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# 12th day of the earthquake

Beril Caymaz 🌐 Yonca Sarsilmaz 📅 Sibat 17, 2023



After the 7.7 and 7.6 earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, the number of victims who lost their lives is increasing.

## **The Head of the Chamber of the Industry in Kocaeli called out to employers: Don't employ persons from the earthquake zone**

*The Head of the Chamber of Industry in Kocaeli Ayhan Zeytinoglu said "I want that you shouldn't employ people from the earthquake zone. We don't say that doesn't help them just don't employ."*

## **On the 12th day of the earthquake, came a voice from the ruins**

*After the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, the building of Defne was destroyed in Antakya. On the 12th day, there is a voice from the ruins. The rescue team stated that there are three persons in the ruin.*

## **The death toll is getting increase**

*According to the AFAD, the death toll passes 38 thousand 44 persons. In the earthquake zone, there were 4 thousand 734 rearguards after the first one.*

## **2 persons were rescued from the ruins**

*In Antakya, after 261 hours Mehmet Ali Sakiroglu, 26 years old, and Mustafa Avci, 34 years old, were rescued.*

## **4 years old Azra was rescued from the ruins but she lost her life in the hospital**

*Azra was one of them who was trapped under rubble, but she was rescued alive. Training and Research Hospital in Adana, she lost her life.*

# 11th day of the earthquake

Gulistan Korban 🌐 Yonca Sarsilmaz 📅 Sibat 16, 2023



After the 7.7 and 7.6 earthquakes in Maresh, the number of victims who lost their lives is increasing.

## After 248 hours a girl was rescued

**12:28** In Kahramanmaras, a young girl was rescued.

## AFAD: The death toll is getting increase

**11:48** The death toll passes 36 thousand 187 persons. And the number of wounded 108 thousand 68 persons.

## AFAD announced the list of "First" requirements

09:00 AFAD announced the first list of relief materials for earthquake-affected areas.

The list includes relief items such as tents, blankets, and dry food.

## 115 billion donations were collected in the 'One Heart Turkey' campaign

115 billion 146 million TL was collected in the aid campaign which was carried out by the joint broadcasting of several television channels in Turkey.

## 15 people were arrested in Diyarbakir

394 people lost their lives in Diyarbakir as a result of the earthquake. As part of the investigation into the destroyed buildings, 39 people were detained and 15 of them were arrested.

## The "Game Tent" campaign has started for children who are affected by the earthquake

A "Game Tent" campaign has been launched for children affected by the earthquake in Diyarbakir.

Gulan Onkol has stated that they are ready for donations of tents and toys.

Those who want to support children with tents and toys can contact this number. 05056232751

# 10th day of the earthquake: Still there is a hope!

Gulistan Korban 🌐 Yonca Sarsilmaz 📅 Sibat 15, 2023



According to the latest data, 35,418 people lost their lives in the earthquake.

**Soylu: In Antakya, one out of every two houses was destroyed**

**11:09** Interior Minister Suleyman Soyly held a press conference in Kahramanmaraş and said, "In Antakya, one out of every two houses is destroyed."

**The first UN aid convoy entered Syria through the border crossing**

**10:00** The first UN aid convoy entered Syria through the newly opened border crossing.

**3 thousand and 170 other earthquakes occurred after the first earthquake**

Also, according to the data of AFAD, it was said that 3 thousand 170 other earthquakes occurred in the region of the earthquake.

**2 people were rescued in Adiyaman at 222 hours**

In the city of Adiyaman, which was devastated by the earthquake, citizens are still being rescued alive from the rubble.

On the 9th day of the earthquake, 77-year-old Fatma Gungor was rescued alive from the ruins of the Merve Apartment in Alitasi District in Adiyaman.

The 12-year-old boy Berat Yucel was rescued after 9 days.

# DFG: 17 journalists died in the earthquake

Botan Times Yonca Sarsilmaz Sibat 14, 2023



Dicle Fırat Association of Journalists published the list of journalists who died in the earthquake.

According to the list, the number of journalists killed in the earthquake is 17.

## Burak Milli

(Anadolu Agency, Hatay)

## Gökhan Aklan

(ihlas Haber Agency, Hatay)

## İzzet Nazlı

(Demirören Haber Ajansı, Hatay)

## Ayşe Figen Arlı

(İskenderun Ses newspaper, Hatay)

## Burak Alkuş

(Adıyaman Ses Haber)

## Kemal Öner

(Türkiye Spor Yazarları Derneği's Adıyaman representative)

## Fatih Bayın

(Radyo Tek, Adıyaman)

## Zübeyir Pektaş

(Halkın Sesi newspaper, Adıyaman)

## Yunus Emre Doğan

(Mercan TV, Adıyaman)

## İskender Korkut

(Mercan TV Programcısı)

## Aziz Çevik

(Maraş Manşet newspaper)

## Hidayet Özdemir

(Gündem newspaper, Adıyaman)

## Muhammed Akan

(Adıyaman Haber)

## Ruhi Akan

(Jet Haber, Adıyaman)

## Neşet Alkan

(Haber Ekspres, Hatay)

## Mustafa Yüzbaşıoğlu

(Maraş Bugün newspaper)

## Meltem Özgen

(MaviFM, Adana)



# 9th day of the earthquake

Gulistan Korban, Murat Bayram 🌐 Yonca Sarsilmaz 📅 Sibat 14, 2023



The number of dead passes thirty thousand.

In the earthquake areas because of the lack of water and unhygienic conditions, millions of people came across communicable diseases.

## **Diyarbakır: Contractors set free**

*The Prosecution of Diyarbakır set free persons who were arrested after the earthquake. GazeteDüvar state that they set free.*

## **HDP: You commit the offense in the glare of publicity, you can't hide behind "fate"**

*The Center of the People's Democratic Party (HDP) published the words of Parliamentarian Garo Paylan in 2020 on Twitter.*

## **MLSA: In the earthquake zone four journalists were taken into custody**

*Media and Law Studies Association state: At least four journalists were taken into custody, 9 journalists were suspended and they came across with violence.*

## **Why do telephone networks go down in the in the earthquake zone?**

*The expert on telecommunication, Fusun Sarp Nebil explains to the BBC: There is the only infrastructure of Turk Telekom in the earthquake zones. Other networks don't hinge open that network. Telephone lines and internet are in the same company. When it goes down, all lines go down too.*

# Why don't the citizens go to camps, schools, and mosques but they wait on the ruins?

Murat Bayram Yonca Sarsilmaz Sibat 13, 2023



Adiyaman, the citizens are waiting to see their relatives on the ruins

After the 7.7-magnitude earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, **the number of dead has increased to 31,643**. An unknown number of people are still under the rubble.

They hope some of them are alive. The situation is also bad for those who survived the earthquake. The most difficult thing is the lack of shelter, clean water, electricity, telephone lines and internet, and many other deficiencies.

To solve these problems "tent cities" are being built. That is, camps are built. But many citizens do not go. We will list the main reasons from observations and interviews, and tents should be placed on the side of the bad ones.

*Many buildings have been damaged, but there are no efforts to evacuate those who are under the ruins. Those people can't/don't want to leave the ruins hoping to bring some people or organizations to those ruins.*

*A mother said "I have heard my daughter scream twice from this building where I go!" one of them said "I don't have patience with these bad things, maybe my 4-year-old grandson is still alive" which means they don't want/can't go away mentally.*

*They are waiting for their dead or alive. When their people are taken out, if they are not there, they are left homeless on the side of the houses or they are taken to hospitals as "homeless people". They want to protect their dead.*

*If their people come out alive, they want to be there at that moment and welcome them. A young man called his sister in a loud voice and said "you are welcome sister, you are welcome my dear!"*

*Ruins are places of solidarity with other people and neighbors. They find the power of self-restraint there.*

# Adiyman: The streets smell of the dead and the living are dying from the cold

Murat Bayram Yonca Sarsilmaz Sibat 12, 2023

No rescue teams are working on most of the buildings in Adiyaman. The streets smell of the dead. Black smoke rises from burning trees. With that smoke, a black crust was formed on the faces of those around. They have been under fire for a long time.

No one came for two days

There is a body in a blanket on the side of the road. Rasul Tosun went to the graveyard twice today. He is waiting for the arrival of two more bodies to go for the third time.



Adiyaman, Zumrut Site

*This is my nephew on this ground. He is 10 years old. You want me to show you his body. It has been divided. Smell rotten.*

*No one came for two days. 64 families live in this Zumrut Site. On the third day in the afternoon, they started to remove the concrete. We saved some people with our powers.*

*On the fourth day, my brother and his wife came out and I took them to the cemetery. My nephew also left and his two sisters left. They are 5 and 8 years old.*

*Resul Tosun*

People lined up around the area waiting for the body keeping from debris. They don't want to go away. A few tents have been set up, but they are also in remote places. It's cold. Citizens are freezing. We all are freezing together.



Resul Tosun (who died)

# Life after the earthquake in Diyarbakir?

Murat Bayram Yonca Sarsilmaz Sibat 08, 2023



Office District

While one-year-old Mert was looking at our camera, it was snowing. His lips are purple from the cold and his face is red.

Mert is one of the residents of Diyarbakir who lives on the streets. According to the Cooperation Platform for Urban Protection, more than 200 thousand people live outside their homes.

Some of them live in trains, some in cars, some in hotels, and some in schools. It is estimated that more than half of the urban residents (500 thousand) have moved to urban villages.

After the earthquake in Diyarbakir, more than 20 houses were destroyed, but many houses were damaged and citizens did not dare to return to their homes. 80 tents have been pitched in Kosuyolu park. I was also there the other night. According to the citizens, only one meal went to them in the morning. (a bowl of soup and two pieces of bread). At 10 o'clock it was given again.



Mert, One year old



Sevda Kaya



Ayşe Batuhan

Mert's family is not so lucky to have a tent. It is snowing and the wind is blowing like a human body.

Marti's mother covered them with a tent, but it was not enough to cover all sides.

### **Aid is coming but it is not spread in fair**

Citizens are providing aid. When we went today, two cars of citizens brought blankets and wood.

Sevda Kaya says there is no grave for her child. Her two children are under a blanket. They want to get another blanket, but every time help comes, some people get it all on the way and never get around to it. She pointed to her daughter.

"We don't even have a grave to bury our daughter in."

"My daughter is a patient of SMA. Her infection increased and we took her to the hospital. Food is coming for the adults but the children are hungry. I asked mama.

It only came in a small box. Sevda's family lives in the back of a car with 3 other families.

### **I heard my daughter's voice!**

"My grandson Harun is 4 years old. Save him!" Ayşe Batuhan started to speak with these words.

It is the third day of the earthquake. It's

very cold outside. A fire has been made and everyone has gathered around it.

Her wife, son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren live in this building.

The noise is coming from the building for three days, but the number of survivors is low. There is no way to get rid of them yet. On the third day, there were only two votes.

A woman said from behind, "one of those screams was my daughter's scream. These ears heard her cry twice. We can't do anything. Helplessness is very heavy."

Ayşe Batuhan said:

I have been here for three days. We came from Siirt. I see the bad things in my son's house and I have patience. I can't leave this place. But the government doesn't even give us a tent. Few are responsible for removing evil. We went to the mosque at night and the cleric took gas. We left there because of the cold."

In some bakeries, bread has increased from 7 TL to 15 TL. When it was night, we drove around the city. The city of more than a million people is empty. The dim light of the house was visible from the window.

According to official numbers, until now 312 persons dead in Diyarbakir.