

# FREEDOM TO PUBLISH IN TURKEY UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY

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# Coup Attempt and State of Emergency

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- Coup Attempt 15 July 2016, State of Emergency 20 July
- Postponed 5 times
- 28 Statutory Decrees issued, 5 passed into law
- 113,440 public officers were sacked
- 1704 NGOs were closed
- 1112 private institutions were closed, 879 companies were seized

# Violations in book publishing

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- 30 publishing houses closed by Statutory Decrees
- Lawsuits against books, seized books, books as evidences of crime
- Restrictions on books in education
- 32 Writers and editors in jail
- Restrictions on reading and writing in prisons
- Rising auto-censorship

# Media purges and journalists in jail

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- 185 print and audiovisual media outlets closed
- 158 journalists and media officers in jail (Sep 2017)
- Özgür Gündem Daily – Asli Erdoğan and others
- Cumhuriyet Daily – «press freedom is on trial»

# Purged Academics

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- 5717 academics from 117 university have been purged, only 140 of these purges were lifted.
- Forbidden to work at any public post/public university for a life time. No judicial inquiry, no court case, no explanation given.
- Passports seized, not allowed to travel or work abroad.
- Civil death: deprived from many fundamental rights

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