

Press Release Regarding Allegations That “39 Districts in Istanbul Are Closed to Foreign Residence Permits”

A statement was needed to accurately inform the public regarding the claims shared on some social media accounts that “*39 districts in Istanbul have been closed to residence permits for foreigners.*”

In order to prevent spatial concentration, our Presidency periodically conducts density analyses of the foreign population in our provinces, both in neighborhoods and districts, and measures are taken to reduce it.

In this context, Istanbul was closed to registration processes for Syrians under temporary protection in 2019.

In January 2021, the Fatih and Esenyurt districts of Istanbul were closed to new residence permit applications.

As a result of the evaluation made in October 2022, the districts of Fatih and Esenyurt, as well as Avcılar, Bahçelievler, Başakşehir, Bağcılar, Esenler, Küçükçekmece, Sultangazi and Zeytinburnu were closed to new residence permit applications.

As of July 1, 2022, in all our provinces, 1,169 neighborhoods in 63 provinces where the foreign density exceeds 20% compared to the Turkish citizen population have been closed to new foreign registration, and the number of closed neighborhoods in Istanbul is 54.

As can be seen from the statement, claims that 39 districts in Istanbul have been closed to residence permits are untrue, and 10 districts are currently closed to new residence permit applications. Our monitoring and evaluation efforts regarding spatial concentration are ongoing.

It is respectfully announced to the public.