1/8. Loud and Proud. Hundreds came together peacefully for #IstanbulPride on Sunday, despite it being banned. Police attacked people w/ tear gas & plastic bullets. 50 yrs on from the Stonewall riots the fight for equality continues. #onurhaftası #Pride2019 #Stonewall50

2/8. The #IstanbulPride march has been banned since 2015 on unlawful grounds. @amnesty urged the authorities to do the [right thing](https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/06/turkey-lift-arbitrary-ban-and-allow-istanbul-pride-to-take-place-peacefully/) and allow the march to take place. But they refused.

3/8. #Pride2019 events were banned elsewhere in Turkey too. In Izmir, Antalya, Mersin. A Pride march at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara was violently broken up by police on May 10.

4/8. #IstanbulPride was banned on the outrageous grounds that LGBTI+ people are a "socially objectionable group". To be clear – the ban has nothing to do with security or public order concerns. It’s about discrimination and prejudice. [photo: Istanbul Pride 2 OR video: 14:32:01]

5/8. Sunday afternoon. After last-minute negotiations with the police, organisers were allowed to read their press statement in Mis Street near Taksim Sq, and then leave through streets indicated by the police. [video: 14:48:33]

6/8. By 17:30 the assembly had ended and participants had been dispersing - this video shows officers ordering people to leave a cafe in Mis Street. We heard allegations that police announced that people in ‘inappropriate’ dress would be detained. Appalling. [photo: Istanbul Pride 9]

7/8. Police used plastic bullets and tear gas on [#IstanbulPride](https://twitter.com/hashtag/IstanbulPride?src=hash) participants, including apparently in a nearby street which had been designated as a safe route to leave the gathering. Crowds began to flee the scene.

8/8. A celebration of diversity tainted by unwarranted police violence. But love and solidarity are more powerful than intimidation and fear. #Pride2019 #onurhaftası #HerYürüyüşümüzOnurYürüyüşü [photo: Istanbul Pride 3]