



Advocates of Silenced Turkey

REPORT 2020



WHO WE ARE?



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: typo in Eastern Europe & Central Asia, 187 media outlets have been shut down and **308 journalists**, including Ilhan Isbilen Ahmet Altan, Hidayet Karaca, Buşra Erdal, Selahattin Demirtaş and Osman Kavala are held as political prisoners of the state.

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 even 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

A VOICE



AST GIVES A VOICE TO THE VOICELESS

AST holds conventions to bring light to the ongoing conflict and its influences in Turkey and also develops strategies to champion human rights worldwide through panels, discussions, workshops, art and photo exhibitions, and legal training sessions. Among the events we have organized are the [Freedom Convention 2020](#), Women as Survivors of Conflicts (within the UN CSW conferences), film festivals, photo exhibitions and book talks! Around **1,420 materials** including reports, events, infographics and videos have been created in three years.

TAKE ACTION

We stand up for our rights and those of others. You can be one of the advocates of silenced Turkey by being a volunteer of AST. You may apply to be a volunteer by emailing help@silencedturkey.org

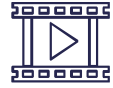


WHAT WE ACHIEVED



39

Reports



201

Videos
& Podcasts



231

Interviews



50

Take Action &
Campaigns



89

Legal
Applications



88

Events
& Activities



80

Lectures &
Seminars



41
20,000+
attend

Peaceful Protests
& Vigils



34

Exhibitions



8k+
attendees

International
Human Rights
Conference

Freedom Convention

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

1,477 TORTURE & ILL TREATMENT

The Human Rights Association (HRA) reported that the number of incidents where prisoners were subjected to torture and ill treatment in detention centers and prisons was **2,178 in 2016, 2,415 in 2017, 1,505 in 2018, 1,477 in 2019**

Archiving Persecution of 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.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED



200+

Infographics, Flyers
& Presentations



10

Petition
Campaigns



29+

Press
Releases



51

Social Media
Campaigns



29

Books & Stories
Published



500+
art created

Art &
Short Film
Contests



15

Booklets



100+

AST in the News
& Impacts

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

OVERCROWDED PRISONS DUE TO WITCH HUNT

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

604 CRITICALLY ILL PRISONERS

Human Rights Association IHD underlines that there are currently
1,605 sick prisoners in Turkey, **604** of which are critically ill.



FREEDOM CONVENTION



30 EXPERTS SPOKE AT THE LARGEST
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
"GRAVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN
TURKEY" ON DECEMBER 9 AND 10TH.

Turkey Freedom Forum is a unique convention for human rights activists, intellectuals and policy makers focused on human rights violations in Turkey organized by AST. Participants and experts will not only learn the ongoing violations and persecutions in Turkey but also be able to develop strategies and recommendations to Turkish government and international bodies to end those grave violations through the panel discussions.



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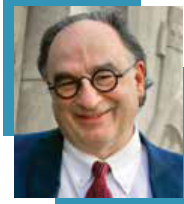
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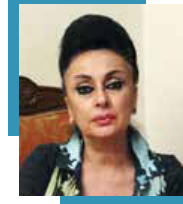
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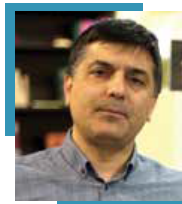
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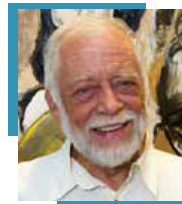
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FREEDOM CONVENTION



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Human Rights Activist
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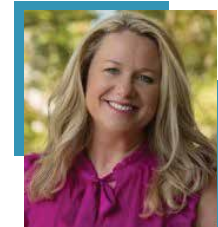
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GERGERLIOGLU**

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Purged Teacher
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Director of the Center for
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DID YOU KNOW?

In correlation, more than **217,000** have
been detained and **160,000** have been
arrested, **130,000** public servants dismissed
as a witch hunt. Amnesty International
reports that detainees were “being held
arbitrarily” with “no evidence establishing
reasonable suspicion of criminal behavior”
and that “only a tiny minority of them were
accused of taking part in the actual events
of the attempted coup”

217,000 DETAINED
160,000 ARRESTED
130,000 DISMISSED

#JusticeForAll PROTESTS



WHITE
CHAIR
PROTESTS
IN 25
LOCATIONS

STORY OF
MUSTAFA
KABAKCIOGLU

Mustafa Kabakçioğlu, a police officer expelled from his job by a statutory decree, jailed because of his 60 cents donation to KYD- a humanitarian organization, died in a solitary confinement cell in Gümüşhane Prison on August 29 on a White Chair when he was just 44 years old .



FREEDOM TRUCKS & PROTESTS



AST organized 41 peaceful protests and vigils to spread awareness about human violations. After so-called coup attempt **612,347** investigations launched, **160,000+** people arrested, **62,669** people imprisoned for political reasons as a result of witch-hunt.

REPORTS



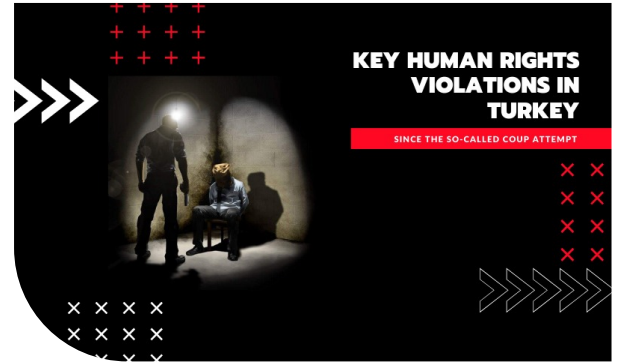
HIGHLIGHTS FROM TURKEY 2019 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE



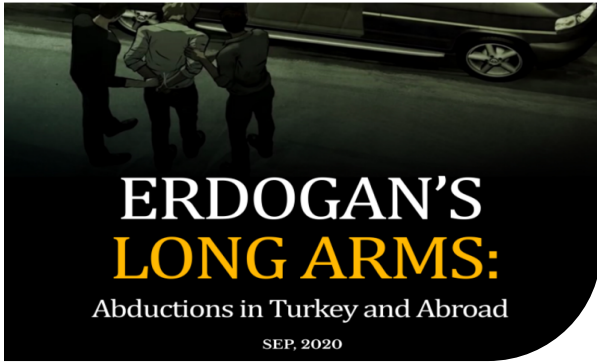
SYSTEMATIC TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT IN TURKEY



KEY HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY SINCE THE SO-CALLED COUP ATTEMPT



ERDOGAN'S LONG ARMS: ABDUCTIONS IN TURKEY AND ABROAD



BORN AND RAISED IN PRISON: TURKEY'S CAPTIVE CHILDREN



TÜRKİYE'DEKİ İŞKENCECİLER



THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK IN TURKEY'S PRISONS: ANALYSIS OF THE CASES, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS



ART 4 HUMAN RIGHTS

@silencedturkey

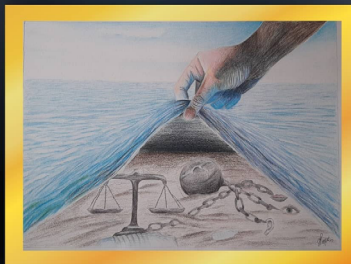
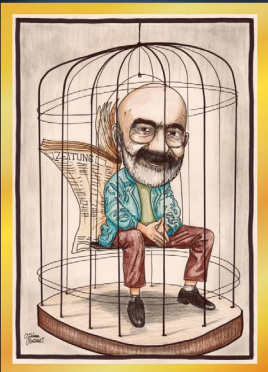
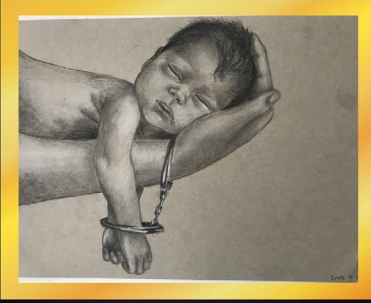
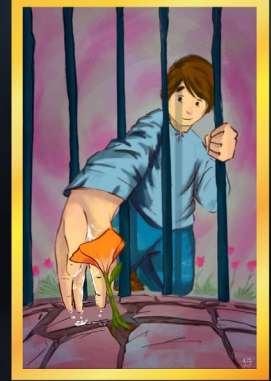
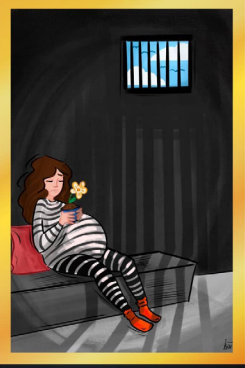
Art 4
HUMAN
RIGHTS



Art 4 Human Rights

Art4humanrights is an instagram platform created by AST to raise awareness about the ongoing human rights violations in Turkey through arts selected from AST international art contests or your art work donations.

Donate your art works to AST art@silencedturkey.org



SONG CONTEST

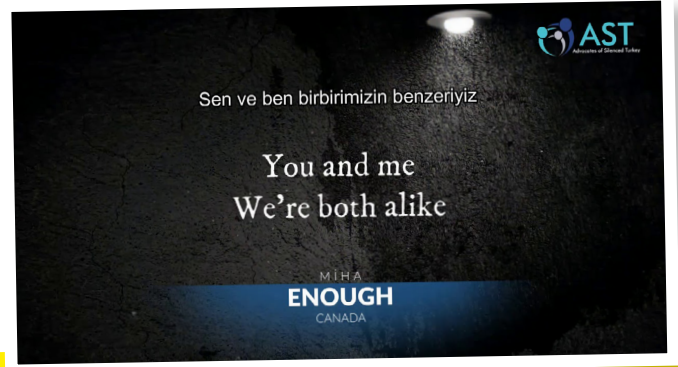


SONGS SUNG FOR THE OPPRESSED CONTEST & AWARD CEREMONY



01

BERKUS - UNUTMAYIN BENİ



02

MIHA - ENOUGH



03

ALP ÇAMALAN - YOLUMUZ AYDIN



04

VELÎ TOKTAMIŞ - HAVAR



05

YAĞMUR ÖZTÜRK - BİLMEZDİM

International song contest
for oppressed organized by
AST. The award ceremony
and the songs viewed
75k+ worldwide in total.

YOUTUBE IN 2020



2020 by the Numbers

2020 didn't stop you from making moves—you picked up **5,833 new subscribers** and **537,371 new views**.

Fans took **54,348 hours** in 2020 to watch your YouTube channel.

38,518 likes in 2020?
Way to end the year on a high note 🎵!

2020



AdvocatesofSilencedTurkey

Your music was the soundtrack that got us through the year! 2020 went off-script, but you didn't skip a beat when you uploaded **3100 minutes** of YouTube content. Let's reflect on 2020 and celebrate the ways you kept fans grooving! #MyYearInReview

All-Time Highlights

You joined YouTube **1,367 days** ago.

From your first video upload until now, your fans have smashed that like button **42,815 times!**

You've inspired some good conversations! Fans left **32,832 comments** and shared your content **15,610 times**.

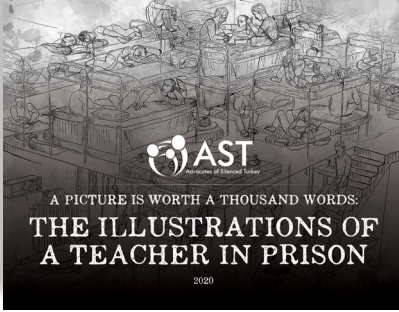
BOOKS & BOOKLETS



YARIM KALAN
HİKAYE



KAÇIRILAN
HAZİNE



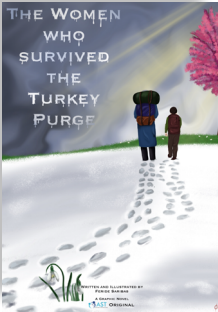
THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF A
TEACHER IN PRISON



SAHTE DELİLLERLE
HUKUK



ÜLKEM, BABAM VE
ÖĞRETMENLERİM



THE WOMEN WHO SURVIVED
THE TURKEY PURGE



VEFA DİYARININ
SEVDALILARI 1



KOLTUK
DEĞNEKLERİ



THE BABY
IN THE BAG

DID YOU KNOW?

62,669 political prisoners
charged with “terrorist activity”
At least **686** of them tortured
during detention
616 people died under persecution.
61 prisoners died suspiciously
20 prisoners died just in first
9 months of 2020 in Turkey.

62,669
POLITICAL
PRISONERS

PODCASTS & VIDEO CLIPS



VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



Hâlîme



Ayşe'm - Can Şiirleri (Düet)



Barış Vakti



Gurbetten Silaya



Gidiyoruz İşte



Islak Seccade



Ahmed'im

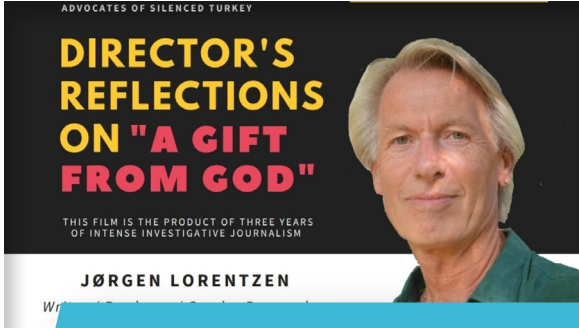
AST TALKS



VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



Impact of Persecution on Hizmet Movement and Good Practices of Human Rights Advocacy



Director's Reflections: "A Gift From God" - Jorgen Lorentzen



The COVID-19 and Turkey: A Human Rights Perspective



AST Youth In Action



Conflicts and Enforced Migration of Women: Turkey Case



TR'de İnsan Hakları ve BM Nezdinde Takip Edilebilecek Adımlar

DID YOU KNOW?

126 SUSPICIOUS DEATHS

Occurred in detention centers and prisons, according to The Stockholm Center for Freedom (SCF)

WHERE WE ARE SOCIAL MEDIA



Twitter
15,3k

www.twitter.com/silencedturkey



YouTube
7.4k

youtube.com/c/AdvocatesofSilencedTurkey



www.facebook.com/silencedturkey

Facebook in Arabic

www.facebook.com/OpressedTurkey

Facebook in Spanish

www.facebook.com/ASTespanol

Facebook in Greek

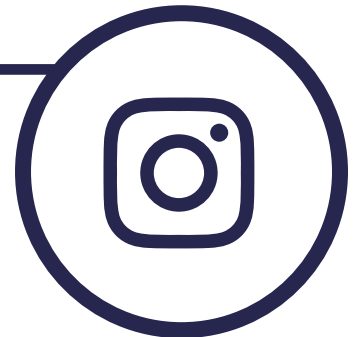
www.facebook.com/ASTGreece

Facebook in Flemish

www.facebook.com/ASTNederlands



Facebook
39k+



www.instagram.com/silencedturkey

Güçlü Çocuk

www.instagram.com/guclucocukorg

Art 4 Human Rights

www.instagram.com/art4humanrights/

Instagram
4.4k+

Email List
6k+



AST reached **65k+ followers**
in social media in total.

VOLUNTEER

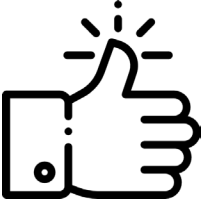
If you want to volunteer for AST, please contact us at help@silencedturkey.org



We have **690 volunteers** from more than 30 countries



Total volunteer hours exceeded **9,100**



Social media followers have passed **65k+**



The number of national & international news coverage more than **100**

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ TRANSLATION (TURKISH - ENGLISH / ENGLISH - TURKISH)
- ✓ PROOFREADING / EDITING
- ✓ WRITING ARTICLES OR ACADEMIC PAPERS
- ✓ GOOGLE SEARCH (MEDIA AND DATA ENTRY)
- ✓ DESCRIBE VICTIMIZATION THROUGH ART
- ✓ FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES / CALL-CENTER
- ✓ INTERVIEWING THE VICTIMS
- ✓ INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTION
- ✓ PERSECUTED PEOPLE OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS
- ✓ CREATING & SENDING E-MAILS
- ✓ CONTACTING CONGRESS & SENATE
- ✓ EVENT COORDINATOR
- ✓ PUBLIC RELATIONS
- ✓ MEDIA RELATIONS
- ✓ PUBLIC SPEAKING
- ✓ PRESENTATIONS
- ✓ GRAPHIC DESIGN
- ✓ SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ VIDEO PRODUCTION
- ✓ VOICE RECORDING

IN TOTAL, ABOUT **1,410** PAPERS, REPORTS, LECTURES, EVENTS, ETC. CREATED BY AST.
WITH THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA, AST REACHED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE.

▶ YOUTUBE VIEWS **500K+**

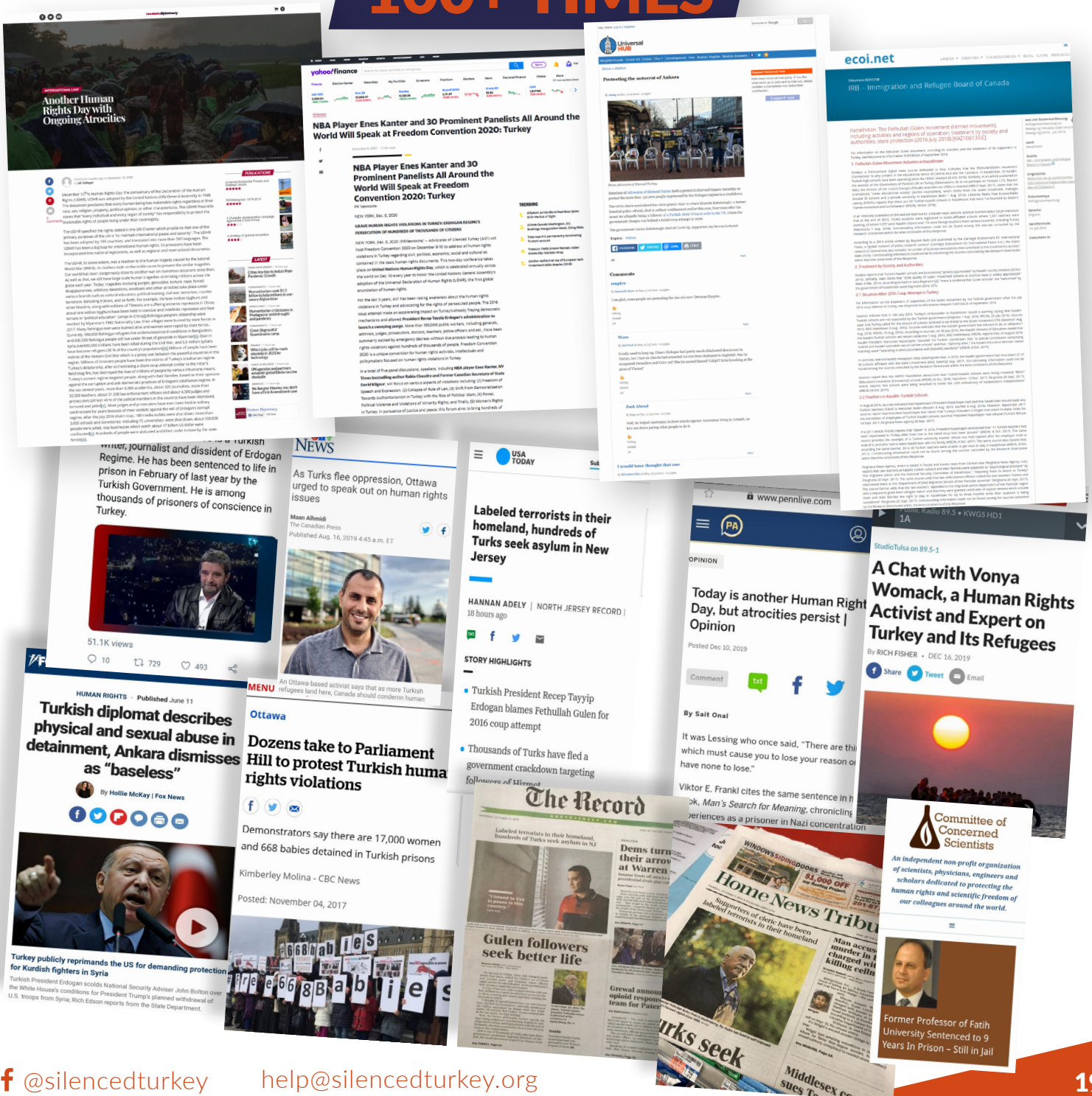
AST IN THE NEWS

AST REACHED MILLIONS



AST APPEARED IN THE NEWS

100+ TIMES





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Help us spread the word, be part of the change!
Together we can help be the voice of the voiceless people of Turkey.

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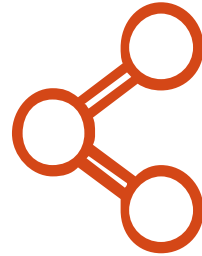


By making a monthly donation
or one-time donation
www.silencedturkey.org/donatenow



By becoming a volunteer
www.silencedturkey.org/get-involved

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



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www.facebook.com/silencedturkey



www.instagram.com/silencedturkey



www.youtube.com/AdvocatesofSilencedTurkey