

# Turkey 2023 General Election

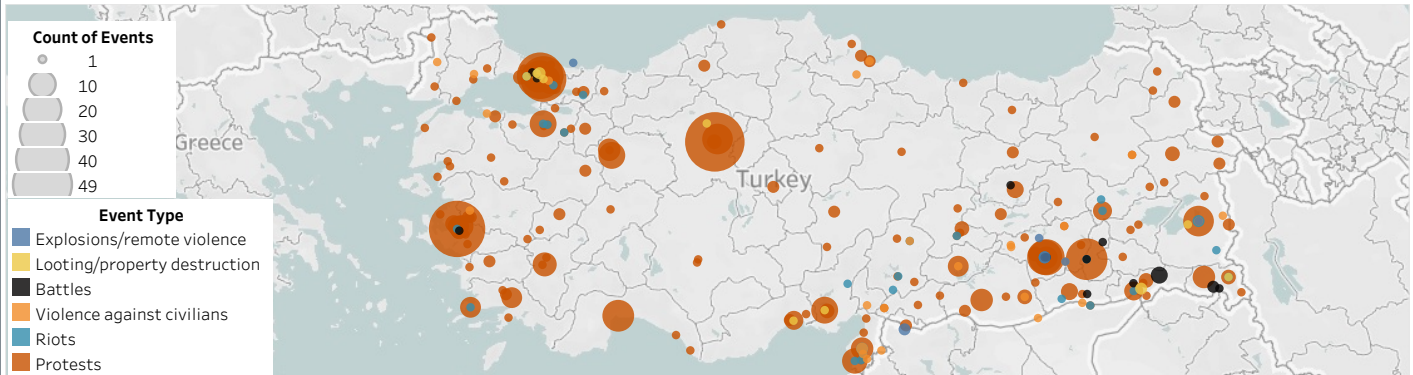
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Presidential and parliamentary elections will be held in Turkey on 14 May 2023. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Justice and Development Party (AKP) face the stiffest challenge yet from a six-opposition party coalition. If defeated, Erdoğan is unlikely to leave without a fight, leading to speculation of a renewed assault on press freedom and a tense security situation ahead of the elections.

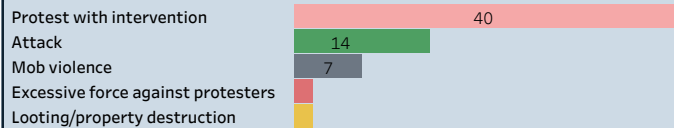
Around the elections, security will be elevated in major cities and Kurdish areas in the southeast. There is a heightened risk of attacks from the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) or Islamic State, which the government will use to restrict movement in some areas. The intense political competition raises the risk for political unrest during the election period.

## Political Disorder and Demonstrations in Turkey (1 Jan - 14 Apr 2023)



## Journalists Safety

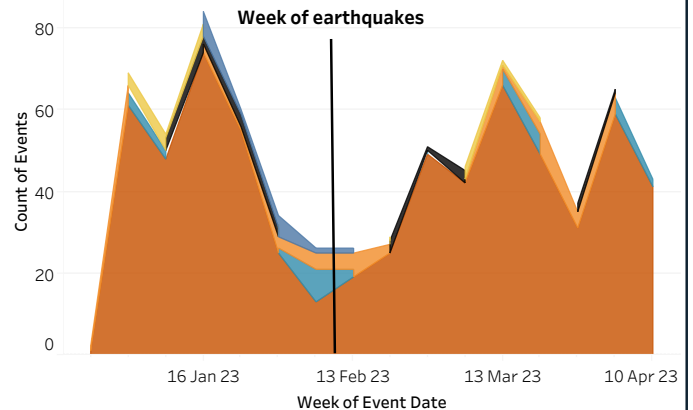
Data from 1 Jan 2018 to 14 Apr 2023 show that journalists have mainly been affected by violence while covering protests.



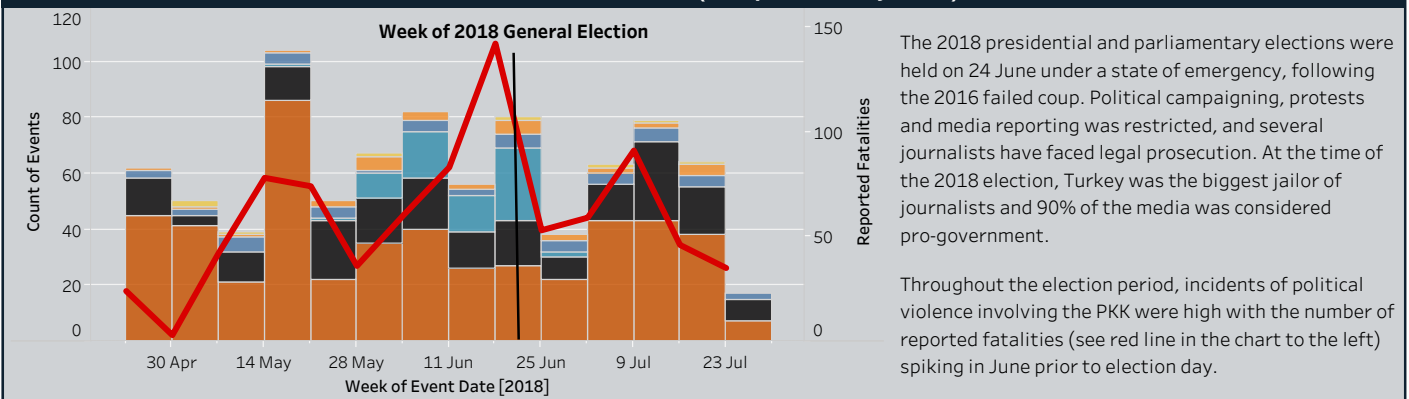
### Safety Tips

- > Ensure you have the correct accreditation/press identification.
- > Have robust communications plan and necessary PPE.
- > Have an escape strategy and fallback location if a situation turns hostile.
- > Have a contingency plan in case of arrest/detention.
- > Avoid wearing any clothing with a political slogan or message.
- > Don't engage with hostile crowd or security forces where possible; stop taking pictures/filming.

## Timeline of Political Disorder in Turkey (1 Jan - 14 Apr 2023)



## 2018 General Election (24 April - 24 July 2018)



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