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Fact Sheet on Gezi Park Protests - 19 June 2013

Demonstrations that began on 28 May 2013 to protect Gezi Park and turned into protests demanding basic rights and freedoms because of the violence directed to the people by the police forces and spread to 77 provinces across Turkey⁴, continue on 19 June 2013, the 23th day.

On 17 June 2013, Trade Unions have announced a nationwide strike.

Members of Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey (DISK), who are making press release, were attacked by police through firing chemical tear gas and using pressurized water in Şişli in İstanbul.

While demonstrations were not allowed in Ankara with claim of illegal demonstration, police used rubber bullet in İstanbul.

In the morning of 18th June 2013, Anti-Terror Police raided several building of Socialist Party of the Oppressed (ESP), Community Houses (Halkevleri), Independent Revolutionary Class Platform (BDSP), Odak Journal, Özgür Radio, Etkin News Agency and Atılım newspapers and houses of their members, workers, readers, especially in İstanbul and Ankara.

Because of secrecy in the file, 86 people who were taken under custody were not allowed to have access to lawyer. In the context of investigation, police teams were granted authorization for making search for 72 hours as of 18th June 2013.

Police forces has continued to attack against protestors in Ankara and Eskişehir by firing chemical tear gas and pressurized water in 18th June 2013.

According to the Turkish Medical Association 7822 people were injured in protests across Turkey by 17th June 2013. Unfortunately, four people who attended to protest and one police officer lost their life. Two protestors were killed by direct police violence.

The autopsy report revealed Abdullah Cömert was killed by being crashed by gas canister in his head in Antakya on 3rd June 2013.

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⁴ This number is based on statistic by Ministry of Interior

Ethem Sarısülük was killed by being shot in his head directly by a police officer in Ankara.

Mehmet Ayvalıtaş lost his life as a result of being crashed by a car which was intentionally crashed into crowds in Ümraniye in İstanbul on 2nd June 2013.

Mehmet Sarı, police officers, felt down from bridge and lost his life while running after proresrors in Adana on 5th June 2013.

Zeynep Eryaşar who attended to protests had heart attack and lost her life because of being exposed by chemical tear in Avcılar in İstanbul.

The number of people who were detained across Turkey as of 19th June 2013 has reached 3224 according to HRFT data. The number of people that have been arrested is 6. 48 people were detained because of the Twitter messages they sent.