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Introduction

Since the outbreak of the corruption scandal in Turkey in December 2013, Prime Minister and then President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his government have been particularly targeting the Hizmet (Gülen) movement. According to Erdogan and his lieutenants, the alleged charges brought forward by Istanbul prosecutors on December 17 and 25, 2013, were in fact insidious attempts to topple the AKP government that were orchestrated by Hizmet sympathizers and affiliates in the Turkish state and bureaucracy, including judiciary and police forces. The Hizmet movement, which suddenly found itself on the defensive, has been vehemently denying these allegations, calling them baseless accusations serving to cover up the corruption charges. While the corruption cases were effectively rendered obsolete through a series of laws and executive interventions aimed at courts, the attacks on Hizmet continue in full force, evolving recently from rhetoric to action.

This work aims to exhibit various human rights violations, defamation, hate speech, unlawful conduct, incrimination and other misconduct perpetrated by Turkish government officials and pro-government media against the individuals and entities associated with the Hizmet movement in Turkey. Special focus on the Hizmet movement is warranted for two reasons. First, although the increasingly authoritarian AKP government is generally averse to any form of dissent and has already produced many enemies and victims across the society, the attacks on the Hizmet movement have reached a level of obsession and collective delirium that makes the situation all the more worrying. Second, the Hizmet movement, which is essentially a loosely connected network of individuals and religious, educational, and humanitarian organizations and institutions inspired by the ideas of Turkish Islamic scholar Fethullah Gulen, has a presence in many countries outside Turkey. This fact, coupled with the efforts of the Turkish government to discredit the movement in the other parts of the world, gives the issue an international dimension.

The relationship between the AKP government and the Hizmet movement in Turkey was one of amity and collaboration roughly until 2012. Hizmet supported AKP initiatives of membership in the European Union, limiting military influence in politics, and expanding rights and freedoms, largely through its media outlets such as Zaman daily and the Samanyolu broadcasting group. This relationship turned sour in the following years, after AKP leadership shifted its political vision from further democratization and a new civilian-drafted constitution to consolidation of power aimed toward an Erdogan-centered system of governance. Thus, coming to December 2013, this was also exacerbated by the Hizmet media's neutral standing during the Gezi protests and the tension brought by the prep-school debate in November 2013, and there was not much good will left between the AKP and Hizmet.

The rationale behind the decision and determination of Erdogan and the AKP government to launch an "all-out war" against the Hizmet movement in particular is still debated. Given the past collaboration and conservative credentials of the movement, this decision looked too risky to take right before critical elections, even for a masterful politician like Erdogan. But, retroactively speaking, this move made sense in terms not only of the sour relations described above, but also the contradictions between the views of the AKP and

Hizmet. AKP leadership had previously been drawn from a political Islamist past; but they largely appear to have abandoned this view in favor of a “Muslim democratic” view prior to their first election victory in 2002. In the last two years, however, political Islamist discourses have resurfaced, though in a rather populist and watered down fashion, blended with neo-Ottomanism. An effort also emerged to present the AKP as the true refuge of the religious and Erdogan as the leader of all Muslims. Hizmet, on the other hand, subscribes to a more “moderate” and at times quite progressive interpretation of Islam that is comfortable with ideas of democracy, universal human rights, and interfaith dialogue. Thus, the recent ideological shift of the AKP did not leave any room to accommodate a view such as that of the Hizmet movement for ideological and political/practical purposes. On the contrary, the ruling party and its leaders attempted to portray Hizmet as a “non-Islamic, foreign-led” adversary that “needs to be outlawed and eliminated.”

The clash between the AKP government and the Hizmet movement was initially portrayed as a “power struggle,” “a tug of war,” between the two by some domestic and international observers. The secular segments of the Turkish society were also hesitant to take part in the clash, due to the past friendship between the AKP and Hizmet. In the meantime, taking advantage of the confusion, the AKP government passed a series of laws in the guise of fighting the “parallel structure” in the state, but essentially revoking separation of powers and restricting the rights and freedoms of everyone. The bitter tone in the presidential election campaign, election of Erdogan as president, and ensuing developments adequately showed that the targeting of Hizmet is just an aftereffect of an overarching trajectory, namely the founding of a “new Turkey,” a new regime custom-designed by and for Erdogan with concomitant restructuring of the state apparatus. Therefore, the ongoing persecution of Hizmet in Turkey is not only a major blow to pluralism, democracy, and the idea of a progressive, globally appealing interpretation of Islam, but also a harbinger of things to come for all who dare to dissent in this new political setting.

Categories of Persecution

The information presented below is an incomplete account of the persecution to which Hizmet has been subjected in Turkey. It should be taken as a representation of what has been and is currently happening in Turkey. The Rethink Institute website features an Excel file that is regularly updated; it also includes hyperlinks to news reports that provide more details about specific incidents. Once downloaded, the file may be used to filter and edit data for various purposes.

This chronicle covers persecution of Hizmet in Turkey under five categories:

Defamation

The incidents listed under this category include hate speech, slander, libel, and vilification of the Hizmet movement, institutions, and individuals by public officials and pro-government media. This category also includes responses or refutations published or delivered by Hizmet institutions or by Fethullah Gulen himself, as well as their lawsuits against

defamation. Finally, the category also features supporting statements by others against defamation of Hizmet.

Conspiracy

This category covers plots, incrimination, and other scare tactics reported in the media or sometimes announced by government officials themselves, which aim to instill fear in the movement and prepare the public for possible controversial actions.

Discrimination

This category covers denial of service, participation, and human rights by public authorities to the people, institutions, and organizations affiliated with the Hizmet movement.

Blacklisting

This category features attempts by public authorities to build lists of individuals and entities that are suspected to be related to the Hizmet movement as well as other disfavored groups. The lists that contain names of individuals are used to ostracize civil servants, and disqualify applicants to civil service at state and public agencies. The lists that contain entities, including private businesses that support Hizmet schools and institutions, are used to deny public services and benefits.

Unlawful Conduct

This category features unlawful conduct that is increasingly commonplace, especially since the presidential election in August 2014. The category includes unlawful orders, decrees that target the Hizmet movement, and actions by central as well as local government officials against individuals and entities. The category also lists some lawsuits filed by those individuals and entities, as well as criticism of such conduct by their parties.

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DATE	INCIDENT	CATEGORY
12/18/2013	Fethullah Gülen strongly denied allegations that the corruption probe was launched as part of a row between the government and the Hizmet movement.	Defamation
12/22/2013	Following the initiation of a large, high-level corruption investigation, a witch hunt was launched within the state by the government with the argument that there is a dangerous gang operating from within the state.	Blacklisting
12/22/2013	About a dozen people gathered on Sunday in front of Zaman, Turkey's largest-circulated newspaper, to protest what they claim is critical reporting of the largest corruption scandal in Turkish history, in which senior members of the ruling AKP government have been implicated.	Defamation
12/23/2013	Fethullah Gülen has strongly criticized remarks that insulted members of the Hizmet movement, saying that this kind of behavior won't solve anything.	Defamation
12/23/2013	Turkey's flagship carrier Turkish Airlines (THY) stopped the distribution of the Zaman, Today's Zaman, Bugün and Ortadoğu dailies to business-class passengers on its planes on Monday without any explanation, though other dailies are still being handed out onboard.	Discrimination
12/29/2013	Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV) head Mustafa Yeşil has said the use of the "parallel state" argument against the faith-based Hizmet movement is reminiscent of practices of the Feb. 28 coup period.	Defamation
12/30/2013	The government should respect Turkey's independent judiciary as a corruption probe that has implicated senior members of the ruling party deepens, the Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV) said in a statement published on its website on Monday.	Defamation
12/31/2013	Gold mining company Koza Altın A.Ş., the owner of Bugün daily and Kanal Türk TV station, had its activities halted on Tuesday in Çukuralan goldfield, one of the company's five major gold mines, in a move that has been perceived as the most recent example of the government's exploitation of inspections and red tape to put pressure on those with critical views.	Unlawful Conduct
1/2/2014	CHP Deputy Chairman Sezgin Tanrikulu submitted a parliamentary question on Thursday about AKP's İstanbul Deputy Burhan Kuzu's apparent confession that the government was involved in profiling activities.	Blacklisting
1/2/2014	Hakan Şükür, a deputy who recently resigned from the ruling AKParty, has been sacked from Digiturk's Lig TV, the network that owns the broadcasting rights of the Turkish Super League.	Discrimination

1/3/2014	Three department heads at the Ministry of Education, which profiled its staff based on their ideological and religious backgrounds, were removed from their positions.	Unlawful Conduct
1/3/2014	AKP deputy Burhan Kuzu's recent statement that the government has compiled an intelligence report listing 2,000 state officials, bureaucrats, jurists, prosecutors, journalists and businessmen has been interpreted as a confession of mass profiling by the government.	Blacklisting
1/5/2014	The Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV) dismissed reports that Gülen has sent a letter to the prime minister. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan told a group of journalists on Saturday that Gülen had sent him a "peace letter."	Defamation
1/6/2014	An anonymous whistleblower from the Prime Ministry sent an email to media outlets on Saturday claiming that a special team had been established at the Prime Ministry and that it had created a list of individuals whose phones were allegedly wiretapped by members of the so-called "parallel state" who had apparently infiltrated the Telecommunications Directorate (TİB), the agency responsible for carrying out legal wiretaps.	Defamation
1/6/2014	CHP Deputy Chairman Sezgin Tanrikulu submitted a question in Parliament on Monday asking Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan why the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) has canceled its subscriptions to the Zaman and Bugün dailies.	Discrimination
1/6/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is a part of American plot that aims to terminate genuine Islam.	Defamation
1/8/2014	PM Erdogan's chief adviser Yalcin Akdogan said that members of Hizmet movement have infiltrated the state and act as like "parasites" and "leeches"	Defamation
1/14/2014	The Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV) has categorically rejected accusations that it is linked to the corruption and bribery investigation that has rocked Turkey for nearly a month, urging everyone to avoid language that only deepens the "dangerous polarization" in the country.	Defamation
1/14/2014	Hannes Swoboda, The leader of the second largest political group in the European Parliament (EP) said Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's "parallel state" theory, which he has been using to explain away corruption charges, is not convincing.	Defamation
1/16/2014	Fethullah Gülen will file a criminal complaint against those responsible for illegally wiretapping many of his phone conversations with friends, Gülen's lawyer Nurullah Albayrak said in a press statement.	Unlawful Conduct
1/16/2014	The concept of prep schools, institutes known as dershanes that help students prepare for standardized high school and college entrance exams, will be completely eliminated from legislation on education as part of the government's plan to close down such schools.	Conspiracy

1/20/2014	Former minister with ruling AKP, İdris Naim Şahin has submitted a lengthy inquiry to the Turkish Parliament, asking if there is a secret plot against members of the Gülen movement and if the government has mobilized all its resources to gather evidence through any means	Conspiracy
1/20/2014	Reactions from jurists and journalists against a document proving the profiling of religious communities in Turkey by the National Intelligence Organization (MİT) have continued to pour in.	Blacklisting
1/20/2014	Twenty-two businessmen in Ankara on Monday filed a lawsuit against Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan for his remarks likening the followers of the Hizmet movement to a historic group of assassins, claiming that he insulted their character.	Defamation
1/23/2014	Fethullah Gülen's lawyer warned the public on Wednesday about the existence of possible voice recordings of his client which could have been edited and doctored in order to mislead people about Gülen.	Defamation
1/23/2014	Koza İpek Holding's chairman, Akin İpek, who is known for his support for the Hizmet movement released a statement on Thursday denying reports in the Sabah and Takvim dailies which had claimed that İpek has been constructing a luxury villa for Gülen.	Defamation
1/27/2014	The lawyer of Fethullah Gülen has denied claims made by some Turkish newspapers that the scholar is having luxury residences constructed for him in Turkey.	Defamation
1/29/2014	Opposition MHP deputy Özcan Yeniçeri has claimed that the government has been monitoring and profiling its citizens, revealing a document signed by former Education Minister Ömer Dinçer which clearly shows the ministry keeping files on personnel who were allegedly engaged in reactionary activities.	Blacklisting
1/31/2014	AKP deputy Muhyittin Aksak said that they will force out the members of Hizmet movement from the country like forcing out animals	Defamation
2/3/2014	The Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV) has stated that a hate crime is being carried out against the Hizmet movement in Turkey and called on President Abdullah Gül to take the initiative in investigating the executive branch's recent attempts to render the judiciary dysfunctional.	Defamation
2/3/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan accused journalists on Monday of collaborating with a "parallel state" to acquire secret documents, including a National Intelligence Organization (MİT) report.	Defamation
2/3/2014	Fethullah Gülen has filed a libel suit against Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan for remarks Erdoğan made about him in recent speeches, which Gülen's lawyer says are full of derogatory and inappropriate remarks.	Defamation
2/7/2014	The deportation of Today's Zaman journalist Mahir Zeynalov for Twitter messages that were critical of the government is a setback for press freedom, say international press organizations.	Unlawful Conduct

2/7/2014	Another deputy from the ruling AKP, İlhan İşbilen, resigned, criticizing the AKP government of placing a bugging device in his house due to his personal friendship with Fethullah Gulen.	Unlawful Conduct
2/8/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of being "the cashbox of the US Senate," claiming that US-based Hizmet organizations donate campaigns for dozens of US Senators	Defamation
2/8/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of preparing a plot against the government by establishing a workers' union.	Defamation
2/9/2014	A lead figure in pro-government media, Abdurrahman Dilipak, accused the Hizmet movement of being a clandestine organization as a part of the US's Greater Middle East project. He added that there are 41,000 lawsuits upcoming against Hizmet members, making the greatest prosecution in modern Turkish Republic.	Conspiracy
2/10/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping phone calls of Cemiskezek Municipality Mayor.	Defamation
2/11/2014	A former deputy of the main opposition CHP has refuted remarks made by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, who recently said he had instructed to halt the access to sex video footage which involved former CHP leader Deniz Baykal. In his speech, Erdogan hinted that the video was prepared by the Hizmet movement.	Defamation
2/11/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspiring plots against the major soccer team, Fenerbahce.	Defamation
2/12/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan called Fethullah Gülen as "the leader of an illegal organization". He accused the Hizmet movement as being a clandestine structure, having dark financial relations, trying to infiltrate the state for 40 years.	Defamation
2/13/2014	PM Recep Tayyip Erdoğan accused the prosecutors (who follow the corruption case) as acting together with "parallel structure" and added that his son and sons of the ministers (involved in the case) will open lawsuit against the prosecutors	Conspiracy
2/14/2014	Somali Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Abdi Dirshe denied on Friday allegations that no donations were ever sent to a camp located in the capital of Somalia by Turkish aid organization Kimse Yok Mu, stating that they have never worked with Kamil Kemak Güller, who was allegedly the source of the article in the Sabah daily which carried the claims.	Defamation
2/14/2014	Pro-government media accused Fethullah Gulen of giving directives to a bureaucrat to publish a report on Halkbank, state owned bank, whose monetary transactions with Iran are questioned.	Defamation
2/14/2014	Pro-government media claimed that there is a systematic political propaganda campaign against the government in Hizmet prep-schools (<i>dershane</i>).	Conspiracy
2/14/2014	AKP Mardin deputy Abdurrahim Akdag insulted the Hizmet movement activists, claiming that their "structure" involved in "non-human" acts as well as "acts against our belief system."	Defamation

2/15/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement, together with CIA and MOSSAD, is conspiring a plot against Erdogan and the AKP government via using the justices and judicial system.	Defamation
2/15/2014	Pro-government media published the details of the report prepared by Interior Minister Efsan Ala. The minister accused the Hizmet movement of conspiring a chaos plan that would make Kurdish and Turkish nationalists clash on the streets before the 2011 general elections.	Defamation
2/16/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan accused the Hizmet movement as acting together with Gezi protestors and all sorts of leftist groups, pushing the country to the brink of a disaster	Defamation
2/16/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet schools are working as "offices for government contracts."	Defamation
2/16/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan called the Hizmet movement activists "treacherous" who "betrays their country."	Defamation
2/17/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet activists are behind the current protests in Bosnia, conspiring against the Bosnian government.	Defamation
2/17/2014	PM Erdogan's chief adviser Yalcin Akdogan claimed that Hizmet movement is a "sick structure" based on "deceitful conduct," perceiving everything legitimate to reach its goal.	Defamation
2/18/2014	Fethullah Gülen, which Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan continues to target in a smear campaign and threaten with criminal proceedings, has urged his followers to remain calm and avoid making inflammatory remarks about those who resort to insult.	Defamation
2/18/2014	Pro-government media released details of tapped phone conversation between Fethullah Gulen and Aydin Dogan.	Unlawful Conduct
2/19/2014	Veteran journalist Cüneyt Özdemir has said he was threatened by two members of pro-government media outlets and pressured to jump on the bandwagon by lashing out at the Hizmet movement and hosting a commentator who Özdemir said is a staunch supporter of conspiracy theories.	Conspiracy
2/20/2014	The Office of the Prime Minister has submitted a list of people who are allegedly members of the Hizmet movement to President Abdullah Gül, asking President to remove such personnel from their positions in the Presidential Palace. Gül reportedly returned the list, describing the attempt as an "unnecessary task."	Blacklisting
2/20/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan called the Hizmet movement as "the last gang" and vowed to "bust" it.	Conspiracy
2/20/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan called the Hizmet movement an organization of "Hashassins" (a medieval cult of assassins)	Defamation
2/21/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan called the Hizmet movement activists "vampires" who benefits from "the blood", adding that the movement is a "blood-lobby" and a "chaos gang"	Defamation

2/21/2014	Pro-government media accuse the Hizmet movement of being a puppet of "Zionist lobby", suggesting Turkey needs to take serious steps like Venezuela, which expelled some American diplomats	Defamation
2/22/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of serving the interests of the Pope and Vatican.	Defamation
2/23/2014	Pro-government media continued to accuse the Hizmet movement of being in the hands of trio-power: American neo-cons, the U.K., and Israel.	Defamation
2/24/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan said that Hizmet movement activists are dishonest and despicable.	Defamation
2/24/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping the phones of those bureaucrats who are at odds with Israel.	Defamation
2/24/2014	Fikri Isik, the Minister of Science, Industry, and Technology, blamed Hizmet movement for the economic downturn	Defamation
2/25/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan referred Hizmet movement activists as "preacher lobby" who are trying to increase in numbers in bureaucracy like "a tumor". He maintained that "their treacherous deals, plots, and blackmails are now revealed in public" and they are "losers." He added that they're working closely with "robot lobby" in social media, attacking him via tweets.	Defamation
2/25/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of being "pro-slavery, pro-aristocracy, pro-idolatry" and "having similar characteristics with pervert cults such as Scientology and Moonie in the United States."	Defamation
2/25/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of being "a threat to everyone"	Defamation
2/25/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is conspring "a plot of chaos" in the university entrance exam by making many "teachers request absence collectively"	Defamation
2/26/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of espionage by wiretapping the phone conversations of government officials including the PM and President	Defamation
2/26/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping the phone conversations of Bulent Yildirim and other organizers of Mavi Marmara Flotilla, and then sharing these information with Israel.	Defamation
2/27/2014	The Supreme Election Board (YSK) has issued a penalty of one week's suspension of broadcast for news program "Gündem Özel" (Special Agenda), which is shown on Thursday evenings on Bugün TV, on the grounds that the program was "biased".	Discrimination
2/27/2014	The pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of preparing a plot to rig the local elections in March 30, 2014	Defamation
2/27/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of infiltrating TUBITAK, Turkish agency for scientific research.	Defamation

2/28/2014	Despite having ranked in the top 100 on a written civil service test, some job-seekers failed the oral exam of the Turkish Tax Inspection Board (VDKB) because they were labeled "red" in a profiling document, a Turkish daily said on Friday.	Blacklisting
2/28/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan slammed Fethullah Gulen for being "single" and having no children.	Defamation
2/28/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Fethullah Gulen of providing wire-tapped information to putschists to overthrow the government	Defamation
2/28/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan called Hizmet movement "virus" that threatens the unity of the country	Defamation
2/28/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of infiltrating the information systems of the Finance Administration	Defamation
2/28/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of stealing the questions of the University Entrance Exams	Defamation
2/28/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of wiretapping the Nationalist Action Party (MHP) leaders	Defamation
3/1/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of wiretapping all police force	Defamation
3/2/2014	The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) has issued a warning over news program "Derin Bakış" (Deep View), which is broadcast on Samanyolu News TV, on the grounds that the program is "biased," only a week after it penalized Bugün TV for the same reason.	Discrimination
3/2/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan slammed Fethullah Gulen and Hizmet activists by repeating his earlier insult: "We'll enter their dens"	Defamation
3/2/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Fethullah Gulen manages the main opposition party, Republican People's Party (CHP), behind the scenes. He added that CHP is "like a puppet" in Gulen's hands.	Defamation
3/2/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement conspires provocations and plots to destabilize the Kurdish populated Southeast.	Defamation
3/2/2014	Pro-government media slammed Hizmet activists "for serving the interests of Crusaders"	Defamation
3/3/2014	The Ministry of Education profiled students and teachers of dershanes and schools that are close to the Hizmet movement through a questionnaire distributed by education inspectors to those institutions in 2012, according to recently revealed petitions by students and parents to the ministry.	Blacklisting
3/3/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan slammed Fethullah Gulen for his photo with Pope John Paul and called him "leech"	Defamation
3/4/2014	Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc claimed that "there is a master-mind beyond Fethullah Gulen" in planning the corruption investigations	Defamation

3/4/2014	Deputy Prime Minister Emrullah Isler accused Hizmet movement of threatening and blackmailing the Prime Minister	Defamation
3/5/2014	Deputy Prime Minister Emrullah Isler accused Hizmet movement of conspiring various plots to destabilize the country, and thus, harm the government before the March 30 elections	Defamation
3/5/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement is an underground organization that considers Fethullah Gulen as "the Imam of the Universe" and "Mesiah," planning a revolution similar to Imam Khomeini in Iran	Defamation
3/6/2014	Arguments and discriminatory rhetoric used by the prime minister against the Hizmet movement spoil the emotional well-being of our people; undermine social peace and prepare the groundwork for violence by sowing the seeds of hatred in society, the Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV) said in a forceful statement published on its website on Thursday.	Defamation
3/6/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement controls many Muslims countries and their representation in the United Nations, and thus, has become "a global problem."	Defamation
3/6/2014	Pro-government media presented unverified allegations about a Hizmet activist's fund raising efforts	Defamation
3/6/2014	The AKP's provincial head in Düzce, Metin Kaşıkoğlu, and two city councilors raided a men's dormitory and sparked a protest before leaving at midnight with two students on Monday.	Unlawful Conduct
3/6/2014	The Minister of Justice, Bekir Bozdag, claimed that Hizmet movement is not independent, serving to a broader agent, hinting global powers	Defamation
3/6/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement activists see everything permissible in order to reach their goal. He added "these people even would drink alcohol (to reach their goal)... What kind of Muslims they are!"	Defamation
3/6/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement activists are "vengeance team," constituting a major threat to "national security"	Defamation
3/8/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement infiltrated The Telecommunications Directorate (TIB) and sent information to Canada, "the central place for espionage"	Defamation
3/8/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan attempted to shut down Hizmet movement schools in Pakistan	Unlawful Conduct
3/9/2014	Pro-government media presented a recent article (published in a Hizmet movement's magazine) about DIYANET, Directorate of Religious Affairs, as an evidence that "the movement threatened DIYANET."	Defamation
3/10/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement is "racist," having "enmity" toward Kurds.	Defamation
3/10/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet activists are working closely with the pro-Kurdish party, requesting from Kurds to make religious pledge to vote for pro-Kurdish BDP	Defamation
3/10/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is a puppet in the hands of CIA, Central Intelligence Agency	Defamation

3/10/2014	Pro-government media presented legal fund raising efforts of Hizmet movement's civil society organizations through SODES project as criminal	Defamation
3/10/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan said that Hizmet movement activists are "perverts" as well as "montage-freaks, tape-freaks, and tweet-freaks!"	Defamation
3/11/2014	Pro-government media claimed that some students were removed from a Hizmet dormitory in Duzce "for not being an anti-government"	Defamation
3/11/2014	With only a few months remaining before the 12th Turkish Language Olympiads, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu has sent a message to Turkish ambassadors and diplomats serving abroad ordering them not to attend the overseas selections phase of the Olympiads, according to diplomatic sources.	Discrimination
3/12/2014	In an election rally, Prime Minister Erdogan said that he is "suspicious" of Hizmet movement activists' faith in Islam, implying that they're infidels	Defamation
3/12/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement aims to control Ankara Chamber of Commerce by illegal means	Defamation
3/13/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet activists stole the questions of 2010 KPSS exam without presenting any evidence	Defamation
3/13/2014	During the televised broadcast, Prime Minister Erdogan said that Hizmet movement activists are "worse than Shiites" since they have three similar characteristics (deceitful acts, lies, and slander). He added "as a result of these three features, they conduct "fitne" (seeking discord in society)	Defamation
3/13/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement tries to infiltrate the Turkish Armed Forces, employing terrorist tactics	Defamation
3/13/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement activists accept Fethullah Gulen as the "Messiah"	Defamation
3/15/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement activists forcefully brainwash dormitory students to hate Erdogan and the government	Defamation
3/15/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is a Vatican project to convert Muslims to Christianity and Hizmet activists consider Fethullah Gulen as the Messiah	Defamation
3/16/2014	A dormitory for male students in Düzce that was raided earlier this month by the Justice and Development Party (AK Party) provincial head in Düzce, Metin Kaşıkoğlu, has been closed temporarily by the governor's office, a move that has sparked frustration and disappointment among the dormitory residents.	Unlawful Conduct
3/16/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan called Hizmet movement as "Neo-Ergenekon", implying that it's an illegal terrorist organization	Defamation
3/17/2014	Pro-government media claimed that there are armed personnel in Fethullah Gulen's residence in Pennsylvania and his residence is a training place for terrorists. The report also claims that Gulen is trying to put the Middle East under American control.	Defamation

3/20/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that all opposition parties in Turkish Parliament are now serving their big boss in Pennsylvania (i.e. Fethullah Gulen), became "bed-fellows"	Defamation
3/20/2014	Prime Minister's top-advisor Yalcin Akdogan claimed that Hizmet movement turns ordinary people into "zombies"	Defamation
3/20/2014	Pro-government media slammed Fethullah Gulen for being "extremely fond of Jewish people" and pejoratively stated in the headline: "he became like Jews!"	Defamation
3/21/2014	A day after he moved to ban popular social media network Twitter, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said his government will not grant the organizers of the Turkish Olympiads permission to use any stadium or sports hall this year.	Discrimination
3/21/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Hizmet movement of trying to establish "an alternative religion," reminiscent of his earlier "perverts" remark	Defamation
3/21/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Hizmet movement of trying to establish "an alternative religion"	Defamation
3/22/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Hizmet movement of having extremely militant members in the judicial system, calling them "suicide bombers"	Defamation
3/22/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Hizmet movement of infiltrating the judiciary and acting illegally	Defamation
3/23/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of infiltrating Gazi High-School and Gazi University in Ankara thanks to Gazi University President's partisan appointments	Defamation
3/24/2014	Fethullah Gülen has said that the reassignment of thousands of public officials from their posts without any disciplinary procedures following the Dec. 17, 2013 corruption scandal seems to have been conducted on an arbitrary basis.	Unlawful Conduct
3/24/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has yet again slammed Gülen movement, this time describing it as a "spy ring" and accusing it of entering "the harem of those who run the country."	Defamation
3/24/2014	PM Erdoğan has accused the Gülen movement of entering 'the harem of those who run the country.'	Defamation
3/24/2014	Pro-government media accused Fethullah Gulen of being extremely rich and having luxurious lifestyle while pretending to be ascetic	Defamation
3/24/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of being puppet of "Zionists," trying to incriminate innocent people	Defamation
3/24/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of infiltrating the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.	Defamation
3/24/2014	Pro-government media accused Fatih University, a university affiliated by Hizmet movement, of promoting academic personnel in accordance with loyalty, not success	Defamation

3/24/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of infiltrating the Police and deceitfully creating an imagined "crime organization" in order to wiretap innocent people	Defamation
3/25/2014	The Supreme Election Board (YSK) has issued a three-week broadcasting suspension for Bugün TV's news program "Özgür İfade" (Free Expression) and a four-week broadcasting suspension for another program on the same TV channel, "Gündem Özel" (Special Agenda), on the grounds that both have violated the equality of opportunity among political parties.	Discrimination
3/25/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wire-tapping major business leaders and blackmailing them in order to receive contracts	Defamation
3/25/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement and opposition parties are "Soldiers of the Baath regime in Syria"	Defamation
3/26/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement should not be called as "cemaat" (an Islamic community); instead, it should be referred as an underground organization. He added that Hizmet activists are "not different from terrorists" since "what they do are not different from acts of terrorist organizations."	Defamation
3/26/2014	In his declaration, Directorate of Religious Affairs (DIYANET) strongly hinted that Hizmet movement is a "criminal" and "messianic" organization, "threatening the national unity"	Defamation
3/26/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping the Oslo meetings between the AKP government and PKK as well as sharing with public in changing the contents (via montage technique)	Defamation
3/26/2014	Pro-government media claimed that students in Hizmet movements' dorms are "forced" to vote for opposition candidate Mustafa Sarigul	Defamation
3/26/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping scandal against Nationalist Action Party leaders (MHP) in 2011	Defamation
3/26/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspriring a plot against the AKP government by using the investigation on "Selam Terror Organization"	Defamation
3/26/2014	The Kaynak Holding business group, an organization close to the Hizmet movement, has become the latest target of smear campaign by the government.	Unlawful Conduct
3/26/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of incriminating business leaders who chose "not to obey"	Defamation
3/27/2014	The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) has suspended 15 more programs of the Samanyolu Haber TV news channel, in addition to the suspension of 20 programs in mid-March, Samanyolu Broadcasting Group General Manager Hidayet Karaca said on Wednesday.	Discrimination

3/27/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of infiltrating the Turkish Armed Forces by stealing the entrance exam questions	Defamation
3/27/2014	Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Taner Yildiz, claimed that fundraising events of the Hizmet movement is conducted in a threatening environment in order to make local businessman subservient.	Defamation
3/27/2014	Deputy Prime Minister Yasin Aktay claimed that Hizmet movement is a greatest "mafia-type" organization unprecedented in Turkey's history, "much more fearsome than Ergenekon"	Defamation
3/28/2014	Only hours after the posting online of an alleged conversation between some state officials about a possible incursion into Syria, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan was quick to attribute the leak to the Hizmet movement, without showing evidence.	Defamation
3/28/2014	The governor's office of the eastern province of Erzurum has cancelled the special passport of Turkish Islamic scholar Fethullah Gülen, citing some alleged irregularities in his obtaining the passport in 1990, the Turkish media reported on Friday. Nurullah Albayrak, Gülen's lawyer, said the decision to cancel the scholar's passport is politically motivated and has no legal basis.	Unlawful Conduct
3/29/2014	Pro-government media claimed that students in dormitories of Hizmet movement are "forced to distribute anti-government flyers at mid-night"	Defamation
3/29/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is blackmailing and threatening businessman by using police force in order to receive funds	Defamation
3/29/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping the secret meeting on Syria and then leaking on the internet by making distortions in the content	Defamation
3/31/2014	In his victory speech after the elections, Prime Minister Erdogan vowed to wipe off Hizmet movement, repeating that they are worse than Hashassins (a Medieval cult of Assassins)	Defamation
4/1/2014	Ongoing major cyber attacks on a number of popular news websites, including the Zaman, Today's Zaman and Taraf newspapers as well as the Cihan news agency on March 30 when Turkey headed to the ballot box for the municipal elections.	Unlawful Conduct
4/3/2014	Yasemin Taşkın was fired from pro-government daily, Sabah, due to an interview conducted by her husband Marco Ansaldo with Fethullah Gülen for an Italian daily.	Discrimination
4/4/2014	On Thursday night Samanyolu Haber TV news channel was the latest to face a cyber attack, as readers have at times also recently been unable to access the websites of the dailies Zaman, Today's Zaman and Taraf, as well as the Cihan news agency, particularly since the night of the local elections on March 30.	Unlawful Conduct

4/4/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement's schools of brainwashing the students, forming a caste system and slavery, and threatening the personnel	Defamation
4/4/2014	A plot to incriminate Hizmet movement is revealed: Samanyolu TV's computers were attacked in order to fabricate documents as "evidence" for wiretapping	Conspiracy
4/5/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of seeking alliance with outlawed PKK, Kurdistan Workers' Party	Defamation
4/5/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan put pressure on Azerbaijan to incriminate Hizmet movement activists in the country	Unlawful Conduct
4/6/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's attempts to shut down Turkish schools abroad that are affiliated with the Hizmet movement, have sparked an outcry among opposition figures and diplomats, who criticize the government for "abusing education because of personal hostility."	Unlawful Conduct
4/8/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspiring a plot against an academic personel because of his criticism of Fethullah Gulen	Defamation
4/8/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of "collaborating with Zionists against Turkish National Intellegince Service, MIT," based on the "evidence" that Hizmet affiliated media members tweeted and re-tweeted about Seymour Hersh's allegations in <i>London Review of Books</i>	Defamation
4/8/2014	The Turkish government attempted to shut down Turkish schools that are affiliated with the Hizmet movement in Kenya and South Africa	Unlawful Conduct
4/9/2014	A stadium in İstanbul's Sancaktepe district will no longer be named for Hakan Şükür, a deputy in Parliament and former international football star who left Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's ruling party on Dec. 16 of last year in protest of a government plan to shut down prep schools associated with the Hizmet movement	Discrimination
4/10/2014	Pro-government media presented Peace Islands Institute's letter to US officials as evidence of "Fethullah Gulen's treason"	Defamation
4/11/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Hizmet movement of extorting from public servants while calling these activities as fund-raising	Defamation
4/11/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of arranging marriages among their members in such a bad manner that is seen in "caste systems"	Defamation
4/11/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of being a Gladio organization in the hands of NATO	Defamation
4/11/2014	In his speech to prosecutors, judges, and other members of the Judiciary, Prime Minister insulted Hizmet movement, asking help to wipe out the Hizmet movement activists	Defamation
4/12/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of infiltrating and conducting illegal actions in Turkish Armed Forces' GATA commandership since 1988	Defamation

4/13/2014	The Ministry of Education and the ruling Justice and Development Party (AK Party) government have been focusing on closing down private prep schools for university preparation (dershanes) and Turkish schools abroad instead of spending its energy on resolving critical problems in the Turkish education system, experts say.	Unlawful Conduct
4/13/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement activists involved in "treason" as they contributed 20,000 TL (about ten thousand dollars) to campaigns of US Senator Robert Menendez, who supports Armenian Genocide claims in Congress	Defamation
4/14/2014	The main opposition CHP's deputy chairman, Faruk Loğoğlu, has reacted to reports published in pro-government newspapers about the Turkic American Alliance (TAA), saying Turkish institutions in the US work towards lobbying for Turkey's interests rather than against them.	Defamation
4/14/2014	The Higher Education Board (YÖK) has launched an administrative investigation into Dicle University Rector Ayşegül Jale Saraç and other members of the university management after AKP Diyarbakır deputy Cuma İçten accused the university administration of acting under the influence of the "parallel structure."	Defamation
4/14/2014	EU Affairs Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu claimed that Hizmet movement have got control of HSYK, Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors	Defamation
4/14/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement has an armed flank, called Otuken, and involved in terrorist activities	Defamation
4/15/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet activists are conspiring a plot against the Government on the celebrations of International Worker's Day (May 1)	Defamation
4/15/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan slammed Hizmet movement activists by insulting: "they perhaps have used opium poppy excessively"	Defamation
4/16/2014	The Prime Ministry and MİT have been carrying out secret profiling of ministerial bureaucrats to see if the bureaucrats are associated with the Hizmet movement.	Blacklisting
4/16/2014	The lawyer of Islamic scholar Fethullah Gülen, Nurullah Albayrak, filed a legal complaint in Ankara on Wednesday against ruling AKP politician Mazhar Bağlı for his statements inciting hatred against members of the Hizmet movement in particular.	Defamation
4/22/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of having responsibility in Egyptian coup d'etat by General Sisi	Defamation
4/23/2014	An anonymous whistleblower from the Telecommunications Directorate (TİB), the agency responsible for carrying out legal wiretaps, sent an email to newspapers and TV stations on Tuesday claiming that there is a conspiracy to bring the Hizmet movement under suspicion of infiltrating the TİB.	Conspiracy
4/23/2014	Muhammed Çetin, a former deputy of the AKP who resigned amid prep school debate, was forced to deplane a Turkish Airlines flight.	Unlawful Conduct

4/26/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping the Supreme Court of Justice	Defamation
4/26/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan continued his public attacks against Hizmet schools, calling all citizens not to send their children to Hizmet affiliated schools	Discrimination
4/29/2014	Nurullah Albayrak, lawyer Fethullah Gülen, has said that there is no criminal investigation, pending prosecution or any other judicial process ongoing in Turkey related to his client, refuting claims raised once again by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan about Gülen's possible extradition from the US, where he now lives.	Defamation
4/29/2014	The pro-government media reported that governors associated with the Hizmet movement will soon be removed their posts	Conspiracy
4/30/2014	Turkey's opposition parties across the political spectrum criticized reports that a criminal investigation was launched against Fethullah Gülen, saying that the allegations are a political tactic by embattled Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to distract public interest away from a big graft scandal that has implicated himself, his family members and his senior government officials.	Conspiracy
5/2/2014	There has been increased chatter in the Turkish capital signaling that Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's government may soon launch a probe in order to harass his opponents, especially people and companies affiliated with the Hizmet movement inspired by Islamic scholar Fethullah Gülen.	Conspiracy
5/2/2014	Istanbul Provincial Health director and his associates were removed from their positions allegedly being affiliated with Hizmet movement	Unlawful Conduct
5/2/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is a global espionage organization	Defamation
5/5/2014	Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay claimed that Hizmet activists are involved in Turkey bashing in United States, calling these efforts "abnormal" and "schizophrenic"	Defamation
5/9/2014	In his speech to Metropolitan City Mayors, Prime Minister Erdogan called for further severe actions against Hizmet activists, asking Mayor to "wipe out" them	Conspiracy
5/10/2014	The AKP government began to support alternative Turkish Olympiads to hamper reputation of Hizmet movement schools	Conspiracy
5/10/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement's most prestigious school Yamanlar hosted a secret meeting to plot a coup against the government. The alleged meeting was held by five thousand people.	Defamation
5/10/2014	The pro-government media claimed that European Union using "Hizmet movement" to destabilize Turkey and Middle East	Defamation
5/11/2014	Firms that lose the government contracts began to blame winning firms as "parallel," associated with Hizmet movement	Defamation

5/11/2014	Pro-government media associated Hizmet movement with drug gangsters.	Defamation
5/11/2014	Pro-government media reported that the AKP government began listing civil servants close to Hizmet movement for every single city in the country	Blacklisting
5/11/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is backed by very strong Jewish lobbies	Defamation
5/11/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Turkey's Central Bank is "a breeding machine" of Hizmet movement	Defamation
5/11/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, while defending an ongoing government-sponsored wave of purges of public officials, said on Sunday that the government will carry out a "witch hunt" if that is how critics define the purges.	Conspiracy
5/11/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan likened Hizmet movement activists "dirty water" infiltrated into AKP's "milk"	Defamation
5/11/2014	Interior Minister Efkan Ala claimed that Hizmet movement began its illegal activities against the AKP government after Erdogan-Peres quarrel in Davos and increased its pace after Mavi Marmara Flotilla incident, implying dark relations between Hizmet and Israel	Defamation
5/12/2014	In Major Istanbul Bus Terminal Management in Bayrampasa, one group blamed the other as "parallel," associated with Hizmet movement and put a large billboard in the entrance of the Terminal to publicize its claims	Defamation
5/12/2014	A local fundraising event (a charity bazaar organized by Hizmet's women activists) in Narman district in Erzurum was raided by security personnel and banned	Unlawful Conduct
5/13/2014	Pro-government media claimed that members of police force associated with Hizmet movement "extorting" huge amounts of money to the movement from jewellers	Defamation
5/13/2014	Pro-government media claimed that students of Hizmet movement dormitories in Indonesia are forced to vote for main opposition party, CHP, by making pledge over Quran	Defamation
5/13/2014	A local conference in Erzurum (organized by a Hizmet civic association) was prevented by officials	Unlawful Conduct
5/13/2014	Upon Turkish government's pressures, a Hizmet dormitory in Azerbaijan was closed	Unlawful Conduct
5/15/2014	Some pro-government Twitter users have put the blame on the so-called "parallel state" for the mine disaster that took place in Soma, in the western province of Manisa, on Tuesday that left at least 282 miners dead. "Parallel state" or "parallel structure" is a phrase often used by the AKP government and its supporters to refer to the Hizmet movement.	Defamation
5/17/2014	Pro-government media referred Zaman daily as "Gulen terrorist organization's media" in its reporting	Defamation

5/17/2014	Pro-government media accused <i>Zaman</i> of "slandering" for its report on "Erdogan's punching of worker in Soma," referring the daily as "Gulen terrorist organization's media"	Defamation
5/17/2014	Pro-government media hinted Hizmet movement behind the murder of Hizir Ali Muradoglu, a renowned figure in Ismailaga Islamic community	Defamation
5/18/2014	The government cancelled the Foreign Ministry's support letter for Turkish school abroad, signed back 11 years ago	Discrimination
5/19/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement tried to force the man who was punched by PM Erdogan in Soma	Defamation
5/21/2014	Pro-government media reported that some old members of Police, who were previously fired from the organization and blaming Hizmet for their removals, are now helping to list active members of police who are close to Hizmet movement	Defamation
5/22/2014	An İstanbul prosecutor is seeking 52 years in prison for a journalist who published classified documents of a 2004 National Security Council (MGK) meeting that brought together the president, the prime minister, Cabinet ministers and top commanders to discuss an action plan against faith-based social movements.	Conspiracy
5/26/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan repeated his early claims that Hizmet movement is a national security threat, a "virus" needs to be eliminated	Defamation
5/26/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspiring a plot to increase meat prices in the nation	Defamation
5/26/2014	The AKP Central Decision and Administration Board (MKYK) member Mazhar Bağlı claimed that Hizmet movement wiretapped and video recorded AKP members' bedrooms in Kizilcahamam, a resort preferred for AKP retreats.	Defamation
5/27/2014	An appeal against a prosecutor's verdict of non-prosecution for Internet news portals that are known for defamatory news pieces directed against well-known journalists has been rejected by an İstanbul court.	Defamation
5/27/2014	AKP Central Decision and Administration Board (MKYK) member Mazhar Bağlı claimed that Hizmet movement is a "twin soul brother of Taliban"	Defamation
5/28/2014	In Mardin, Hizmet movement's two radio channels were banned because they are allegedly a "threat to national security"	Unlawful Conduct
5/30/2014	AKP Malatya deputy Mustafa Sahin claimed that Hizmet movement was behind the imprisonment of persecution of Malatyalilar Group	Defamation
5/31/2014	The Ministry of Justice fired its 10 legal advisors who were working in international institutions such as EU and UN because of their alleged links with Hizmet movement	Discrimination

5/31/2014	In his speech to students, Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement activists are so "mean" that they use Quran and Prophet for their benefit	Defamation
6/3/2014	Emirhan Niyazi Paçacı, who served in the police force for five years, committed suicide on May 12. His father said Paçacı was reassigned on the grounds that he was member of the 'parallel structure' and he was subjected to unjust treatment by the police force	Discrimination
6/4/2014	The Supreme Board of Radio and Television (RTÜK) has been harassing TV networks that it deems to be anti-government, and Samanyolu TV has become one of its major targets.	Discrimination
6/5/2014	A prosecutor has filed charges against a director of Samanyolu TV accusing him of "insulting" and "slandering" Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and fomenting "grudges and hostility among the public," demanding up to 11 years and two months in prison.	Discrimination
6/5/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement and Boko Haram are the result of the same mindset	Defamation
6/7/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that if "the December 17th plot" were successful, those who are not subscribed to <i>Zaman</i> daily will be purged from their posts by Hizmet operations	Defamation
6/9/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of making provocations by using their members in the Police during the Gezi Park protests	Defamation
6/9/2014	Pro-government media accused the Hizmet movement of being a part of "Vatican's Project"	Defamation
6/9/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of having speculations in stock market based on illegal wiretappings of businessman	Defamation
6/9/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement "distorts the teachings of Islam" by engaging interfaith dialogue since "Christians and Jews are infidels"	Defamation
6/11/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) is an "subcontractor organization" of Hizmet movement	Defamation
6/11/2014	Galip Ensarioglu and Samil Tayyar, deputies of the AK Party, accused Hizmet movement of being behind the recent events in Lice, Diyarbakir, conspiring plots to damage the Peace Process with PKK	Defamation
6/12/2014	Construction of Samanyolu Media Center building in Istanbul was halted without any reason	Unlawful Conduct
6/12/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspiring plot against Cubbeli Ahmet Hoca, a renowned Islamic cleric	Defamation

6/12/2014	Pro-government media reported that more than two hundred civil servants in judiciary (allegedly linked with Hizmet movement) are removed from their posts thanks to recent steps taken by the government	Discrimination
6/12/2014	In his speech to mayors, Prime Minister Erdogan called to retake all public buildings and lands from organizations affiliated with Hizmet movement	Unlawful Conduct
6/15/2014	The US Concept Schools, a charter-school operator run by people of Turkish descent, has said that a recent FBI investigation into the company's schools is routine and not, as some Turkish dailies have claimed, a probe into improper conduct.	Defamation
6/15/2014	Pro-government media reported that the government took serious steps to shut down private universities close to Hizmet movement	Conspiracy
6/17/2014	The Antalya Metropolitan Municipality has cancelled construction licenses of a Hizmet-affiliated school and a dormitory belonging to another religious community.	Unlawful Conduct
6/19/2014	Azerbaijan's energy company SOCAR has announced that private schools run by affiliates of the Gulen movement have been closed down. The decision came after the long pressure by the Turkish government.	Defamation
6/21/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Fethullah Gulen supported putschists in every single coup d'etat in Turkey's recent history	Defamation
6/22/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspiring plots against Turkish Armed Forces by Balyoz "Sledgehammer" case	Defamation
6/24/2014	A chief public prosecutor ordered the Ankara police to carry out an extensive project related to the faith-based Hizmet movement and profile academics, businessmen, entrepreneurs, public servants and ordinary citizens affiliated with the movement, according to documents published by Al Jazeera Turk on Monday.	Conspiracy
6/25/2014	Interior Minister Ekan Ala, when asked on Wednesday to comment on an alleged secret plot devised by the government against members of the Hizmet movement, avoided giving a direct response and chose to insult the reporter who asked the question instead.	Conspiracy
6/25/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of trying to penetrate rich people's mosques	Defamation
6/25/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan slammed Hizmet movement activists, claiming that they have formed "a gang of treason" for 40 years under the guise of Islamic community	Defamation

6/26/2014	The FEM prep school, which helps students prepare for Turkey's national university entrance exam, has filed a complaint against the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality with the İstanbul Prosecutor's Office over a signboard removed by municipal workers for no apparent reason.	Unlawful Conduct
6/26/2014	Pro-government media started a campaign for purging all civil servants in judiciary if they're close to Hizmet movement, calling for "a clean up"	Conspiracy
6/27/2014	The Ankara 18th Criminal Court has convicted head of the Turkish Aviation Board (THK) Ünsal İnaltekin of employing hate speech against the Hizmet movement for suggesting that the followers of the movement are "hashashin" via Twitter.	Defamation
6/29/2014	Despite growing reaction to the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality's removal of signs from the FEM prep school in İstanbul's Mecidiyeköy district last week, the Başakşehir Municipality has taken similar action and ordered the removal of billboard advertising featuring the success of Fatih College students on the Undergraduate Placement Examination (LYS) and in the Turkish Olympiad.	Unlawful Conduct
7/1/2014	The ruling AKP imposed a media accreditation ban on a number of outlets, including Taraf, Sözcü, Yurt, Birgün, Evrensel, Yeni Asya and Aydınlık dailies, as well as broadcasters Halk TV, Ulusal Kanal and Hayat TV, preventing them from covering a ceremony to announce Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's candidacy for the presidency on Tuesday.	Discrimination
7/6/2014	The National Police Department has recently sent a written order to police departments in 30 provinces and in which it accused the Hizmet movement of working to overthrow the government with no evidence and asked the police to inquire if the movement is an armed group.	Conspiracy
7/6/2014	The AKP's witch hunt against the Hizmet movement has reached interns in state institutions after one student was turned away after his links to the movement were discovered.	Discrimination
7/9/2014	Nurullah Albayrak, lawyer for Fethullah Gülen, has filed a lawsuit against a police chief who issued a written order to 30 provinces to launch a sweeping campaign into the faith-based Hizmet movement on what Albayrak says are trumped-up charges.	Conspiracy
7/9/2014	Businessman Akin İpek has issued a strong rebuke to the Sabah and Takvim dailies, the two flagship government media outlets, who repeated in their Tuesday editions allegations that İpek is expanding his villa in Ankara to accommodate Fethullah Gülen when he returns from the US to live in Turkey.	Defamation
7/9/2014	Pro-government media reported that, in order to investigate "espionage" case, the government will target communications of all activists working at Hizmet institutions around the globe including civil society organizations	Blacklisting

7/9/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspiring a plot to make recently introduced education system (based on TEOG exam) ineffective	Defamation
7/10/2014	Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan urged people to boycott the Zaman media group while speaking in a rally in the Black Sea city of Tokat on Wednesday.	Discrimination
7/11/2014	The government reportedly held a secret meeting at the Finance Ministry in June to damage the credibility of 100,000 companies considered to be linked to the Hizmet movement, which were already being profiled by the government and refusing to obey the government's ill-motivated instructions, the Taraf daily claimed.	Conspiracy
7/11/2014	The Bolu Municipality sealed two schools belonging to businessmen affiliated with the Hizmet movement on Friday.	Unlawful Conduct
7/11/2014	Minutes before Friday's iftar, the breaking of the Ramadan fast, the municipal police of the AKP Üsküdar municipality forced a Samanyolu TV (STV) crew out of the mosque's garden, where they were shooting a Ramadan program, despite the crew having gained official permission from the authorities.	Discrimination
7/11/2014	In his public speech, Prime Minister Erdogan called citizens to ensure that Hizmet movement activists even "not approach to their door"	Defamation
7/12/2014	National Police Department counterterrorism unit (TEM) prepared a report that orders a probe to see if Hizmet movement is behind the unsolved political assassinations.	Conspiracy
7/12/2014	National Police Department counterterrorism unit (TEM) prepared a report that orders profiling all students in the country who attended Hizmet institutions in the past 10 years	Blacklisting
7/12/2014	An incident in Adana revealed that gangsters who used to threaten businessman by saying "you've links to terrorist accounts" now employs "paralel state" (Hizmet movement) discourse for robbing and extortion: "we found that you've links to paralel structure"	Defamation
7/13/2014	Several branches of the FEM prep school and one branch of the Anafen prep school on the Anatolian side of İstanbul have removed their signboards after the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality sent a notice telling the institutions to remove their adverts within three days.	Unlawful Conduct
7/13/2014	Pro-government media reported that the AKP government prepares a plan to transform all Hizmet schools around the world, making them Turkish state's schools	Conspiracy
7/13/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of blackmailing members of the judiciary by illicit video recordings.	Defamation
7/14/2014	A member of the main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) has submitted a written parliamentary question demanding to know if 100,000 companies have been profiled by the National Police Department on the grounds that they are close to the Hizmet movement.	Blacklisting

7/14/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement had already decided the new Prime Minister and the chief of National Intelligence Agency before the December 17th operations	Defamation
7/15/2014	AKP mayor of Hendek, a district of Sakarya province, has canceled a building permit that it had issued three months previously for a new student dormitory allegedly because the dorm administration is affiliated with the Hizmet movement.	Unlawful Conduct
7/15/2014	CHP Deputy Chairman Sezgin Tanrikulu submitted a parliamentary question to Environment and Urban Planning Minister İdris Güllüce about the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality's (İBB) recent decision to stop the construction of an educational complex on privately owned land in Gaziosmanpaşa on the pretext that the land will be used as a "green area."	Unlawful Conduct
7/15/2014	Pro-government media reports that Gamze Pehlivan, a resident in İzmir, claimed that her ex husband abducted her daughter for the sake of Hizmet movement	Defamation
7/15/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of defrauding foreign students who are coming to Turkey for college education	Defamation
7/16/2014	Main opposition CHP Deputy Chairman Sezgin Tanrikulu spoke in Parliament on Wednesday about the cancellation of the award ceremony of a short film contest after the competition was won by Seleme Gülen, a relative of Turkish Islamic scholar Fethullah Gülen.	Discrimination
7/16/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of punishing the HSYK (Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors) members who are not affiliated with Hizmet. The government is reported to introduce an amnesty for previous records of HSYK members	Defamation
7/16/2014	In his criticism of Israel, Erdogan insulted Hizmet activists, claiming to be supporting Israel	Defamation
7/17/2014	Pro-government media hinted Hizmet movement behind the murder of Hrant Dink, a renowned Armenian journalist	Defamation
7/17/2014	On June 6, the İstanbul municipality took action to turn Fatih College's land into a "green area" and attempted to seize it. There are claims that the area will be transferred to TÜRGEV.	Unlawful Conduct
7/17/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan claimed that Hizmet movement has "grudge" against İHH (Humanitarian Aid Association)	Defamation
7/18/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conspiring plots in order to win the HSYK (Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors) elections.	Defamation
7/18/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of controlling the Supreme Court for Military Jurisdiction	Defamation
7/19/2014	Erdogan blames Hizmet movement, CHP and MHP for the Israeli attacks on Gaza	Defamation

7/20/2014	A department chief in the Manisa branch of the Social Security Institution (SGK) has submitted a complaint to Parliament's Petition Commission claiming that he has been accused of being a member of the "parallel structure" at his workplace and as a result, has been subjected to unfair treatment.	Discrimination
7/20/2014	Erdogan accuses Fethullah Gulen of being affiliated with Israel, adding that he does "not cry for the children of Gaza"	Defamation
7/21/2014	The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) fined Samanyolu TV on Sunday for running a news story about a student named Fethullah Gülen who prepared for the Transition to Higher Education Examination (YGS) with the Hizmet-affiliated Körfez University Preparation School in İzmir.	Unlawful Conduct
7/22/2014	Prime Minister Erdogan confessed that "the penal courts of peace" was established to crush off the Hizmet movement.	Defamation
7/27/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of forming a special police team to follow Erdogan by employing high-technology	Defamation
7/30/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of having "demonic" plan to create chaos in the courthouse	Defamation
7/31/2014	Deputy Chairman of the AKP Suleyman Soylu vowed to "exterminate" Hizmet movement activists	Conspiracy
7/31/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of "spying" on classified state secrets, "especially Erdogan's conversations with the Palestinian officials."	Defamation
8/1/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of threatening Yurt Atayun, one of the arrested police chiefs, not to speak up under interrogation	Defamation
8/1/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of controlling the TV rating companies and gaining illegal earnings	Defamation
8/1/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping AKP officials in Edirne in order to learn the party's strategy in upcoming local elections	Defamation
8/2/2014	An investigation has been launched against CHP deputy Tanal, former Interior Minister İdris Naim Şahin and two former AKP deputies -- Hakan Şukur and İdris Bal -- for going to the Çağlayan Courthouse in support of dozens of police officers detained as part of a government-backed anti-police operation on July 22.	Conspiracy
8/2/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of wiretapping the judge who oversee renowned media mogul Aydın Döğan's case	Defamation
8/4/2014	Fethullah Gülen vowed to defend what he believes despite an organized attack by the government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. He asked his followers to not respond in kind to smear campaigns supported by the Erdoğan government, saying that everybody behaves according to their own character.	Defamation

8/4/2014	Some Twitter trolls purported to be supporters of the ruling AKP claimed over the weekend that the Turkish police are preparing for a new wave of operations targeting the Hizmet movement.	Conspiracy
8/4/2014	The Justice and Development Party (AK Party) government, which has been pursuing a campaign against what it calls the "parallel structure," is ready to detain hundreds of thousands of people in stadiums, as happened in the country's historical coups d'état, the editor-in-chief of a daily has written.	Conspiracy
8/4/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of conducting a smear propoganda campaign against Turkey in European circles: "In Europe, they betray Turkey, carrying out anti-Turkish activities."	Defamation
8/5/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of trying to collect identity information of 77 million Turkish citizens by collaborating with an American company.	Defamation
8/6/2014	Four Hizmet schools in Duzce was locked up and sealed for having formations on the attic that are allegedly against the original architectural plan.	Unlawful Conduct
8/8/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Fethullah Gulen dislikes Muslims, adding that "although he never criticizes Israel who massacres the people of Gaza, he does it for the fellow Muslims all the time."	Defamation
8/9/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Fethullah Gulen has some friends in the US House of Representatives, who "obey Gulen's orders" and lately sent a letter to Obama. The pro-government media called these Congressmen as "Gulen's American slouches"	Defamation
8/9/2014	Despite its possession of licenses in the energy sector, several projects of Boydak Holding have been canceled by the Energy Market Regulatory Agency (EPDK) prior to the investment process, according to a report in the Hürriyet daily on Saturday.	Discrimination
8/10/2014	Opposition CHP İstanbul Deputy Umut Oran directed a question at Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan to ask for the rationale behind the government's attempts to sink Bank Asya, a private bank, and risking a domino effect which could damage the entire economy.	Unlawful Conduct
8/10/2014	A 35-year-old man has been killed in Yalova province by a drug addict on the grounds that the victim was a follower of the faith-based Hizmet movement, against which the government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has declared battle since last year, and because he was a critic of Erdoğan.	Defamation
8/11/2014	After PM Erdogan's call to businessman for speaking out against Hizmet, Abdullah Deger, the former president of ANGIAD, stated that the Hizmet movement is collecting money like "bandits"	Defamation
8/14/2014	İstanbul's stock exchange has indefinitely suspended trade of Bank Asya, according to reports on Thursday. The bank is being targeted due to its affiliation with the Hizmet movement.	Unlawful Conduct

8/14/2014	Pro-government media claimed that CIA started to take back its support for Fethullah Gulen, and thus the "parallel structure" began to increase security measures to protect him better.	Defamation
8/18/2014	Islamic scholar Cevat Aksit states that the followers of Fethullah Gulen planned to kill him twice for his criticizing Gulen's speeches on headscarf and politics	Defamation
8/19/2014	Independent and critical media outlets in Turkey -- including Zaman, the country's highest-circulation newspaper, and Cihan, the country's largest private news agency -- were denied accreditation to cover the ruling AKP extraordinary congress slated for Aug. 27.	Discrimination
8/20/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is cooperating with some members of PKK to harm the peace process	Defamation
8/20/2014	Dormitories that were rented to the Hizmet affiliated schools by DIYANET (Directorate of Religious Affairs) are taken back.	Discrimination
8/22/2014	The Ministry of Education has blocked access to samanyoluhaber.com, a news website affiliated with the Hizmet movement, at institutions and organizations that are linked to the ministry.	Discrimination
8/27/2014	The mufti of Antalya, Osman Artan, and mufti of Muratpaşa district Cemil Karaca recently initiated investigations into five imams in five different mosques using the same excuses. Reportedly, the imams who have been subject to the illegal profiling have been reshuffled due to their alleged affiliation with certain religious communities.	Blacklisting
8/27/2014	The İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality, which is controlled by the ruling AKP, has decided to build a road through the courtyard of Fatih College, a private high school that has been in operation in İstanbul for 20 years.	Unlawful Conduct
8/31/2014	Fethullah Gülen's attorney Nurullah Albayrak said the smear campaign targeting his client to marginalize him has peaked, stressing that the hate speech Gülen has been subjected to for months is comparable to Nazi era discriminatory practices.	Defamation
9/1/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement is "in cooperation with the bonzai barons."	Defamation
9/2/2014	Some private schools affiliated with the Hizmet movement have been prevented from accessing government incentives.	Unlawful Conduct
9/4/2014	The Ministry of Education crossed off Hizmet-affiliated schools from the list of private education institutions that students who are entitled to state financial assistance can enroll at.	Unlawful Conduct

9/5/2014	Amid Turkish media reports that President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan will seek the extradition of Fethullah Gülen from US President Barack Obama during a meeting at the NATO Summit, Gülen's lawyer criticized the potential move, saying that such a process is not a political matter but a legal one.	Defamation
9/8/2014	The Turkish government has removed an additional 114 private schools from the list of schools that are eligible for government incentives, saying that they were mistakenly included in the original list.	Unlawful Conduct
9/11/2014	The newly accepted omnibus bill limits senior public officials from returning back to their positions. With the new legislation, "parallel" officials will not be able to benefit from recourse to judicial.	Discrimination
9/12/2014	The İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality, which has already been faced with allegations of discrimination against Hizmet movement-affiliated institutions operating in the city, has covered Fatih College city billboard ads with black tarps.	Unlawful Conduct
9/13/2014	Minister Nabi Avci accused Hizmet movement causing misinformation in education system	Defamation
9/13/2014	HSYK candidate is a "spy of Gulen," pro-government media claimed	Defamation
9/14/2014	The Ministry of Family and Social Policy has added another level to illegal profiling practices of the Turkish state by giving people within the ministry a special code if they are thought to be affiliated with the Hizmet movement.	Blacklisting
9/15/2014	After allegations emerged on Sunday that bureaucrats within the Ministry of Family and Social Policy with purported links to the Hizmet movement had been illegally profiled under "code 111," it is now claimed that top government officials have pressured inspectors to launch investigations into bureaucrats who are allegedly affiliated with the movement.	Blacklisting
9/18/2014	President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan declared on Thursday that private lender Bank Asya is "already bankrupt" as trading shares of the bank has been suspended twice in the day following an upward rally.	Defamation
9/18/2014	Reporters from the Zaman daily and the Cihan news agency were excluded from European Union Affairs Minister and chief EU negotiator Volkan Bozkır's press meeting in Brussels on Thursday.	Discrimination
9/22/2014	Many civil servants of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy who were recently found to have been blacklisted by the government are now facing investigations over baseless allegations, bureaucrats within the ministry have claimed.	Blacklisting
9/24/2014	Pro-government media claimed that Hizmet movement wiretapped the conversations of Arzuhan Dogan Yalcindag, daughter of media mogul Aydin Dogan	Defamation
9/26/2014	Erdoğan's men attack 2 journalists from Zaman, Bugün in US	Unlawful Conduct

9/26/2014	The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) has fined the STV and Samanyolu Haber television stations 1 percent of their advertising revenues over their reports on a police officer who lost his wife and the couple's unborn baby after being arrested as part of a government-backed operation against members of the police force.	Unlawful Conduct
9/27/2014	An Imam, Z.H. tried set himself on fire in front of the office of mufti for being expatriated to a village of Denizli which has a congregation of three people. Z.H. stated that he has no connection with the 'parallel structure', and he is a Turkish nationalist and Kemalist Imam.	Defamation
9/29/2014	The largest relief organization based in Turkey, Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There), which holds official UN consultative status, has become the target of a smear campaign carried out through the government-controlled media	Defamation
10/1/2014	The pro-government Sabah daily on Wednesday published photos of the so-called "parallel" candidates in the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK) elections.	Defamation
10/2/2014	Turkey's leading charity, Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There), had its right to collect charitable donations abruptly rescinded on Tuesday, in what seems to be an arbitrary decision made during a Cabinet meeting, prompting harsh reactions from volunteers, lawmakers of the opposition parties and representatives of other civil society groups	Unlawful Conduct
10/3/2014	Donation boxes owned by Turkish charity Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There) were removed from İstanbul Atatürk Airport on Thursday evening after a recent Cabinet decree prohibiting the charity from accepting donations from the public, according to a Doğan news agency report	Unlawful Conduct
10/4/2014	Pro-government media accused Hizmet movement of collaborating with PKK to kill security forces	Defamation
10/5/2014	Selling everything from their sofas to their wedding rings, Bank Asya clients are battling to shore up the Turkish lender against what they say is a government-orchestrated bid to scuttle it.	Unlawful Conduct
10/7/2014	The İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality sent teams in the early hours of Tuesday morning to the private Fatih College in the Merter neighborhood to demolish the wall of the school as well as a security cabin in the school's courtyard.	Unlawful Conduct
10/8/2014	Parents from Merter Fatih College gathered in front of the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality building on Wednesday to protest the demolition the wall of the school as well as a security cabin in the school's courtyard by municipal teams in the early hours of Tuesday morning.	Unlawful Conduct

10/12/2014	Fethullah Gülen has said the attempts to link the Hizmet movement to the recent violent protests across Turkey, triggered by ISIS's siege of the Syrian Kurdish town of Kobani, is a great slander, emphasizing that the movement has never been involved in any form of violence.	Defamation
10/13/2014	President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan stepped up his attacks on Monday against members of a leading civil society group who are critical of his divisive discourse and discriminatory policies, calling the group modern "Lawrences of Arabia."	Defamation
10/14/2014	Attempts by the Turkish government to sink Bank Asya have tainted Turkey's image, according to French-based Institute for Research on the International Economy expert Deniz Ünal, speaking to the Cihan news agency on Tuesday.	Unlawful Conduct
10/14/2014	President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has signaled a change in his strategy in the fight against dissidents and all segments of society -- especially the faith-based Hizmet movement -- who question his and the government's ill-managed domestic and foreign policies, hinting that the National Security Council (MGK) might declare the Hizmet a terrorist group in its "National Security Strategy Concept Paper" (MGSB) often referred to as the "Red Book."	Conspiracy
10/15/2014	Fethullah Gülen has decried recent claims by the government and the president that his followers are behind recent violent street protests in Turkey, indicating that the government is attempting to patch up a "giant tear" it has made with these claims in an effort he said is bound to fail.	Defamation
10/16/2014	A recent report released by a foundation close to Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) emphasizes that the government targeted Bank Asya and subjected it to a smear campaign.	Unlawful Conduct
10/26/2014	AKP efforts to undermine the largest aid organization in Turkey, Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There?) reached a new level with alleged preparations to dissolve the board of the organization and appoint a trustee instead, although no legal grounds exist for such a move	Unlawful Conduct
10/27/2014	The tender for a large parcel of land which was won by the Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON) was reopened on Monday, despite a prior court decision barring such a move	Unlawful Conduct
10/27/2014	The AKP government's efforts to disrupt the work of Turkey's leading aid organization Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There) continues with the unlawful blocking of the organization's bank accounts on Oct. 22.	Unlawful Conduct
10/28/2014	Former Director for East African Affairs for the US State Department Professor David Shinn said in an interview, "If the government of Turkey is trying to shut down Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There) it would seem to be a case of hurting its own interests in Africa."	Unlawful Conduct

10/30/2014	Leading Turkish business group, the Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON) said on Thursday it will soon file lawsuits against certain government dailies which published allegations of irregularities regarding disputed land in İstanbul.	Defamation
11/2/2014	Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu has criticized the Justice and Development Party's (AK Party) attempt to label the faith-based Hizmet movement a terrorist organization at last week's National Security Council (MGK) meeting and put this classification into the "Red Book," saying the content of this text cannot change in accordance with the ruling party's views.	Defamation
11/7/2014	The lawyer of Fethullah Gülen, has denied reports in the media that Gülen or the Hizmet movement have founded or been involved in the formation of a recently established political party.	Defamation
11/12/2014	The pro-government media outlets have recently been churning out news stories that are geared to create the image that the Hizmet movement is collaborating with the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).	Defamation
11/13/2014	Australian businessmen of Turkish descent who are affiliated with the faith-based Hizmet movement have been removed from the guest list of the upcoming G-20 summit, according to undisclosed sources.	Discrimination
11/18/2014	Correspondents from the Zaman and Bugun newspapers, the Samanyolu TV station and Cihan news agency say they have been banned from the presidential palace since Erdogan's inauguration in August and no longer receive official press releases	Discrimination
11/19/2014	Nurullah Albayrak, the lawyer of Fethullah Gülen, has denied President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's accusations against his client, saying the president has misrepresented the claims included in a recently unveiled indictment on a bugging scandal.	Defamation
11/21/2014	President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has warned African countries against a "threat" from "dangerous structures that look like nongovernmental organizations or education volunteers," saying his administration is ready to cooperate with African governments against such structures.	Unlawful Conduct
11/25/2014	The president and members of the government have scolded the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) for not revealing that the majority of medal winners at two recent scholastic olympiad events were students from schools affiliated with the Hizmet movement, the Taraf daily reported on Tuesday.	Discrimination
11/25/2014	Lawyer of Fethullah Gülen has categorically rejected claims made by the Turkish president that schools opened by sympathizers of the Gülen movement in Africa are working against host nations.	Defamation
11/26/2014	Legal adviser to General Staff strongly denies 'parallel' claims	Defamation

11/26/2014	Council of State says Cabinet decision on Kimse Yok Mu unlawful	Unlawful Conduct
11/30/2014	The Justice and Development Party (AK Party) government has labeled all religious communities as “parallel” during the longest National Security Council (MGK) meeting in the history of the country, the Taraf daily reported over the weekend.	Conspiracy
12/2/2014	Chairman of leading domestic gold producer Koza İpek Holding and İpek Media, Akin İpek, says he was given a list with the names of several journalists who worked for his media group who were to be fired and who are disliked by government circles.	Unlawful Conduct
12/9/2014	The office of the mufti in the Muratpaşa district of the southern province of Antalya issued an order on Monday evicting a group affiliated with the Hizmet movement from its educational center, a building it has the legal right to use until 2017.	Unlawful Conduct
12/9/2014	Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu claimed that Hizmet and the PKK are collaborating and he has documents to prove it.	Defamation
12/11/2014	The lawyer of Erhan Tuncel, an informant for the Trabzon Police Department who was accused of initiating the effort to have Armenian-Turkish journalist Hrant Dink murdered in 2007, has said that the recent testimony of the hitman who killed Dink, Ogün Samast, is part of a plot designed to link the faith-based Hizmet movement with the murder.	Defamation
12/11/2014	A group of 3,000 people protested the closure of a mine owned by the Koza Altın firm in the province of Kayseri on Thursday, according to news outlets.	Unlawful Conduct
12/11/2014	The Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV) strongly criticized and denied recent remarks from Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu, who alleged that the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the so-called parallel structure are “working together,” saying the allegation is baseless slander directed at the movement.	Defamation
12/11/2014	400 critics of Erdogan expected to be arrested, says Twitter user	Conspiracy
12/13/2014	The lawyers of Turkish Islamic scholar Fethullah Gülen have denounced recent statements by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in which he held the Hizmet movement responsible for some unsolved murders in Turkey	Defamation
12/13/2014	A Twitter user known by the pseudonym Fuat Avni, who has revealed many government-backed police operations to the public, has claimed that a major government-backed police operation targeting many Hizmet-affiliated journalists will kick off on Sunday.	Conspiracy

12/14/2014	The government-orchestrated crackdown on independent critical media outlets in Turkey took a turn for the worse on Sunday with dawn raids on Turkey's largest newspaper Zaman and popular national TV network Samanyolu TV that led to the detention of top managers at the media outlets.	Unlawful Conduct
12/15/2014	In solidarity with the journalists, TV producers and police officers who were detained on Sunday, people gathered in front of courthouses and media buildings across Turkey to protest the police raids on the Zaman daily and Samanyolu TV group, which have been dubbed an "unacceptable attack" against the freedom of the press	Unlawful Conduct
12/15/2014	The Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT), which is funded by the government, used the hashtag #edenbulur (you reap what you sow) when discussing the police operation against the media during their morning program on Monday.	Discrimination
12/17/2014	President Erdogan called Gulen "a buffoon disguised as a scholar"	Defamation
12/18/2014	Charges related to defamation and membership in a terrorist group that have been leveled against the editor-in-chief of the Zaman daily, Ekrem Dumanlı, have been slammed by members of the opposition parties who find the charges farcical.	Unlawful Conduct
12/18/2014	The detention of prominent journalists from Zaman and Samanyolu has drawn harsh reaction from the world. Foreign government officials and human rights watchdogs have defined the media crackdown as another blow to freedoms in the country and called on Turkey to respect media freedom.	Unlawful Conduct