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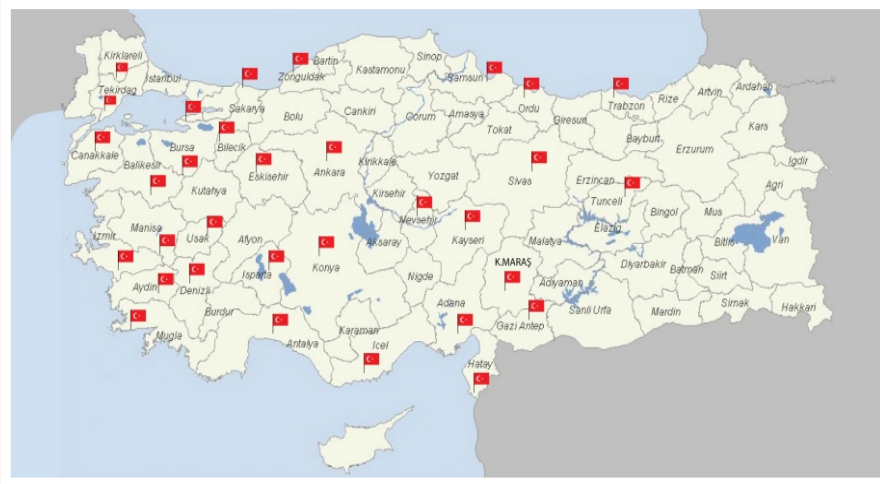
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ENTIRE TURKEY IS ON ITS FEET THIS EVENING

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In the evening hours Turkey witnessed once more anti-government protests. Public meetings and protests has been carried out in every big city throughout Turkey, Ankara and Izmir being in the first place. In Istanbul the attack of the police and the resistance of the protesters still continued, while this bulletin was written. 45 protesters in Istanbul and 70 protesters in Ankara have been detained today.



Two trade union confederations, DISK (Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey) and KESK (Confederation of Public Sector Trade Unions) with about 800 thousand members in total, and the professional chambers TMMOB (Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects) and TTB (Turkish Medical Association) declared that they will go on a one day strike tomorrow, on the 17th of June. The confederations have also put a general strike on their agenda. The confederations announced that they will carry out a protest demo in Istanbul, as well.

Erdogan: They drank alcohol in a mosque

Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan tore into the protesters and their supporters in his meeting speech. Erdogan, as he did in the past days, asserted that the protesters drank alcohol in the mosques. It also drew attention that Erdogan lashed out at some big companies by giving their names.

Erdogan emphasized the economical successes of his government and criticized the foreign press. Despite his prior statements that he “trampled on every kind of nationalism” and that religion would hold the society together, it drew attention that he used the phrase “we are one, we are together, we are all the Turkish Nation” in his speech.

Thugs with AKP flags

In the evening hours, a group of 150 man carrying AKP flags and batons have been seen in Beyoglu. The group attacked the Istanbul provincial office of the opposition party CHP and broke the windows of the building.

During the clashes in the afterwards, some people carrying AKP flags were seen behind the police barricades.

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