



United States Mission to the OSCE

On recent events in Türkiye

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The United States has followed the events in Türkiye closely and is concerned by the reportedly widespread detention of peaceful protesters and journalists. Türkiye is a NATO Ally and key partner of the United States in the region and in Europe. Along with that partnership, we expect Türkiye to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including online. We also expect that Türkiye maintain a justice system of fair trials and respected outcomes, consistent with the country's constitution.

The freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly are cornerstones of free, open, and democratic societies. The United States places great importance on protecting these fundamental freedoms and rejects attempts to censor speech, unjustly restrict peaceful gatherings, and repress individuals for voicing their opinions. Countries whose citizens can speak their minds freely are stronger for it.

Secretary of State Rubio has expressed concerns about recent arrests and protests in Türkiye to Turkish Foreign Minister Fidan. The United States will continue to engage with our Turkish counterparts on this and other important matters as the situation develops.

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