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As part of our mission to defend law and human rights, we closely monitor developments in the field of law and human rights in Türkiye. As part of this work, we publish a weekly newsletter documenting and archiving the events of the previous week.

ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS

September 25: Journalist Ali Tarakçı, who came into focus with his words "A very important minister will resign", was detained and subsequently [arrested](#) due to a social media post. In addition, an access block was ordered for his social media account.

September 24: As part of the investigation into the Süleymançı community, 20 people were [arrested](#).

September 22: Kurdish writer Suzan Samancı, who returned to Türkiye after living in Switzerland for 18 years, was detained and [subjected to a travel ban](#).

September 21: Former reporter for Cihan News Agency, Osman Arslan, was [arrested](#) as part of the investigation into Kaşif Kozinoğlu for allegedly filming Kozinoğlu's arrival at the courthouse in 2011 (15 years ago).

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

September 22: Following an intervention by police and private security against students at Ege University, more than 20 students were detained; one of those detained was [arrested](#).

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND THE PRESS

September 26: Following the outbreak of the fund scandal, the X accounts of journalists, academics, and financial experts were blocked; at least 80 accounts were [blocked](#) in a single day.

September 24: Following a widespread capital market and portfolio crisis in Türkiye that affected hundreds of thousands of investors, a broad censorship process began; reports on the fund scandal were subjected to access [blocks](#).

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE RULE OF LAW

September 27: The Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced around 21:00 that in connection with the fund scandal, the assets of 42 people were seized and a travel ban was [imposed](#). Just a few hours later, around 23:00, it [announced](#) that the precautionary measures were lifted. It was commented that the main reason for the prosecutor's office's backtrack was that the majority of those affected were AKP politicians and businesspeople.

September 23: As part of an investigation into an alleged organization that reportedly intervened in court files, investigations, and legal proceedings at various courts in Istanbul in exchange for money and benefits, 5 judges and prosecutors were [suspended](#) from duty.

September 22: Following the arrest of Üsküdar Mayor Sinem Dedetaş on July 29 and the subsequent election of a CHP deputy mayor, a court annulled this election. Prior to the re-run of the election, Üsküdar Deputy Mayor Amine Aysu Çelik and Council Member Ekrem Baki, who had been detained, were [released](#).

TORTURE AND MALTREATMENT

September 26: Human rights defenders held demonstrations in Istanbul and Ankara calling for the release of sick prisoners.

GENDER RIGHTS

September 21: 6 femicides [were committed](#) in a single day.

September 22: Following September 17, as part of the "My Family is Safe" investigations against board members and members of LGBTI+ associations, 116 people were detained, 82 of whom were [arrested](#). In response to these measures, organizations from 65 countries called on Türkiye to stop [criminalizing](#) the LGBTI+ movement.

CHILD RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

September 22: The Health and Safety Labour Watch (İSİG) announced that at least 95 child workers lost their lives on the job during the 2025–2026 academic year. According to the report, the number of deaths among child workers increased by 32 percent compared to the previous academic year. Of the deceased children, 28 were between the ages of 5 and 14, and 67 were between 15 and 17; 14 of them were refugees or [migrants](#).