

# Turkey confirms 32 deaths, 1,141 new COVID-19 cases

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A man walks nearby the historical Suleymaniye Mosque where only few face masked people allowed to offer the Eid al-Fitr prayer amid concerns of the coronavirus outbreak, in Istanbul, early Sunday, May 24, 2020. Muslims in the world are marking a muted and gloomy religious festival of Eid al-Fitr, the end of the fasting month of Ramadan—a usually joyous three-day celebration that has been significantly toned down due to the new coronavirus outbreak. (AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)

Turkey's health minister on Sunday announced 32 new deaths from COVID-19, bringing the death toll in the country to 4,340.

Fahrettin Koca also tweeted there were 1,141 new infections confirmed in the past 24 hours. The total number of infections has reached 156,827.

Turkey ranks ninth in a global tally by Johns Hopkins University but experts believe the number of infections could be much higher than reported. More than 118,000 people have recovered, according to the health ministry statistics.

The Muslim holiday marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, traditionally a time of gathering, was marked by a nationwide lockdown, the first of its kind in Turkey to combat the coronavirus. Previous weekend and holiday lockdowns affected a maximum of 31 out of 81 provinces.

Senior citizens above 65 were allowed out for a few hours for a third Sunday. People under 20 and above 65 have been under full lockdown, but days and times outside have been allotted according to age groups as part of easing efforts.



The city's landmark Galata Tower is seen as worshippers offer the Eid al-Fitr prayer amid concerns of the coronavirus outbreak at historical Suleymaniye Mosque, in Istanbul, early Sunday, May 24, 2020. Muslims in the world are marking a muted and gloomy religious festival of Eid al-Fitr, the end of the fasting month of Ramadan—a usually joyous three-day celebration that has been significantly toned down due to the new coronavirus outbreak.(AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)



The historical Suleymaniye Mosque where only few face masked people allowed to offer the Eid al-Fitr prayer amid concerns of the coronavirus outbreak, is seen from Golden Horn, in Istanbul, early Sunday, May 24, 2020. Muslims in the world are marking a muted and gloomy religious festival of Eid al-Fitr, the end of the fasting month of Ramadan - a usually joyous three-day celebration that has been significantly toned down due to the new coronavirus outbreak.(AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)



People wearing face masks for protection against the coronavirus, sit in a public garden in Ankara, Turkey, Sunday, May 24, 2020, during a four-day curfew declared by the government in an attempt to control the spread of coronavirus. Turkey's senior citizens were allowed to leave their homes for a third time as the country continues to ease some coronavirus restrictions. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)



An Imam recites verses of the Qoran during the Eid al-Fitr prayer amid concerns of the coronavirus outbreak at the historical Suleymaniye Mosque in Istanbul, early Sunday, May 24, 2020. Muslims in the world are marking a muted and gloomy religious festival of Eid al-Fitr, the end of the fasting month of Ramadan—a usually joyous three-day celebration that has been significantly toned down due to the new coronavirus outbreak.(AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)

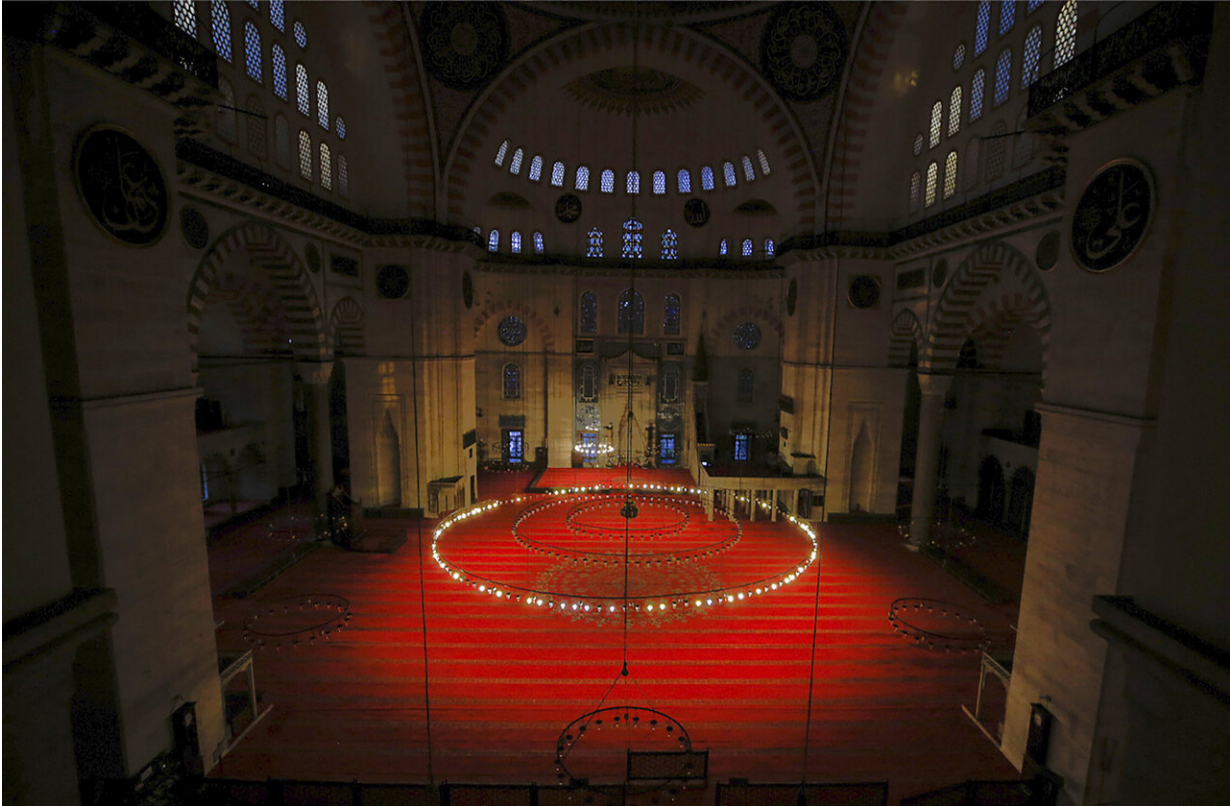


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The combo photo shows sharp difference between crowded 2019 and deserted 2020 historical Suleymaniye Mosque where only few face masked people allowed to offer the Eid al-Fitr prayer amid concerns of the coronavirus outbreak, in Istanbul, early Sunday, May 24, 2020. Muslims in the world are marking a muted and gloomy religious festival of Eid al-Fitr, the end of the fasting month of Ramadan—a usually joyous three-day celebration that has been significantly toned down due to the new coronavirus outbreak.(AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)



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A deserted courtyard of the mosque is seen as few face masked people allowed to offer the Eid al-Fitr prayer amid concerns of the coronavirus outbreak at historical Suleymaniye Mosque, in Istanbul, early Sunday, May 24, 2020. Muslims in the world are marking a muted and gloomy religious festival of Eid al-Fitr, the end of the fasting month of Ramadan - a usually joyous three-day celebration that has been significantly toned down due to the new coronavirus outbreak. (AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)



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People wearing face masks for protection against the coronavirus, visit a public garden in Ankara, Turkey, Sunday, May 24, 2020, during a four-day curfew declared by the government in an attempt to control the spread of coronavirus. Turkey's senior citizens were allowed to leave their homes for a third time as the country continues to ease some coronavirus restrictions. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)



Elderly people wearing face masks for protection against the coronavirus, walk along the main Ataturk Boulevard in Ankara, Turkey, Sunday, May 24, 2020, during a four-day curfew declared by the government in an attempt to control the spread of coronavirus. Turkey's senior citizens were allowed to leave their homes for a third time as the country continues to ease some coronavirus restrictions. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)

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