

Türkiye

Attack on members of the Hür Dava party

The provincial secretary of the Islamist-Kurdish Hür Dava Partisi (Free Cause Party) was killed and the provincial chairman injured in a knife attack in the Turkish city of Adana on 22.07.23. According to media reports, the attack took place in the prayer room of the party's office in Adana. Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya announced on Twitter that the perpetrator had been arrested and a criminal investigation had been opened.

The motive for the attack is still unclear. Party representatives suspected that organised crime in the city of Adana was involved in the attack. Halef Yilmaz, the party's deputy leader, said on Twitter that there was a "dirty drug trade" in Adana and called on the authorities to track down those behind the attack.

Venezuela

Obstructions of election campaign appearances by two opposition candidates

According to various media reports, during the election campaign for the opposition primaries in June and July 2023, the candidates María Corina Machado and Henrique Capriles Radonski and their respective supporters were physically and verbally assaulted and attacks against them were attempted at least six times. Supporters of the ruling party PSUV or militias close to the government ("colectivos") were responsible for the corresponding restrictions and obstructions of campaign appearances, the reports said.

Yemen

WFP staff killed

On 21.07.23, the head of the local WFP office in the town of Taizz was killed by unknown persons. The WFP staff member was shot dead in the middle of the street by two armed men on a motorbike and succumbed to his injuries a short time later. The perpetrators initially managed to flee, but on 22.07.23 the police arrested two suspects and ten other people on suspicion of complicity. The background is still unclear.

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