

Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia Region
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS FACT SHEET 2019
-SUMMARY-

Violations against Right to Life

5 persons lost their lives and 8 persons were wounded by security forces as a result of arbitrary killing, violation of the authority to use weapons or actions on grounds of not complying with the stop warning.

1 person was shot and injured by village guards.

10 prisoners lost their lives. 4 of them died as a result of suicide.

While 4 people died as a result of wrongful death by security officers, 102 people were wounded / injured due to negligent acts by them.

NB: In this statistical data, there are also citizens who lost their lives and were injured as a result of armoured vehicle crashes in the region. According to the data we were able to obtain; as a result of armoured vehicle hits, 2 adults and 1 child were killed and 1 child was injured.

5 soldiers/police officers died suspiciously, allegedly by suicide.

In 2019, 1 political party executive and 2 lawyers were subject to attacks and killed. 4 political party managers, 6 teachers, 1 journalist, 1 municipal administrator, 2 lawyers and 1 health official were injured in the attacks.

In armed conflicts taking place in the cities of the region: 50 security officers lost their lives, 83 were injured. 319 armed group members lost their lives. 12 civilians caught in the crossfire lost their lives while 23 civilians were injured.

One person was shot dead in the border zones. During the military operation called "Peace Spring" launched in the North East Syria region, 16 persons, including 2 children and 1 woman, lost their lives due to the shelling along the border areas. 71 persons were injured.

Upon mine explosions, 3 people, 2 of whom were children, were killed while 1 child was injured.

47 people (5 children, 24 women and 18 men) were suspiciously found dead.

Violations that took place as a result of armed conflict are as follows.

A total of 23 zones were declared as private security zones, which covered hundreds of areas within the boundaries of 8 provinces and 24 districts. Some of those rulings were extended periodically.

A curfew was declared 16 times in total, including 245 villages / neighborhoods in 4 city centers and 12 districts of these cities and dozens of hamlets connected to these villages / neighborhoods.

Corpses of at least 5 armed group members were desecrated.

The graves / cemeteries where the armed group members were buried were destroyed at least 5 times.

Violations against women's rights:

17 women committed suicide and 1 woman attempted suicide.

33 women were murdered due to domestic violence, 41 women were injured as a result of violence.

15 women were killed as a result of non-domestic attacks; 21 women were injured as a result of the violence they were exposed to. While 14 women were exposed to sexual assault, 7 women were forced to prostitution.

Violations of children's right to life;

3 children committed suicide, and 2 children attempted suicide.

3 children were murdered as a result of domestic violence, 6 children were injured, 1 child was exposed to sexual abuse.

3 children were murdered as a result of non-domestic violence and 4 children were injured. 1526 children were exposed to sexual abuse. 2 children were abducted, and 3 children were forced to practice prostitution.

Violations of Torture Ban

At least 67 people have been subjected to torture and ill-treatment in custody.

125 people were subjected to torture and ill-treatment outside official detention centres (street-house raid).

150 prisoners were tortured and ill-treated in prison.

16 persons were threatened while 16 were forced by security forces to be police informers.

167 people were injured in interventions against demonstrations and protests.

Violations of Right to Liberty and Security

2987 people, 50 of whom were children, were detained.

511 people, 3 of them children, were arrested.

About 17 people were put under house arrest.

2081 houses / workplaces were raided.

Violations of Freedom of Thought, Expression and Organization

Investigations were launched against 105 people through 20 investigation files.

132 people were brought before the court with 17 case files.

In 31 files, 110 people including politicians, journalists and public workers were sentenced imprisonment and/or imposed fines

20 political party buildings, 3 election offices, 3 union buildings and 6 municipal buildings were attacked or raided. 4 political parties were brought to court with a request for closure.

Security forces intervened in 58 public demonstrations or open air meetings.

Meetings or demonstrations were banned in some cities for an indefinite period, and in some cities the bans were extended every fortnight or month. In 2019, the government issued those bans 80 times.

Rights Violations in Prisons

103 prisoners were exiled / transferred without justification.

64 prisoners suffered violations of the right to health.

Family visits between 4 prisoners and their families were restricted.

At least 39 prisoners have been subjected to isolation and solitary confinement.

An investigation has been launched against at least 12 prisoners.

At least 6 prisoners' right to communicate were restricted.

At least 20 prisoners received disciplinary punishment.

Violations of Economic and Social Rights

In occupational accidents caused by precarious working conditions; 11 workers lost their lives, 14 workers were injured.

492 people were fired. 148 people were discharged from office. 140 workers were not paid their wages.

In 2019, government trustees were appointed to HDP municipalities. Detailed information on the trustee appointment is given in **ANNEX 1**.

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ANNEX - 1

FACT SHEET on GOVERNMENT TRUSTEES after 31 March 2019 ELECTIONS

| CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION NOT SUBMITTED TO WINNERS | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|
| CO-MAYORS | 6 |
| MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS | 51 |
| MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS | 4 |

| REMOVAL FROM OFFICE-TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT | | | TOTAL |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| TRUSTEE-APPOINTED MUNICIPALITIES | Metropolitan Municipality | 3 | 31 |
| | Municipality | 1 | |
| | District Municipality | 24 | |
| | Town | 3 | |
| Arrested Co-Mayors | Officially Elected | 21 | 27 |
| | Other | 6 | |
| Co-Mayors Removed from Office | | | 32 |
| Municipal Council Members Removed from Office | | | 61 |

| DETENTION - ARREST¹ | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Municipal Co-Mayors | Detained | 47 |
| | Arrested | 27 |
| Municipal Council Members | Detained | 54 |
| | Arrested | 16 |

¹ It includes data on detention and arrests of HDP Municipal Co-Mayors and members of the councils since 31 March 2019