman of the Board İbrahim Aydın and reporter İsmail Arı.



Intervention against protests for murdered Nagihan Akarsel

The police attacked the demonstrations in Istanbul and Diyarbakır to protest the murder of Jineolojî magazine editor and Jineology Research Center member Nagihan Akarsel, who died with an armed attack in the city of Sulaymaniyah in the Iraqi Federated Kurdistan Region. Approximately 60 women were beaten

and detained by the police in Istanbul. 6 people, including Mesopotamia Agency reporter Eylem Akdağ and journalist Azat Taşkın, were detained in Diyarbakır.



Municipality cancels theater play staging due to “objectionable content”

Bursa Metropolitan Municipality canceled the staging of the play "Morality According to Medea", which introduced the concept of "morality" as a character, written by Iranian writer Athena Farrokhzad, saying "the content is objectionable". Reacting against the cancellation, actress Şenay Güler said, “It was

found objectionable. Why? Because we are talking about women and morality, because we are discussing the hypocritical social morality that judges women. #notocensorship.”



13-year 3-month imprisonment against journalist Çetin Kurşun

In the retrial of previously shut-down Azadiya Welat Daily reporter Çetin Kurşun after the appeal court decree, the journalist was sentenced to 13 years and three months in prison on charges of “terrorist organisation membership” and “making propaganda for a

terrorist organization” based on the news published on the website Ciwannews. The Mardin 2nd Assize Court issued the decree without allowing the defendant a right to defense in the hearing, to which Kurşun and his lawyer did not attend. The court issued an arrest warrant against the journalist.



Turgut Öker acquitted in first hearing

The Confederation of European Alevi Unions' Founding President Turgut Öker, who was prosecuted for "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" based on his social media posts, was acquitted in the first hearing held at the Istanbul 23rd Assize Court.



Investigation against child wearing t-shirt with Demirtaş's photo

An investigation was launched against a 17-year-old boy who was wearing a t-shirt with the photo of Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP)'s former Co-Chair Selahattin Demirtaş in Ergani district of Diyarbakır, on the charge

of "praising the crime and the criminal".



Women detained while protesting for Mahsa Amini

The police attacked the press statements of women in Ankara and Samsun for Mahsa Amini, who was murdered by the "morality police" in Iran for "not covering her hair in accordance with the rules"; 9 people in Ankara and 13 people in Samsun were detained.



9 detained during "Justice Watch" protest

Relatives of the detainees came together in Aksaray for the "Justice Watch" protest held every week in Istanbul in order to draw attention to the situation of the ill prisoners. They were prevented by the police once again and 9 people were detained.



Journalist attacked over reporting on irregularity in municipality

Tekirdağ Şarköy Mayor Alpay Var's older brother, Alper Var, attacked local Şarköy's Voice Daily's editor Deniz Önal, who reported on the irregularity in the municipality, in front of the newspaper building. Var also threatened the newspaper's owner Yakup Önal with death.



Those detained during May 1 acquitted

The trial of 11 people, who were detained during the May 1 celebration held in İzmir's Çiğli district in 2021, resulted in acquittal at the İzmir Karşıyaka 7th Criminal Court of First Instance.



Lawsuit against journalist Hayri Tunç

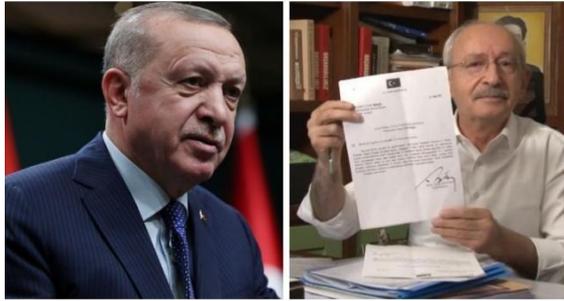
The trial of journalist Hayri Tunç, who was accused of "public incitement to hatred and enmity" due to the interviews he made with the witnesses of the Maraş massacre and the news he shared on social media, has started at the Istanbul 42nd Criminal Court of First Instance. The second hearing of the case will be held on

December 6.



Lawsuit against journalist Nişmiye Güler

A lawsuit was filed against Jinnews editor Nişmiye Güler on charges of "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" based on her news posts. In the indictment accepted by the Istanbul 27th Assize Court, the Prosecutor's Office defined Jinnews News Agency as a "so-called news platform". The first hearing will be held on January 19.



Compensation against Kılıçdaroğlu

In the video he published in January, Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Kılıçdaroğlu announced that a difference of 6 billion TL was paid to a company known with its close relations to the government in a tender, with the "presidential consent" and shared the wet-signed document proving it. Kılıçdaroğlu was sentenced to pay compensation of 50

thousand TL in the lawsuit filed by President Erdoğan.



Workers detained over demanding rights

The police intervened in the protest of ETF Textile workers, who have been resisting for 76 days, that was organized in front of the Çırağan Palace, where the Turkish Clothing Manufacturers Association's 15th Istanbul Ready-to-Wear Conference was held. Yeni Demokrasi Daily reporter Mert Soydan, who followed the protest together with 15

workers, was beaten and detained.



Investigations against "Justice Watch" conclude with nol-pros

The investigations launched on charges of "violating the Law on Meetings, Demonstrations and Marches" against a total of 8 people who were battered and detained during the protests held on May 5 and June 2 within the scope of the "Justice Watch"

organized every week by the relatives of ill prisoners, resulted in non-prosecution.



Constitutional Court issues freedom of expression decree against protest penalties

The Constitutional Court (AYM) ruled that the right to freedom of expression, assembly and demonstration of 19 people, who were tried at the Urfa 8th Criminal Court of First Instance and were convicted of "violating the Law on Meetings, Demonstrations and Marches No.

2911" for participating in the protest held in Urfa after the October 10, 2015 Ankara Train Station Massacre.



Musician Erdal Bayrakoğlu acquitted

Musician Erdal Bayrakoğlu, who was charged with "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" due to the protest and event announcements, as well as news stories he shared on social media, was acquitted at the Ankara 25th Assize Court.



DFG September report on rights violations against journalists launched

Dicle Fırat Journalists Association's September report on rights violations against journalists has been launched. According to the report, access to 137 news was blocked and 3 websites were shut down. The number of imprisoned journalists reached 79 as of September 1. Investigations were launched against 4

journalists, and 9 journalists were sentenced to a total of 21 years and 9 days in prison. [Please click here](#) for details.



Ongoing censorship against news on Erdoğan's former lawyer

Istanbul Anatolian 4th Criminal Judicature of Peace imposed an access block against news and social media posts about President Erdoğan's former lawyer, Mustafa Doğan İnal, upon the request of İnal. İnal previously had the courts block access to 130 news stories about him in July and 151 in August. With the latest access block decree issued upon the

request of İnal, more than 150 content, including 3 different news items published on our initiative's website, were censored.



Access blocks

Access to four articles on the website of the Freedom of Expression Association, titled, "News about Sedat Peker's allegations about the capital markets board", on three separate dates, was blocked by the decision of the Istanbul 10th Criminal Judicature of Peace. The

website of the Kızıl Bayrak Daily was blocked by the Diyarbakır 3rd Criminal Judicature of Peace on the grounds of "protection of national security and public order".



RTÜK penalties

The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) fined Halk TV, TELE 1 and KRT TV for alleged humiliation of media boss Serhat Albayrak and Justice and Development Party (AKP) Erzurum MP Zehra Taşkesenlioğlu, who were mentioned in the allegations of a "bribery network". The Council fined Kafa Radio due to the criticism of former Parliamentary Spokesperson İsmail Kahraman; and also fined

Radio Sputnik on the grounds that "the state was put under suspicion" over allegations of an assassination attempt against Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) MP Garo Paylan. In addition, the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) claimed that Merdan Yanardağ's comment on a saying regarding the Ottoman bureaucracy was "against national and moral values", and imposed another sanction against Tele1.



Freedom of Expression Association launches report: "Our Memory is Fading"

The Freedom of Expression Association launched its report, titled, "Our Memory is Fading: The Dimension of the Internet Censorship's Right to Be Forgotten". The

report evaluated 548 decrees on the “right to be forgotten” issued by 174 different Criminal Judicatures of Peace between 2020 and 2021, and it was determined that the news and content in question did not contain any violation of personal rights at the time they were published and that most of them concerned the public interest. It was further emphasized that the right to be forgotten is used as a separate censorship mechanism in practice. Sanctions were imposed on 9,913 news and content with the examined Criminal Judicature of Peace decrees. An ongoing presence of public interest was also detected in the news and content that was the subject of 132 decrees, which ensured the censorship of 3,687 news and content. In addition, it was evaluated that the news and contents that were the subject of 285 Criminal Judicature of Peace decrees concerned the public interest or were of interest to the public at the time they were published. [Please click here](#) for the full report.



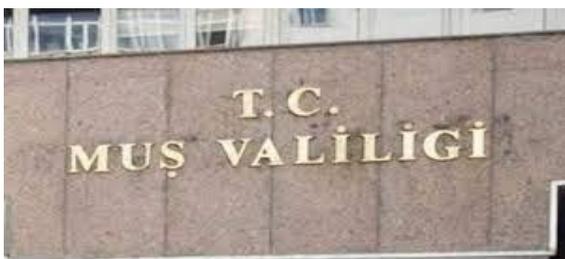
Mikail Aslan’s concert removed from festival program

The concert of Mikail Aslan, who was going to take the stage at the "Festival of Sister Cultures" organized by the Ataşehir Municipality in Istanbul, has been removed from the festival program. Aslan made a statement on his social media account and said, “You invited us to the 7th Festival of Sister Cultures, then you bowed to two or three racist trolls and removed us from the program. You have deprived us of our people, our people of our klam. Are you going to build the brotherhood by muting our voices?” said. Last week, the musician announced that the rent of the hall, which they previously rented for 3,000 TL for the concert he was going to give at Bingöl University, has been increased to 20,000 TL and that the university rectorate has imposed financial censorship on them.



Court rules protest ban “legal”

The Diyarbakır 1st Administrative Court argued that the Governorate’s protest and demonstration ban was not against the "necessities of the democratic social order" and was "legal". In the lawsuit filed by the Human Rights Association, the administrative court stated that the ban decree, covering the dates of March 26-April 04, 2022, which was justified by the Diyarbakır Governorate with protests and events such as the International Women's Day and Newroz celebrations, did not violate the "requirements of the democratic social order", and that the interference with the right to assembly and demonstration was "necessary", “proportionate” and in accordance with the “principle of proportionality”.



Protest ban in Muş

The Muş Governorate banned meetings, demonstration marches and press statements throughout the city until October 12 on the grounds of the protection of “national security and public order”.



Media blackout against news on judge murdering his wife

Ankara Western 1st Criminal Judicature of Peace imposed a broadcast ban on news about the Ministry of Justice Support Services Department Head and judge Serkan Tüzün killing his wife and committing suicide.



Imam exiled due to music video

Imam Fatih Ardıç, who was on duty in Manisa Kırkağaç, was exiled as a "servant" to a mosque in the Mucur district of Kırşehir after he shot a music video for his song.



TRIALS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Engin Korkmaz Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against Contemporary Journalists Association Mediterranean Branch President and Antalya Körfez Daily's Managing Editor Engin Korkmaz on the charge of "insulting the President" due to his social media posts about the July 15 coup attempt...</p> <p>Court: Antalya 19th Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The Prosecutor's Office presented an opinion on the merits and requested that the journalist be penalized for the crime of "continuously insulting the President". The hearing was adjourned to February 6.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Case Against Union Executives</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 8 Health and Social Service Workers Union executives on charges of "terrorist organization membership" and "making propaganda for a terrorist organization"...</p> <p>Court: Ankara 22nd Assize Court</p> <p>Verdict: The release requests of Health and Social Service Workers Union Chair Selma Atabey and former Co-Chair Gönül Erden were denied by the court. The hearing was adjourned to December 26.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ferhat Parlak Case</u></p> <p>Journalist Ferhat Parlak was previously tried and acquitted within the lawsuit filed against him on the charge of "terrorist organisation membership" based on the news he reported about the curfews, his social media posts, secret witness statements against him, the book he</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>İdris Yayla Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 28 people, including Jiyan News Owner İdris Yayla, on the charge of "violating the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations" due to the press statement made in Batman against the trustee operations against municipalities in 2016...</p> |

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| <p>wrote, the interviews he conducted as well as the documents and photos in the news archive. After the acquittal, Parlak was put on trial once again with the same charges and after remaining 15 months under arrest, the lawsuit filed against him was denied by the court on the ground of repeated trial. Yet again, following the appeal court decree to overturn the previous court decree, Parlak stood trial once again...</p> <p>Court: Diyarbakır 11th Assize Court Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to January 18.</p> | <p>Court: Batman 1st Criminal Court of First Instance Verdict: Deciding to wait for the execution of the arrest warrant issued for the three defendants whose statements were not taken, the court adjourned the hearing to January 12.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hayri Demir Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against journalist Hayri Demir on charges of "terrorist organization membership" and "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" on the grounds of his journalism activities in northern Syria...</p> <p>Court: Ankara 15th Assize Court Verdict: Presenting an opinion on the merits, the Prosecutor claimed that Demir "served a terrorist organization" with the news he made; requesting that the journalist be penalized for both charges, citing the interview he had with Selahattin Demirtaş, the fact that the Dicle News Agency, where he worked before, was closed during the state of emergency, as well as the news he shared on social media. The hearing was adjourned to December 21.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mehmet Göcekli Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against Demokrat Haber's Editor-in-Chief and Owner Mehmet Göcekli on the charge of "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" based on his social media posts and news published on demokratheraber.org...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul 27th Assize Court Verdict: Accepting the request for the defense of the journalist, who resides abroad, to be taken by rogatory, the court adjourned the hearing to February 16.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Case Against Housing Protest</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 26 people, who were detained in the press statement made in February regarding the housing problem in the Beyoğlu district of Istanbul...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul 55th Criminal Court of First Instance Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to December 6.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Case Against Suruç Massacre Protest</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 10 people, who were detained during the press statement held in Izmir for the 6th anniversary of the Suruç Massacre in 2021...</p> <p>Court: Izmir Karşıyaka 10th Criminal Court of First Instance Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to January 10.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Case Against Cartoon</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against Zehra Ömeroğlu was held at the Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance on the charge of "obscenity" for her cartoon, titled, "Sex during the Pandemic" published in the humor magazine LeMan on November 25, 2020...</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Case Against We Will Stop Femicides Platform Association</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against the We Will Stop Femicides Platform Association was held at the Istanbul 13th Criminal Court of First Instance on the charge of "conducting an immoral activity"...</p> |

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| <p>Court: Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The court adjourned the hearing to February 9, asking the Board of Obscene Publications to prepare a report on the cartoon, for which the cartoonist's lawyer emphasized that Ömeroğlu aimed to make people laugh in times of quarantine with reference to the widespread symptoms of the coronavirus.</p> | <p>Court: Istanbul 13th Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: Families whose relatives were killed by male violence were listened to as witnesses and they said, "Do not close our association. The state did not take care of us, this association did." The court denied the requests of women's associations to get involved in the case and adjourned the hearing to January 11.</p> |
| <p><u>Compensation Case Against Evrensel Daily</u></p> <p>The 200 thousand TL compensation lawsuit filed by Turkuvaz Media Group official Serhat Albayrak against Evrensel Daily and its writer Ceren Sözeri for her article...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul 2nd Commercial Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to March 1.</p> | <p><u>Sadiye Eser Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 34 people, including journalist Sadiye Eser, on charges of "terrorist organisation membership" and "making propaganda for a terrorist organisation"...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul 6th Assize Court</p> <p>Verdict: The court decided to wait for the execution of the warrant issued previously against five defendants and adjourned the hearing to February 1.</p> |
| <p><u>Case Against Villagers Opposing Solid Waste Disposal Facility</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against three of the villagers, who opposed the solid waste storage facility planned by Manisa Metropolitan Municipality in Caferbey Village of Salihli, continued at Manisa Salihli 1st Criminal Court of First Instance on charges of "threat", "insult" and "preventing duty"...</p> <p>Court: Manisa Salihli 1st Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to February 22.</p> | <p><u>Case Against TUHAD-FED and ÖHD Members</u></p> <p>The lawsuit against the executives and 37 members of previously shut-down Federation of Legal Solidarity Associations for Families of Detainees (TUHAD-FED) and 12 Libertarian Lawyers Association (ÖHD) member lawyers due to their professional activities, activities of the association and the press statements they participated in...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul 14th Assize Court</p> <p>Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to January 18.</p> |
| <p><u>Kutsal Evcimen Case</u></p> <p>The trial of folk music artist Kutsal Evcimen continued at the Istanbul Anatolian 1st Criminal Court of First Instance on the charge of "insulting" the President and the Interior Minister due to the posts he made on his social media accounts in 2019...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul Anatolian 1st Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to March 7.</p> | <p><u>İnci Aydın Case</u></p> <p>The trial of journalist İnci Aydın continued at the Aydın 2nd Assize Court on the charge of "targeting those who took part in the fight against terrorism", following the complaint of the Gendarmerie General Command's Deputy Commander Lieutenant General Musa Çitil, for an article published in the women's supplement of Yeni Yaşam Daily, dated December 15, 2021, as she was the Managing Editor of the time...</p> <p>Court: Aydın 2nd Assize Court</p> <p>Verdict: In the opinion on the merits, the prosecutor requested the acquittal of the</p> |

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| | journalist. The hearing was adjourned to October 25. |
| <p align="center"><u>Baransel Ağca Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against journalist Baransel Ağca on the charge of "insulting the President" because of his two social media posts in 2016 and 2021 ...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The court decided to write a letter of rogatory for Ağca's defense and to wait for the execution of the arrest warrant, adjourning the hearing to February 14.</p> | <p align="center"><u>Ahmet Sever Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 11th President Abdullah Gül's former Chief Press Consultant Ahmet Sever on charges of "insulting the President" and "insulting a public official" because of his book...</p> <p>Court: Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to January 31.</p> |
| <p align="center"><u>Case Against 3 Rights Advocates</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 3 women's rights advocates, who were among those detained in the protest held in İzmir on February 3, 2021, regarding the appointment of a trustee rector to Boğaziçi University, on the charge of "insulting the President"...</p> <p>Court: Izmir 41st Criminal Court of First Instance</p> <p>Verdict: The hearing was adjourned to December 9.</p> | <p align="center"><u>Case Against Montreux Statement</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 103 retired admirals on the charge of "consenting to commit crimes against the constitutional order" due to their statement, in which they drew attention to the importance of the Montreux Convention...</p> <p>Court: Ankara 20th Assize Court</p> <p>Verdict: The prosecutor requested up to 12 years of imprisonment against 12 defendants and the acquittal of 91 defendants. The hearing was adjourned to December 12.</p> |

HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

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| <p align="center"><u>Case Against Father Who Lost His Son</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against Menderes Gündüz on the charge of "insulting a public official" for reacting to the penalty issued against the murderer of his son, who died as a result of being hit by an alcoholic driver in Ankara...</p> <p align="center">October 11, Tuesday at Ankara 65th Criminal Court of First Instance</p> | <p align="center"><u>Feleknas Uca Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) MP Feleknas Uca on the charge of "terrorist organization membership" due to the meetings and statements she attended between 2015-2016...</p> <p align="center">October 11, Tuesday at Diyarbakır 5th Assize Court</p> |
| <p align="center"><u>İsmail Arı Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against journalist İsmail Arı on the charge of "unlawfully seizing and disseminating personal data" due to the news published in the BirGün Daily with the headline, "BirGün reached the documents of the fines</p> | <p align="center"><u>Ali Sönmez Kayar Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 9 people, including Ali Sönmez Kayar, a reporter for Etkin News Agency (ETHA) as well as the members and administrators of the Socialist Party of the</p> |

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| <p>imposed on the President and General Manager of the Red Crescent"...</p> <p>October 11, Tuesday at Istanbul 58th Criminal Court of First Instance</p> | <p>Oppressed (ESP), on the charge of "terrorist organization membership"...</p> <p>October 11, Tuesday at Istanbul 32nd Assize Court</p> |
| <p><u>Case Against Protest on Survival</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 10 people, including journalist Hıdır Yıldız, on charges of "violating the Law No. 2911" and "resisting to prevent duty" for participating in the #WeCanNotSurvive protest...</p> <p>October 11, Tuesday at Tunceli 1st Criminal Court of First Instance</p> | <p><u>Case Against 3 Journalists</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against journalists Görkem Kınacı, Uğur Şahin and Uğur Koç by the complaint of Constitutional Court member İrfan Fidan on charges of "insult" and "slander" for covering the allegations brought up by the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) MP Ahmet Şık...</p> <p>October 12, Wednesday at Istanbul Beykoz 6th Criminal Court of First Instance</p> |
| <p><u>Ankara Gezi Park Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 26 people in 2016 regarding the Gezi Park protests in Ankara...</p> <p>October 12, Wednesday at Ankara 14th Assize Court</p> | <p><u>Can Dündar Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against journalist Can Dündar on the charge of "printing or publishing the statements of terrorist organizations" for participating in the Özgür Gündem Substitute Editing-in-Chief campaign in 2016...</p> <p>October 13, Thursday at Istanbul 22nd Assize Court</p> |
| <p><u>Adil Demirci Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 22 people, including Etkin News Agency (ETHA) reporter Adil Demirci as well as the members of the Socialist Party of the Oppressed and Socialist Youth Associations Federation, on charges of "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" and "terrorist organization membership"...</p> <p>October 13, Thursday at Istanbul 25th Assize Court</p> | <p><u>Barış Barıştıran Case</u></p> <p>The retrial of Özgür Gün TV employee and journalist Barış Barıştıran, who was tried and acquitted on the charge of "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" in 2016 for broadcasting live from the General Assembly of the Democratic Society Congress, after the appeal court decree...</p> <p>October 13, Thursday at Diyarbakır 8th Assize Court</p> |
| <p><u>Beritan Canözer Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against JinNews reporter Beritan Canözer on the charge of "making propaganda for a terrorist organization" on the grounds of her social media posts, including those made from an account that did not belong to her...</p> <p>October 13, Thursday at Diyarbakır 4th Assize Court</p> | <p><u>Feminist Night March Case</u></p> <p>The lawsuit filed against 35 people, including journalist Buse Söğütlü, who participated in the March 8, 2020 Feminist Night March...</p> <p>October 14, Friday at Istanbul 58th Criminal Court of First Instance</p> |
| <p><u>Engin Eren Case</u></p> | <p><u>Selahattin Demirtaş Case</u></p> |

The lawsuit filed against journalist Engin Eren, who followed the "human shield protest" held in Batman's Sason district rural in 2015 to end the conflicts, together with 75 people, on charges of "terrorist organization membership", "aiding a terrorist organization", "participating in illegal meetings or demonstrations", "violating the Law on Military Forbidden Zones and Security Zones", "using force or threat against a public official to prevent him from doing his duty"...

October 14, Friday at Batman 2nd Assize Court

The lawsuit filed against People's Democratic Party (HDP) former Co-Chair Selahattin Demirtaş on the grounds that he "targeted" then-Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor Yüksel Kocaman in his defense statement within the scope of a lawsuit against him...

October 14, Friday at Ankara 25th Assize Court