

AST REPORT

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WORDS FROM THE ADVOCATES

When the Turkish President declared in an infamous speech that “old Turkey no longer exists. This Turkey is new Turkey”, the story of Turkish authoritarianism had once and for all taken on a new character. Since the July of 2016, the Turkish government has improperly imprisoned 130,214 homemakers, teachers, NGO workers, academics, judges, prosecutors and journalists.

Once upon a time, the Republic of Turkey was lauded by insiders and outsiders for constituting a powerful model for democratization. In New Turkey, however, silence against the regime’s draconian laws, mass imprisonment, and frequent violations of universal human rights has become the sole norm.

In a regime which ranks as the worst upholder of the rule-of-law in Eastern Europe & Central Asia, 187 media outlets have been shut down and 308 journalists, including Idil Eser, Ahmet Altan, Hidayet Karaca, Aslı Erdoğan, Şahin Alpay, Selahattin Demirtaş, and Andrew Brunson are political prisoners of the state.

Dissent in New Turkey is absent.

Human rights in New Turkey are absent.

Respect for human dignity in New Turkey is absent.



We are a group of lawyers, judges, academics, journalists, and hundreds of activists who cherish democratic ideals and universal human rights. We are prisoners of conscience wanted by the Erdogan’s regime, relatives of political prisoners, and victims who have lost their jobs, property, and family members to the current administration which has been described as a Mafia State. We are the Advocates of Silenced Turkey. We, the Advocates, have made it our mission to champion the rights of Silenced Turkey until universal human rights and democratic governance are established and sustained as the utmost priorities of the Republic of Turkey.

AST is a 501(c)(3) Not for Profit charitable and educational organization based in NJ exclusively for defending human and civil rights. It is registered in US under EIN: 83-1568246

AST GIVES A VOICE TO THE VOICELESS

Around 1,000 materials including reports, events, infographics and videos have been created in two years.

AST holds conventions to bring light to the ongoing conflict and its influences in Turkey. Also to develop strategies to champion human rights worldwide through panels, discussions, workshops, art and photo exhibitions, and legal training sessions. Some examples of these are The Freedom Forum, Immigrant Women Empowerment Panel, film festivals, and movie screenings.

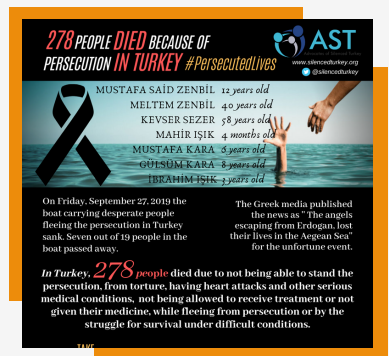
1,157

materials, events, etc.
created

TAKE ACTION



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AST REPORTS

We produced



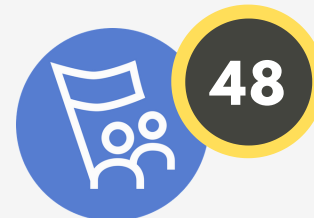
reports about the violations of human rights in Turkey.



AST PAPERS



Papers about human rights concerns in Turkey are created by AST.



CAMPAIGNS

We are calling on everyone, individuals as well as governments, civil society, NGO's, the UN family and others to join us and make a difference for human rights in Turkey.





AST urges everyone to take action by calling and sending letters and video messages to international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations to raise awareness about all human rights violations happening in Turkey. This includes but is not limited to the abductions and illegal extraditions, torture and suspicious deaths in Turkish prisons, and people dying (especially women and children) in the sea while fleeing from Erdogan's Regime.

Stand up against the tortures and mistreatments happening in Turkish prisons. Help fight back against the confiscations, threats and hate speech used against the critics of the government.

Lastly, we urge everyone to take action to stop the social genocide of the opponents of Erdogan's regime and to help free thousands of political prisoners in Turkey.





VIDEOS

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Stories of victims and human rights violations are the main subjects of AST's videos. 57 videos has been created by AST.

- Human Rights News
- Conferences About Shadowing of Democracy and Dire Human Rights in Turkey
- Longing Series
- Mothers Day
- World Press Freedom Day
- International Womens Day
- Victimizations



PODCAST

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Especially for our people who migrated to America after 2015 from Turkey, we gather the information they need on various topics under different titles. 7 podcasts has been created by AST and published on Spreaker.

Spreaker				Listen	Create	Plans & Pricing	LOGIN	SIGN UP
Search for users or shows								
				7 Episodes				
		Bir Cerrahin Basari Hikayesi; Cebimde kalan \$60...	22 Oct	12:02				
		Telefon Tamirciliğinden Harvard 'a	13 Sep	05:55				
		Gurbetten Babaya Sesleniş	03 Sep	07:36				
		Evde dogum yapmak zorunda kalan mazlum kahraman bir anne	22 Aug	04:20				
		Bir Ozlem Hikayesi	22 Aug	05:57				
		Umuttur İnsani Yasatan	17 Aug	17:51				
		Bir Nefes Kitabının Tanıtımı	21 Apr	03:23				



APH PROJECT

Archiving Persecution of Hizmet project records up to 80 victims' stories per year. 191 stories of victims has been recorded by AST. 12 of them has been published as books and 5 of them was written as stories.

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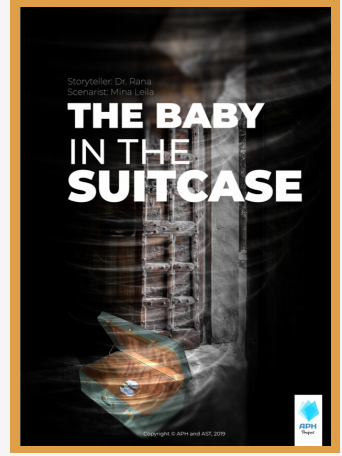
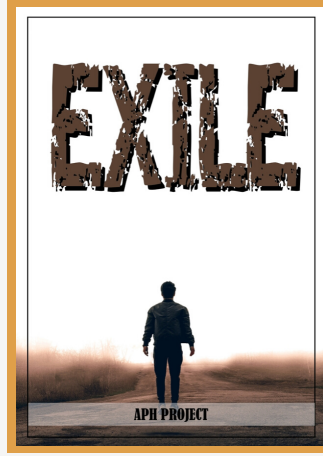
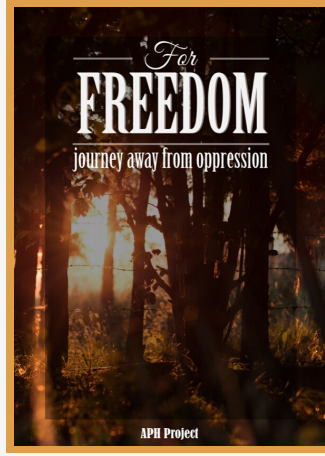
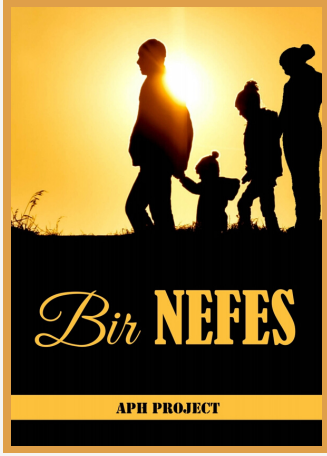
STORIES OF VICTIMS

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BOOKS

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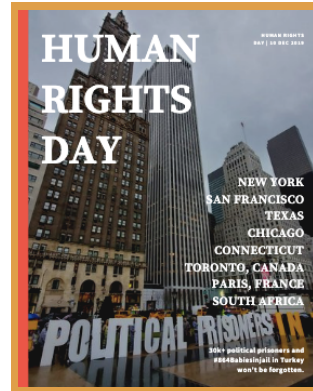
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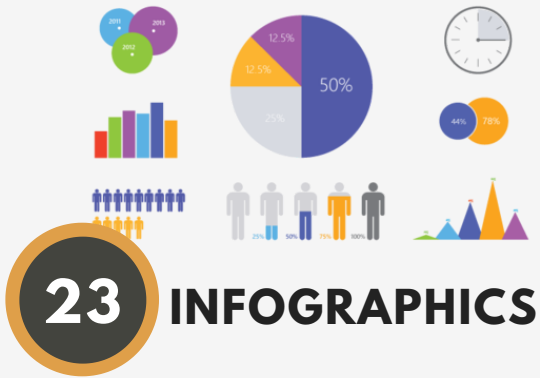


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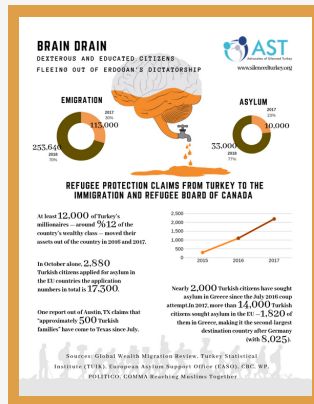
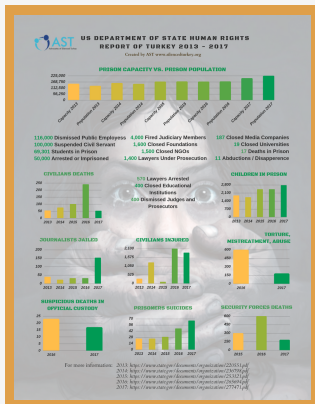
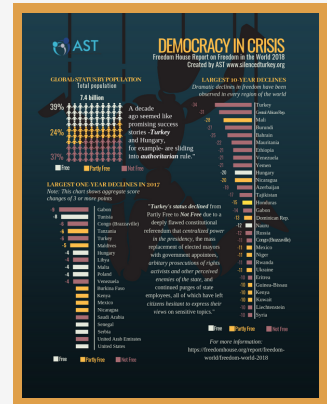
BOOKLETS

Booklets explaining how to apply to the UN about arbitrary detentions and guides for newcomers and asylum seekers have been prepared by AST. These explain the fundamentals of each topic for people in need.





Ast created 23 collections of imagery, charts, and minimal text that gives an easy-to-understand overview of the human rights violations in Turkey.



FLIERS AND PRESENTATIONS

AST presents Turkey's abysmal human rights records and how Turkey is shifting from a democracy to an authoritarian regime. Also, AST creates fliers to communicate information quickly and clearly.

New Turkey!
Advocates of Silenced Turkey
December, 2018

ERDOGAN'S TURKEY:
MAFIA-LIKE STATE

TURKEY'S NEW NORMAL:
TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

THE DETERIORATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION:
PERILS OF PERSECUTING ACADEMICIANS

LECTURE AND PANELS

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AST PRESENTATIONS

AST presentation refers to the concept of expressing and explaining the basic rights and freedoms that all people are entitled to and Turkey's abysmal human rights records.





8 PETITION CAMPAIGNS

AST spreads awareness of heart-wrenching stories of thousands of voiceless people by creating petitions. Also encourages people to take a step by signing the petition to make a difference.



31 EXHIBITIONS

AST displays of works of art about human rights violations in Turkey and items of victimized people, held in several places.



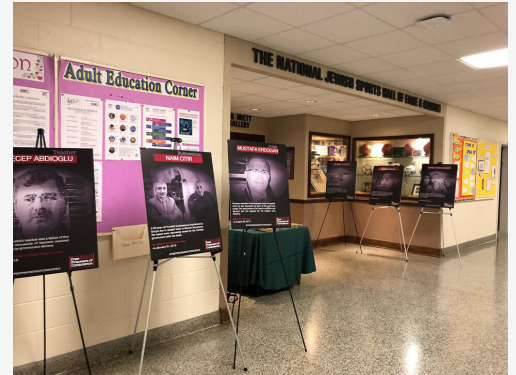
101 POSTERS

101 posters describing and summarizing the human rights violations in Turkey has been designed by AST.



3 WORKSHOPS

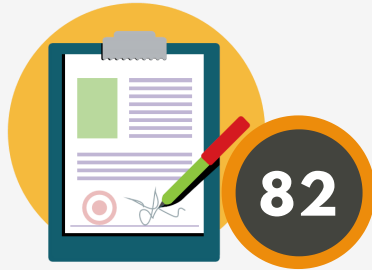
AST holds workshops for various of groups, brain storming new ideas to come up with different solutions for human rights in Turkey.





PEACEFUL PROTESTS & VIGILS

AST kept 15 peaceful protests and vigils to spread awareness about human violations in Turkey. After so-called coup attempt in 2016; 612,347 investigations launched, 160,000+ people arrested, 62,669 people imprisoned for political reasons including 4,000+ women & 864 children.



LEGAL APPLICATIONS

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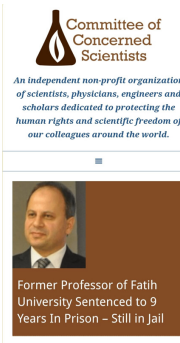
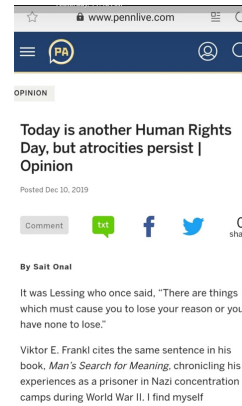
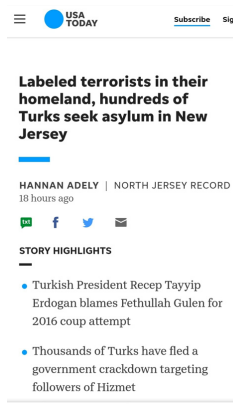
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REACHED
MILLIONS

AST APPEARED IN THE NEWS **27** TIMES



Turkey publicly reprimands the US for demanding protection for Kurdish fighters in Syria
Turkish President Erdogan scolds National Security Adviser John Bolton over the White House's conditions for President Trump's planned withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria, with Erdogan reports from the State Department.





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PRESS RELEASE/STATEMENTS

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PRESS RELEASE: CALLING EVERY DISSIDENT ABROAD AS TERRORIST, ERDOGAN VOWS TO KILL "TERRORISTS" (3) BY JUSTIFYING THIS ATTEMPT WITH A REFERRAL TO THE OPERATION AGAINST BAGHDADI

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MEMBERSHIPS TO HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

We encourage dedicated people not just to be our member also to be involved with other human rights organizations as well.



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CONFERENCES ATTENDED

AST members attend conferences about human rights to help out others and spread awareness about human rights violations in Turkey.



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HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

This aggregation of reports that pertain to human rights in Turkey lists reports published by Human Rights Watch, Journalists and Writers Foundation, Amnesty International, Stockholm Center for Freedom, Committee to Protect Journalists, Freedom House, United State Department Reports on Turkey and more.

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ART PIECES

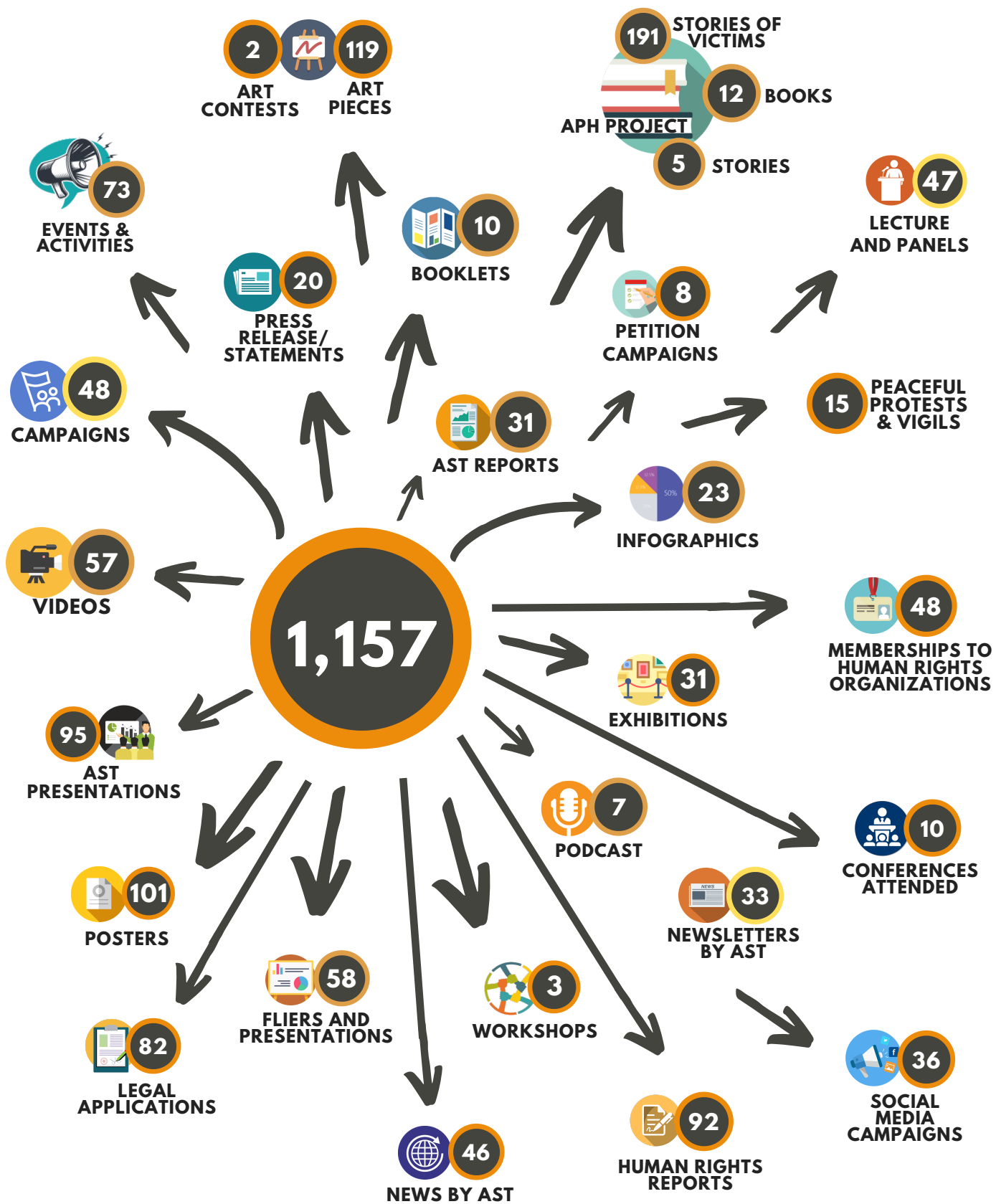
AST had an international art contest for middle schoolers, high schoolers and university students about the human rights violations in Turkey.

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ART CONTESTS



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