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Turkish Government Shuts Down 15 Pro-Kurdish Media Outlets

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On Saturday 29 October 2016, the Turkish government issued two decrees (No 675 and 676) shutting down 15 pro-Kurdish media outlets. 11 newspapers, two news agencies and three magazines are affected:

- Newspapers: Özgür Gündem, Azadiya Welat, Batman Çağdaş , Cizre Postası , Güney Express, İdil Haber, Kızıltepe'nin Sesi, Prestij Haber, Urfanatik and Yüksekova Haber;
- News agencies: Dicle News Agency (DİHA) and Jin News Agency;
- Magazines: Tiroji, Özgürlük Dünyası and arts and culture magazine Evrensel Kültür.

The latest closures bring the number of media outlets shut down in Turkey to 168 under state of emergency, a situation which allows the government to close any media organisation by issuing a cabinet decree.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➡ CPJ statement: "Turkey closes 15 media outlets, raids newspaper office, detains at least 12"
- ➡ Statement by Article 19: "Turkey: More closures of independent media outlets under extended state of emergency"
- ➡ Report published on the Mapping Media Freedom platform: "Turkey: 15 pro-Kurdish media outlets shut down by cabinet decrees"
- ➡ Cabinet decrees - No. 675 and 676 - from Turkish government (in Turkish)
- ➡ Article on European Federation of Journalists website: "Turkish government shuts down 15 Kurdish media outlets"

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