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Human Rights Practices 2018 Turkey



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4,000 + Judges and Prosecutors are DISMISSED

2,300 + Private Educational Institutions,

1,500 + NGO's, 1,500 ~ Associations or Foundations,

200 Media Companies, 19 Unions and Trade Confederations,

15 Private Universities are C L O S E D after July 15th 2016 by Turkish government under Erdogan Regime.



The Ministry of Justice also reported that, between July 2016 and July 2018, "investigations have been opened into **612,347** persons. The number of the people under investigation equals to the population of Vermont. A majority of these were reportedly detained for alleged ties to the *Gulen movement*, often with *little due process or access to the evidence* underlying the accusations against them.



Authorities prosecuted **1,539** lawyers, arrested **580**, and sentenced **103** to lengthy prison terms.



**7,257 academics** had been **dismissed** and **5,705 academics** were **suspended** since July 5th, 2016.



Human rights groups claimed **28** *individuals disappeared* or were the victims of politically motivated kidnapping attempts.

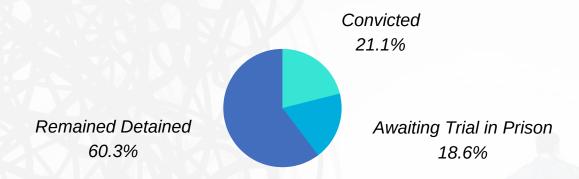


More than 100 members of Gulen Movement from 18 countries were taken back into Turkey forcibly by MIT, The National Intelligence Organization.

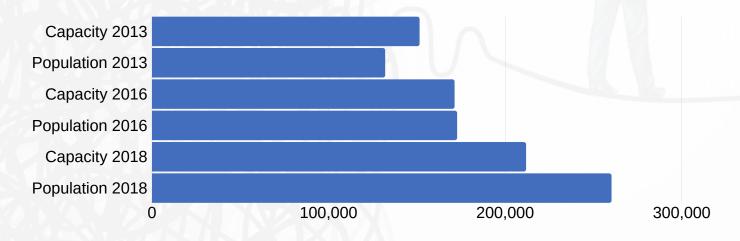
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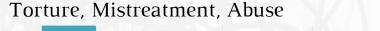


**217,971** persons are detained in connection with July 15th. Of those, the courts had convicted **16,684**, and another **14,750** were in prison awaiting trial. **47,778** individuals remained detained as suspects of July 15th.



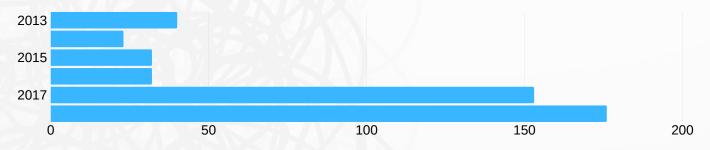
Total prison inmate *population* of **260,144** in government-operated detention facilities with a *capacity* of **211,766** inmates.







#### Imprisoned Journalists



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**45**,000 social media accounts were investigated.

Legal action had taken against **17**,000 of social media accounts on charges of propagandizing for and praising mostly Gulen Movement.

In November the Interior Ministry reported that authorities 631,233 digital materials were *investigated*, 110,000 social media publications were *monitored*, and *detained* 7,000 individuals for social media posts.



From 2014 through 2017, *government* authorities filed more than *68,000 insult*-related lawsuits against individuals or organizations.

The government blocked at least 54,400 websites during the year.

During the first six months of the year, Twitter received **8,988** court orders and other legal **requests from authorities to remove content**, more than double compared to the previous six months.



Authorities **banned seven strikes** and **suspended 15**, **affecting** nearly **200,000** workers.



On July 25, the Ministry of Interior announced it would lift *travel bans* on **155**,000 individuals whose *family members* had alleged connections mostly with Gulen Movement.

https://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/humanrightsreport/index.htm? year=2018&dlid=289191#wrapper