

Turkey to issue annual human rights reports

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Annual human rights reports for Turkey will start being published by the Prime Ministry Directorate of Human Rights, the head of the Directorate told [daily newspaper](#) Milliyet.

"Our reports will be similar to those prepared by [Amnesty International](#) and the United States. We'll analyze human rights situations and violations in each city," Professor Hasan Fendođlu said. The Directorate will publish its first human rights report for 2007 in the coming days. Reports are prepared by assembling statistical and interpretative data on human rights abuses.

"Texts will include how many human rights violations were observed, including torture, denial of fair trial, deprivation of the right to preserve health and life, as well as their reasons and possible solutions," said Fendođlu. Reporters will show respect for the private life, he added.

The 2007 Human Rights Report will be first of its kind in Turkey.

"Other reports had been published by various private funds and associations in Turkey, but they lacked information on possible solutions," said Fendođlu.

Ombudsman law, which requires drafting of annual reports, will be put in practice soon he said, adding that their report is the first step in its [application](#). The Public Inspectorship Organization, publicly known as Ombudsmanship, envisages a board that will investigate complaints on acts of the administration in their conformity to law and [equity](#), and report to the state institutions. The project passed parliamentary vote in June 2006 and became a law.

Most countries issue similar reports, Fendođlu said, adding that some of those evaluated Turkey as well.

"Why should not we prepare our own report," he said. The Directorate's report will cover discussions with experts from foreign countries, though the main [focus](#) will be on Turkey, said Fendođlu. "It is our foreign relations department that conducts the work."