

SYSTEMIC RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST A TARGETED COMMUNITY IN TÜRKİYE

The Lasting Human-Rights Impact of Post-Coup Emergency Measures In Türkiye

This briefing examines the ongoing effects of post-15 July 2016 emergency-decree dismissals on justice, employment, family life, freedom of movement, and ByLock evidence, focusing on individual review, effective remedies, and international human-rights compliance.

OFFICIAL SCALE OF THE POST-2016 MEASURES (2016–2026)

720,580

Persons subjected to judicial action [29]

373,642

No-prosecution decisions [29]

124,861

Acquittals [29]

127,102

Convictions [29]

54,027

Investigations ongoing [29]

162,239

Total public personnel dismissed [30]

125,678

Public employees dismissed by emergency measures, 2016–2018 [31]

127,292

Applications received by the State of Emergency Inquiry Commission [31]

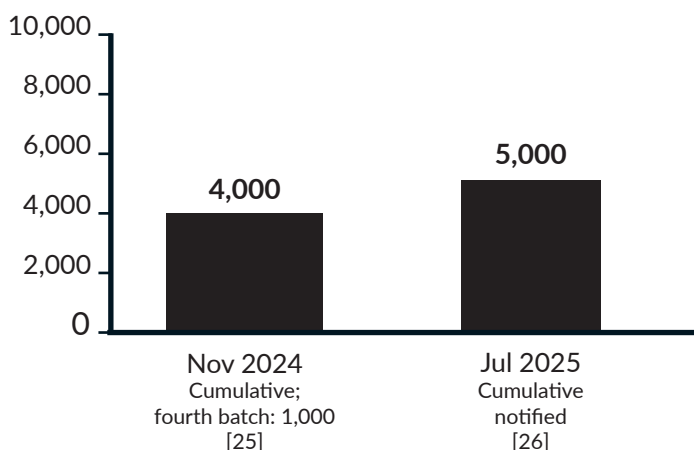
29,909

Trials ongoing [29]

10,000+

Still in prison [29]

The ByLock Caseload: From Individual Case to Systemic Issue Official ECtHR milestones



SYSTEMIC FINDING

The ECtHR Grand Chamber held that the problems leading to the violations in Yalçinkaya were systemic and required general measures, notably concerning the judiciary's approach to ByLock evidence.

ECtHR, Grand Chamber, 26 September 2023

CONTINUING EFFECTS, INTERNATIONAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Post-coup emergency-decree measures and their lasting human-rights impact in Türkiye

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The Committee expressed concern over the dismissal of tens of thousands of State officials through names appended to emergency decree-laws, citing lack of individualised investigation, verifiable evidence and effective judicial oversight.

CCPR/C/TUR/CO/2, paras. 45–46 [22]

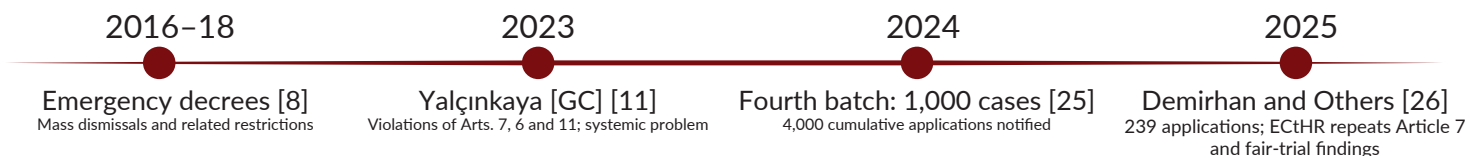
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100+ persons reportedly subjected to extraterritorial abduction and forcible transfer to Türkiye, including persons suspected of affiliation with the Gülen movement and political opponents/journalists.

CCPR/C/TUR/CO/2, para. 25 [22][24]

Judicial Timeline

Key developments relevant to individualised assessment and effective remedy



JUSHR Recommendations for OSCE Human Dimension Follow-Up

1 — Individualised Review

Ensure all remaining dismissal and conviction cases are assessed on individual evidence, with adversarial safeguards and reasoned decisions.

2 — Effective Remedies

Guarantee independent and impartial judicial review, reparation and compensation where measures are found arbitrary.

3 — No Family-Wide Penalties

End restrictions affecting relatives without an individual legal basis, including travel and administrative consequences.

4 — Reintegration and Non-Discrimination

Remove formal or informal barriers to employment and civic participation for persons acquitted, reinstated or never individually charged.

References



See the accompanying reference list.
Ref. Nos. [1]–[31]

Conclusion and Recommendations

Sustained derogations and emergency measures have produced systemic rights violations with cross-border repercussions. OSCE participating States are urged to press for durable remedies in line with international law standards.