



UYAP

NATIONAL JUDICIARY INFORMATICS SYSTEM

**fast, transparent and
effective justice system**

IT DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF TURKEY

What is UYAP?

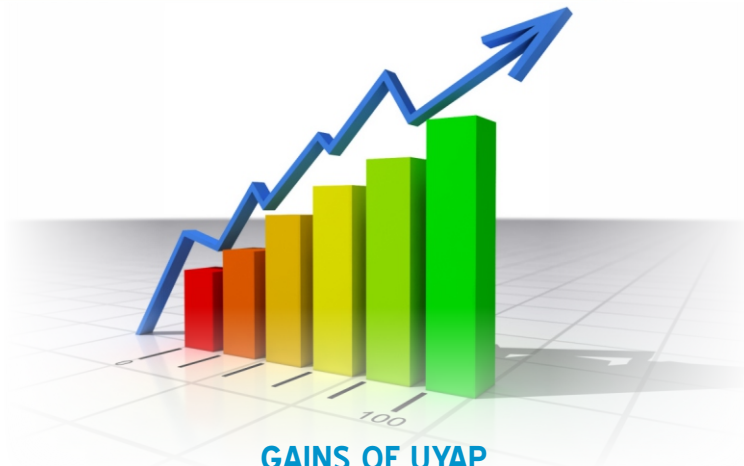
UYAP is an e-justice system as a part of e-government project, which has been developed in order to ensure fast, reliable, and accurate judicial system. UYAP is developed by IT Department of the Ministry of Justice of Turkey by using the most updated technology and methodologies. As a central information system it covers all of the judicial institutions and other governmental departments. All judicial units were fully equipped with computers, case and document management software and other updated hardware. Each judicial unit connected to others by a secure network and given access to legal sources such as legislation, case law, bulletins and circulars. UYAP has been designed in order to improve the functioning and efficiency of the judiciary and to create an effective and less bureaucratic judicial system for the concerned institutions and individuals.

Why UYAP?

According to the Turkish Constitution Turkish state has a task to establish an effective mechanism for the realization of access to justice. The problems faced by the judiciary were complex, ranging from the enormous workload, inadequate training, information and monitoring. Legal procedures were complicated and disorganized. Therefore UYAP has been carried out in order to address these problems.

The goals of UYAP can be stated briefly as minimizing the procedural errors in the judiciary, providing accuracy and accelerating judicial proceedings, increasing public trust in the justice system.

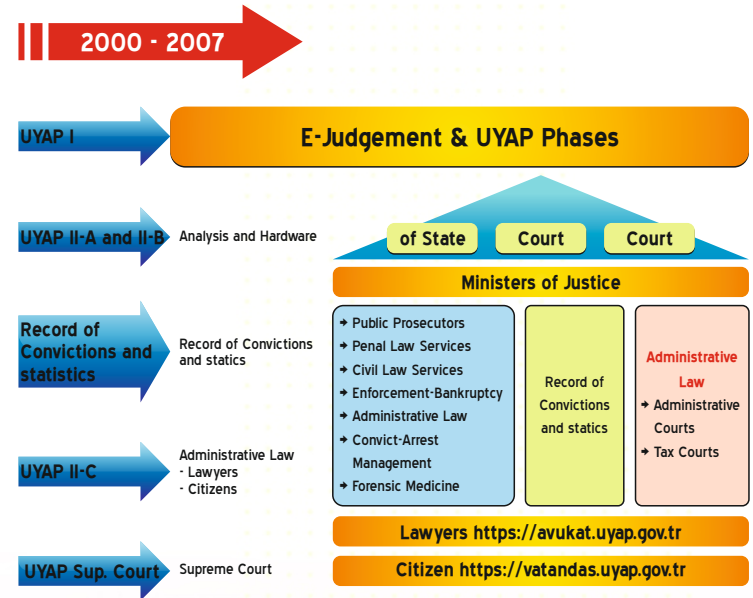




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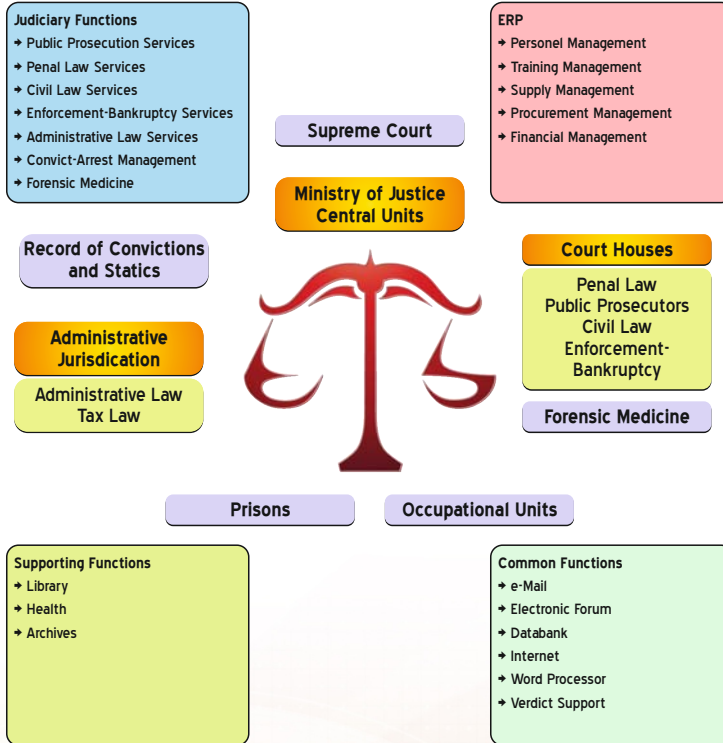
- To serve employees of Ministry of Justice, all lawyers and all citizen
- Integration of judicial units with each other and with other justice agencies
- Prevent citizens from unjust treatment
- Rapid, efficient, reliable and integrated system
- Fast and efficient data exchange
- Cheaper judicial services
- Minimize the basic judicial errors
- Data standardization
- Alerts to identify users
- Electronic means instead of paper files
- Databank of information
- Information and basic legal aids to citizens
- Flexibility of working hours
- Audio and video recording systems
- Ability to online access to the related information about parties in the scope of UYAP
- Fully online and workflow driven process
- No data repetition
- Transparency at all Judicial processes

e-Judgement & UYAP Phases



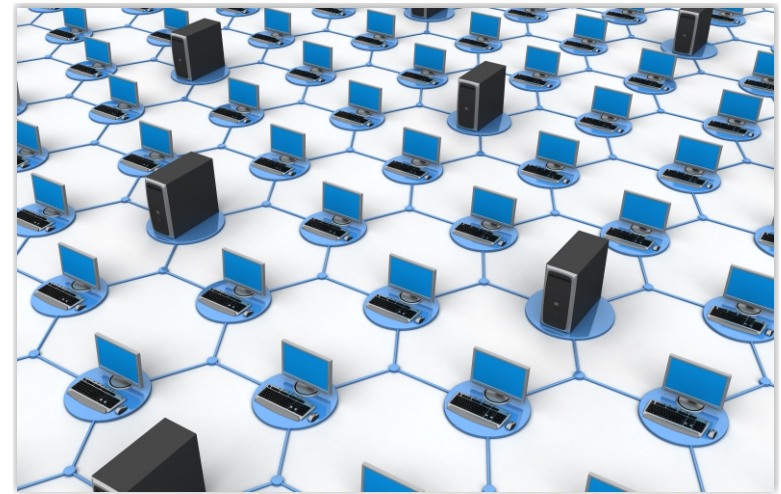
UYAP has been completed in two phases. First, the modernisation of central organization in Ankara: This stage has been completed in 2002. Second, the countrywide automation of the Provincial Units: Second phase of the project has been completed by the end of 2007. After wards the project transformed into a system from a project. In due course, all hardware has been upgraded and also software has been improved and updated by the own project team of IT department of Ministry of Justice itself.

Functional Scope



All judiciary processes, case management, trials, correspondence and transactions were transmitted into the electronic environment which enables paperless office structure.

Integration Fotoscope



Integration Between UYAP I & UYAP II

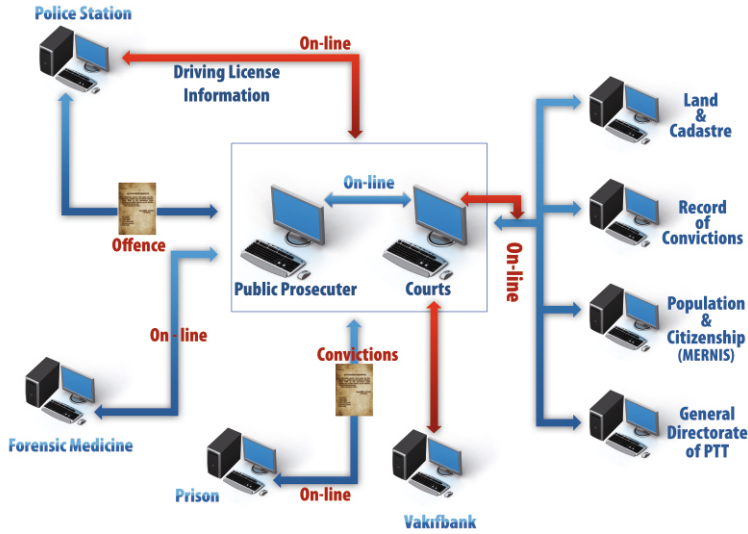
Integration Between Subsystems

- Public Prosecutors,
- Courts,
- Forensic Medicine,
- Prisons, etc.

Integration With Other Systems

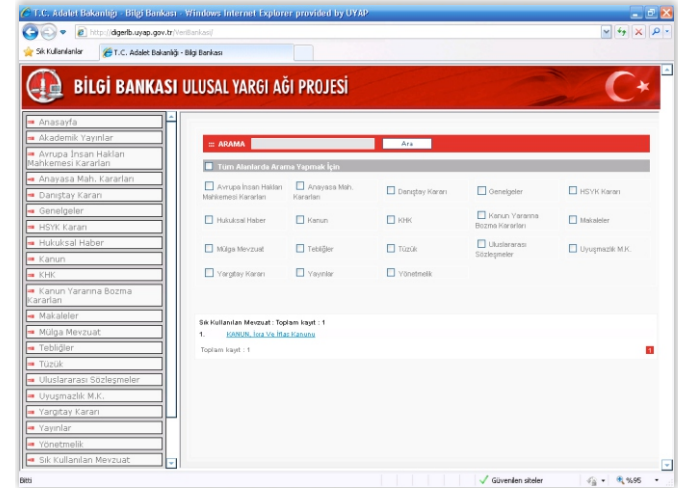
- Constitutional Court,
- Supreme Court,
- Record of Convictions and Statistics,
- Population and Citizenship Unit,
- Ministries,
- Police Departments, etc.
- Land Registry

Integration



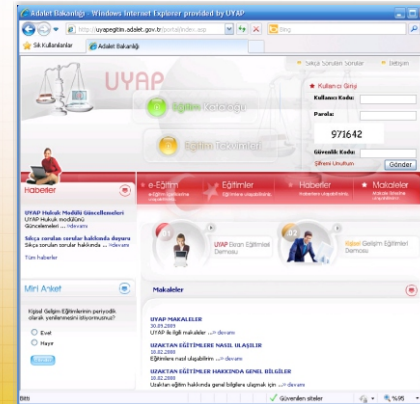
UYAP not only integrated judicial units with each other but also with other governmental institutions. So, it is possible to access every kind of data electronically which is needed during both civil and criminal proceedings. In the trials, judges can access criminal records and birth certificates online according to their authority. Land, address and driver registrations can be retrieved instantly at the beginning of the trials. The remote access ability of the UYAP system facilitates judges' preparation and research for trials and the writing of judgments in the convenience of their own homes.

Databank



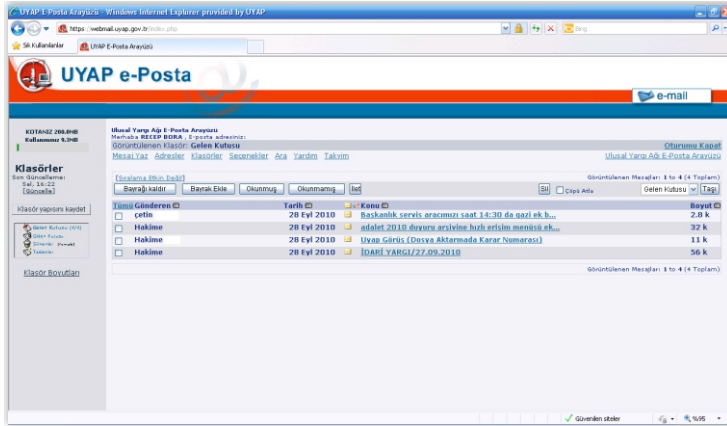
The databank consists of information on relevant legislation, regulations, circulars, template texts, holding of the courts, jurisprudence, Circulars, Studies, exemplary texts, template texts, sample decisions.

Distance Learning



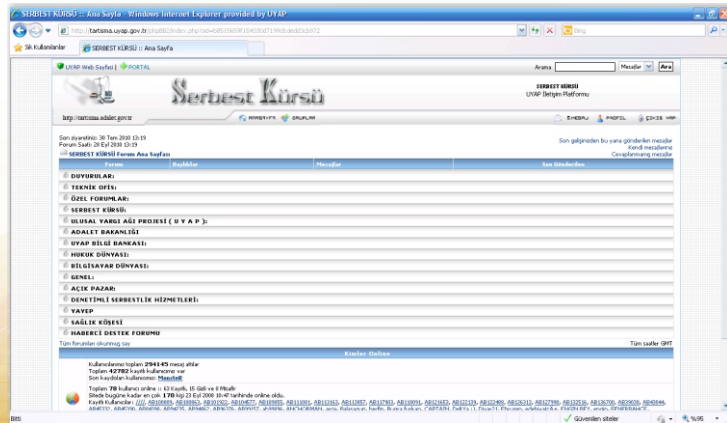
Within the project of UYAP elearning, a central control system for distance training, was established for all users according to their roles and duties. All personnel have been given opportunity to train themselves through internet by using distance learning facilities.

Webmail



All users are given e-mail account, so that they can share information and experience in judicial and private issues.

Free Discussion Forum



Every user can share their experiences, problems and ideas with other users via free lectern and he/she can ask his professional questions to others, he/she can find solutions for his problems.

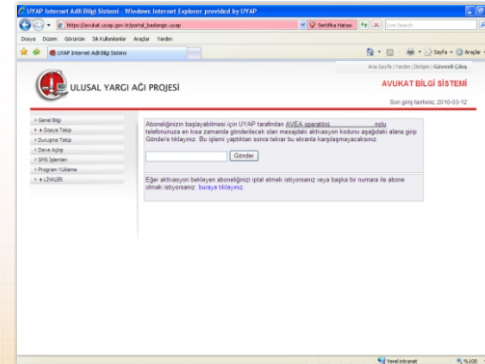
Citizen Portal



Citizens can reach and examine their case information via Internet and learn the day fixed for the trial without going courts. They can be informed via web site about their cases or hearing dates. They can submit their claims to court by using their

electronic signature and examine their files through internet.

Lawyer Portal



Lawyers can file a suit, submit any document to courts and pay case fee from his office by use of their electronic signature through internet. They can litigate a claim or dispute to court through electronic means; review his cases via electronics

means; review his cases via electronics means; submit his petition online via UYAP. Lawyers are no longer required to go courts for their work as they can do their all court-related tasks, such as submitting claims and searching for information about cases, faster by electronic means 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SMS Information System

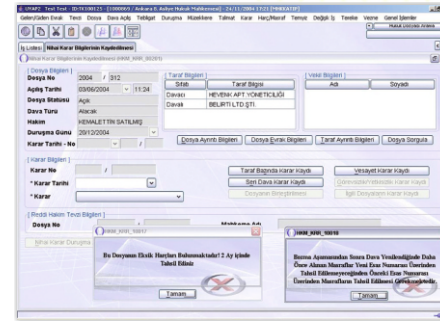
www.uyp.gov.tr/english/index.html



The SMS judicial information system provides a legal notification service for its citizens and lawyers. This system automatically informs all related parties, (who have cases before the Turkish Court's) by SMS, (Short Message Service, otherwise know as text messages) when any legal event, data or announcement related to their case needs to be sent. Thanks to this system, the parties no longer have to go to the courts to collect this information. This service also provides improved access for the disabled and elderly and enhances overall e-accessibility. The SMS service does not replace official notifications, as it only intended to provide up-to-date basic information. The SMS information system has reduced communication costs which would otherwise be incurred in a paper-based system. Lawyers and citizens can access every kind of legal information by using their mobile phones, anytime, anywhere, enabling the utmost transparency in the judicial system (<http://www.sms.uyp.gov.tr/english/>)

Decision Support System

With the decision support system, a unique intelligent electronic warning system, notices in labels on the screen can suggest proposals, remind or recommend some jobs to the users whenever they want or at important times by evaluating data at every stage of investigations in order to prevent basic judicial errors.



Document Management System

Belge No	Belge Adı	Belgeleme İşlemleri	Belgeleme Durumu	Belgeleme Tarihi
2004995	Kamu Davası Açılması	ANHET SOYLU	Ankara Cumhuriyet Başsavcılığı	18/10/09
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2004985	Tahkim Açılış İşlemi	BERRIN HESKIN	Kocaeli Cumhuriyet Başsavcılığı	20/10/09
2004981	Kamu Davası Açılması	ANHET SOYLU	Ankara Cumhuriyet Başsavcılığı	12/10/09
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2004963	Kamu Davası Açılması	RECEP ŞİMEK	Ankara Hazine Bureau	11/10/09
2004962	Kamu Davası Açılması	ANHET BEZİNE	Ankara Cumhuriyet Başsavcılığı	11/10/09
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2004957	Kamu Davası Açılması	SAFFET NİMRET ÖNEN	Ankara Cumhuriyet Başsavcılığı	09/10/09
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At present, all kinds of data, Information, documents flow in documentation management system between MoJ and other units electronically. With document management software, all documents are just a few clicks away. Judicial units use that system to get documents online and to store and manage them. All bureaucratic procedures and formal writings are made in the electronic environment, thereby avoiding delays and reducing mistakes, especially those related to codes of procedures, as well as ensuring some degree of transparency.

Benefits of UYAP

Speed And Efficiency Of Operations:

UYAP create fast, secure and efficient information system enabling the appropriate sharing of information across the wider Turkish judicial services by transferring key business processes of the judicial system into central electronic means. Instructions to other courts in order to collect evidence can be instantly sent and received on line.

All Documents, Processes And Files Are Standardised:

Before UYAP, courts and other judicial units had written the writs one by one. After UYAP similar writs have been written through stencils. That is the one of the significant impact of the case in terms of benefits and costs. So the employees save from time and effort, courts and other units save from personnel. Due to standard and ready forms, all the data are filled automatically into the documents like instructions, indictments, hearing minutes, decision and others so as to finish cases faster and more efficient and not to wait for days.

Economical Judicial Services:

UYAP reduced the clerical, administrative and communications costs which would otherwise be incurred in manual and paper-based system. With the on-line connection of courts, expenses of bureaucracy and postal costs are removed. UYAP reduces in staffing and uses the personnel most effective.

Online Filing:

UYAP electronic filing system minimises the physical movement of people and paper flow, as lawyers are able to perform filing from the anywhere in the world. Problems associated with handling of paper, such as non-filing and misfiling of documents, loss of case files, the inability to retrieve files instantly, and the need for huge storage places are no longer a burden for the judiciary. Electronic filing allows all data to be accurately stored and updated, and be ready at the click of a button, for more than one person concurrently.



Transparency:

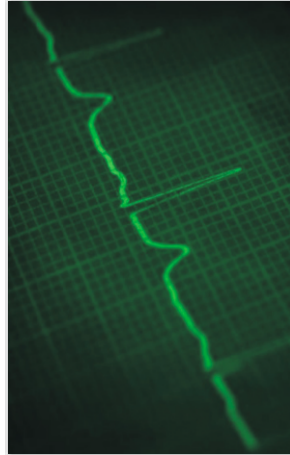
UYAP provides transparency and fairness to the judiciary thanks to electronic and instant access to the files and works of the courts as one of the most important measures to be taken. Easy electronic access to files via internet by citizens and lawyers in Turkey, giving opportunities to follow the proceedings without going to courts, is an efficient means for full transparency, making all citizens the permanent inspectors of the judiciary. The use of objective criterion for assignment of files, determined in an electronic environment also prevents corruption and promotes trust.

“Video And Audio Recording” And “Video Conferencing Systems”:

225 heavy criminal courts are equipped with “video and audio recording” and “video conferencing systems” enabling flexibility in terms of location. Thanks to video conferencing system any of the witness, victim or offenders who live far away from the court, even in different continents can be questioned. These facilities are also very useful for the human rights of children, vulnerable and intimidated victims and witnesses who may fear to give evidence face to face with the defendant.

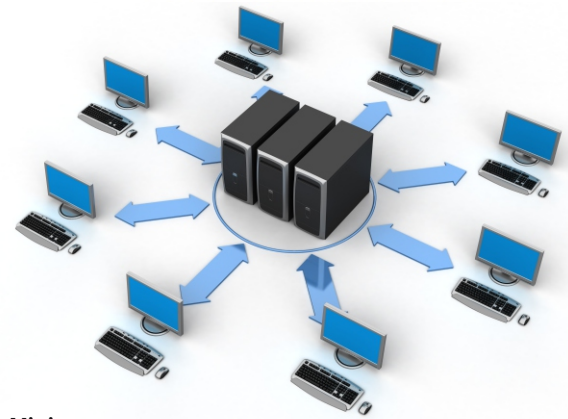
Efficiency:

In UYAP modern software such as case management systems, electronic diaries and listing systems allow judges to do their main job more quickly and effectively, preventing delays and inefficiencies. With the electronic interchange of information, the number of employees, the re-entry of information, time which is spent on the manual engineering of information, the need for checks on data quality and the transportation time for documents/information are drastically reduced



Accountability:

UYAP facilities help to monitor the performance of the courts; to assist the planning and organisation of court activities and the allocation of resources; to summarise the court workflow on a daily, weekly and monthly basis; and to illustrate the court's activities through a range of graphical representational tools .All judicial actions from the hearing, to random dispatch of files to the courts, and communication, are dealt with electronically, helping the court to be fully in control. Automatic allocation of cases developed and integrated in the case management systems seems to provide utmost accountability within judiciary and prevent inequality among courts.



Data Mining:

UYAP enables a research capability to policy makers to evaluate the impact of offender-crime assessment tools and programmes and the effectiveness of regulations designed to reduce crimes. Statistics can be created easily such as crime maps, courts workload and performance of units. Users having the authority of access to all data at a macro or micro level can assess this data simultaneously to make policies, to highlight critical situations and alter the allocation of personnel, judges and other resources. Courts can foresee future trends and needs and take measures to increase productivity.

Simplify Process:

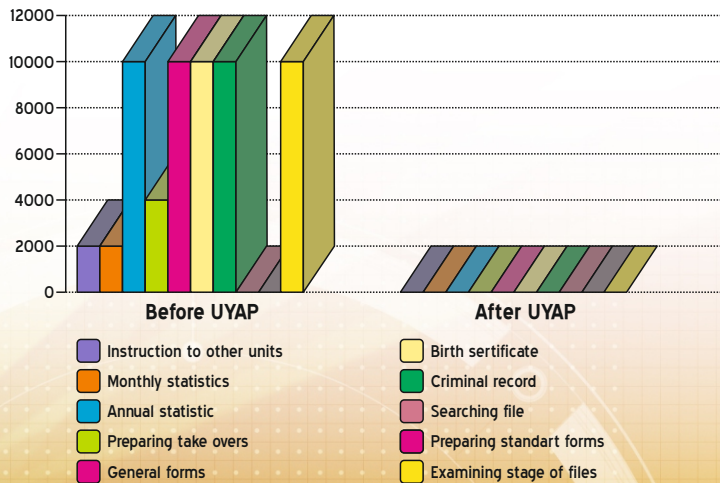
UYAP helps deal with the growing complexities of litigation and preserves the basic principles of judicial process: fairness, thoroughness, consistency, and acceptability. UYAP tools also improve working practices, facilitate the sharing of data and information, simplify and accelerate procedure, whilst providing enhanced transparency and reducing costs, thereby strengthening freedom and justice for all citizens.



PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

PROCESS	BEFORE UYAP	AFTER UYAP
Instruction to other units	Half a day	0-1 min.
Monthly statistics	Half a day	0-3 min.
Annual statistic	1 week	0-5 min.
Preparing take overs	3 day	0-1 min.
General forms	1 week	0-5 min.
Birth certificate	1 week	0-1 min.
Criminal record	1 week	0-1 min.
Searching file	10-15 min.	30 sn.1 min.
Preparing standart forms	5 min.	0-30 sn.
Examining stage of files	10 day	0-30 sn.

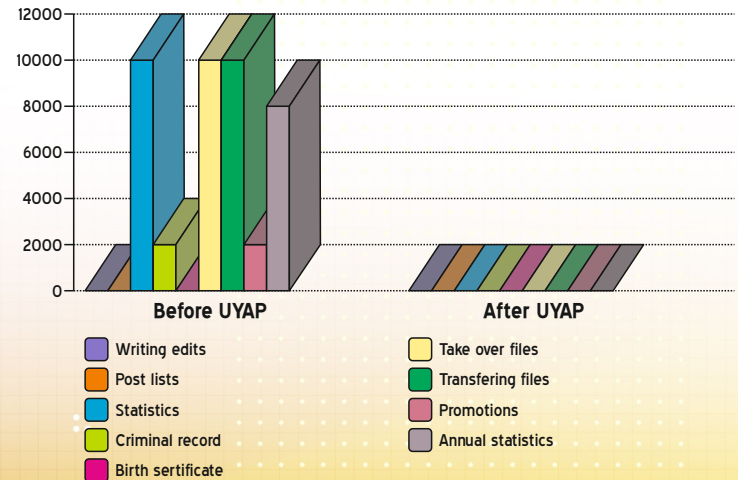
The graph showing the time reduction in prosecutor offices



CRIMINAL COURTS

PROCESS	BEFORE UYAP	AFTER UYAP
Writing edits	3-5 min.	3 min.
Post lists	10-20 min.	1 min.
Statistics	15-20 day	15 - 20 min.
Criminal record	1-15 day	1 min.
Birth certificate	1-15 min.	1 min.
Take over files	7-15 day	1 min.
Transferring files	15-20 day	2-3 min.
Promotions	1 day	0-1 min.
Annual statistics	1 week	0-5 min.

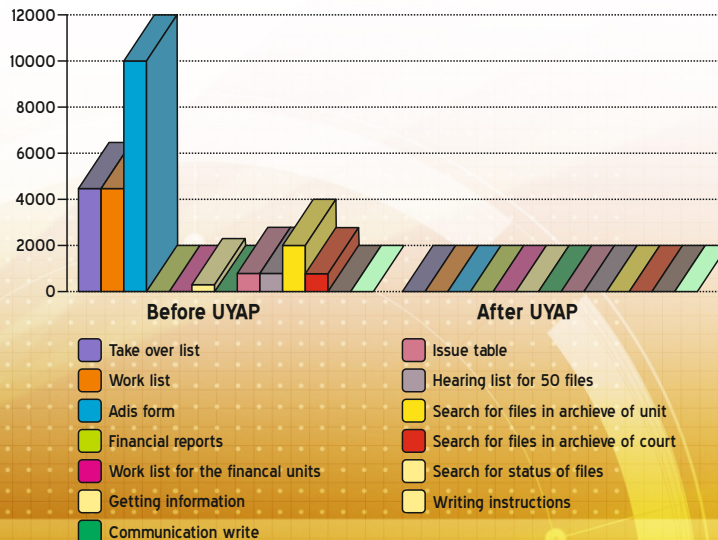
The graph showing the time reduction in criminal courts



CIVIL COURTS

PROCESS	BEFORE UYAP	AFTER UYAP
Take over list	3 day	0-1 min.
Work list	3 day	0-1 min.
Adis form	1 week	0-5 min.
Financial reports	10 min.	0-4 min.
Work list for the financial units	10 min.	0-4 min.
Getting information	1-3 hour	0-4 min.
Communication writs	10 min.	0-1 min.
Issue table	2 hour	0-1 min.
Hearing list fort 50 files	2 hour	0-1 min.
Search for files in archive of unit	1 day	0-4 min.
Search for files in archive of court	3 hour	0-2 min.
Search for status of files	5-30 min.	0-1 min.
Writing instructions	15 min.	0-5 min.

The graph showing the time reduction in civil courts



Electronic Signature

Procedures, among the branches of the justice system and other relevant official bodies, have been totally integrated and automated on electronic signature infrastructure in UYAP, establishing electronic office atmosphere that not need paperwork.

After the enactment of the Law on Electronic Signature no: 5070, dated 15.01.2004, the Ministry of Justice has reached an agreement with the public e-signature provider, for the delivery of the e-signatures for all judges, prosecutors and staff until the end of June 2008.

It is required by a regulation by the Ministry of Justice that documents will no longer be circulated physically among the judicial units after 01.07.2008. All the documents will be required to be sent in the electronic environment which are signed by e-signature.



Expert System

In this Project, the user will access the information about which route to follow, how much fee to pay and how much money to spend during the course of law suits regarding the suit of damages involved. It enables the user to access the decisions from a suit for similar cases when s/he enters the keywords and the required parameters that will appear on the screen concerning the law suit involved. Reports of similar cases will be extracted together with statistical information related; the number of lawsuits filed according to the topics; the duration of lawsuits; the number of claims that are accepted, partially accepted and rejected; the cost of the suit, the quantity of amendments, the amount of money paid to defendants.

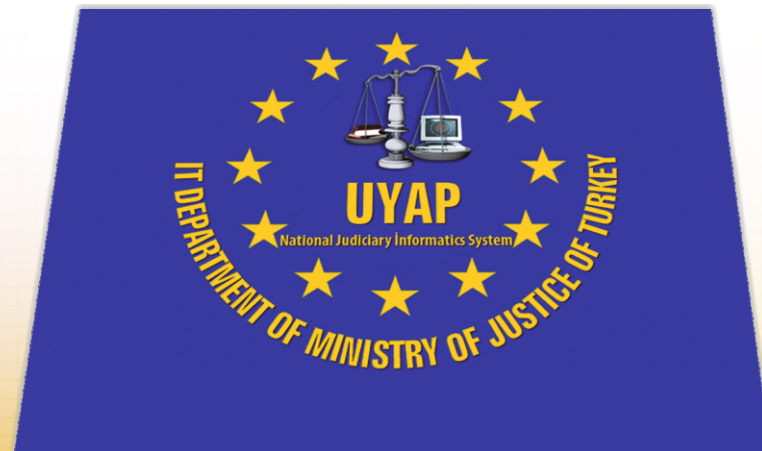


Interoperability

As for the interoperability; the UYAP database can be connected to the databases of other states to form a wider network. Achieving this goal will result in secure and swift transition of international requests such as reparatory letters, extradition matters and transfer of sentenced persons. The UYAP case and document management system and word processor, were designed to be independently used by other judicial systems. Thus it is completely possible to transfer these main components to other countries.

As John Hunter observes, (Head of the IT Department of ECHR), "UYAP is probably one of the most advanced nation-wide court justice systems in the world and an excellent example of best practice for national courts".

(www.uyap.gov.tr/english/altyapi/altyapi.html)



Awards

UYAP has won many prizes both in Turkey and in abroad because of making significant breakthrough in Turkish judiciary.

In Turkey, UYAP was awarded annual e-Government rewards in 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009, organised by TÜSIAD and Turkey Informatics Foundation.

In 2009, UYAP distance learning Portal has been selected the best e-learning Portal in Turkey and has been awarded with the winner of Informatics Star competition in Turkey.

UYAP Distance Learning webpage also has been selected as the best designed webpage in Turkey in the same competition.

In 2008, UYAP received a special mention in the "Crystal Scales of Justice" awards, presented by the EC and the Council of Europe.

UYAP has been selected as a laureate in the computer world honors program held in Washington 01.06.2009 and was honoured as one of the most successful five finalists in the area of e-government projects in the world. In addition it has become the only e-justice project among the finalists.

In 2009 Ministry of Justice of Turkey has been selected as one of the 15 winners of Oracle's 'Enable the Eco-Enterprise' award.

Gone beyond the state-of-the-art solutions in the field of providing public e-services to citizens, SMS information system has been awarded with the public prize of eGovernment Awards 2009 by the European Commission in the framework of the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference in Malmö, Sweden.



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UYAP Success Stories And Comment

From Sedat Erbaş , staff in Manisa Prison "UYAP makes our jobs easy and joyful."

Today, a detainee is brought to our prison according to his warrant given by a criminal court . When we enter his personel citizen number to the UYAP system in order to electronically register him in our prison, we see a pop up on the screen that warns us about double jeopardize. The warning in the pop up alert us that the related person is currently in another prison. After investigating the case broadly and get in touch with the other prison, it is understood that the person in front of us attempts to enter our prison on behalf of his relative in order to execute his relative's punishment. But he made a mistake that he does not know that we use UYAP and there is an online connection between all prisons and other judicial units. Thanks to UYAP we are able to catch this person UYAP also prevents this kind of illegal behaviours and also possible mistakes by warnings and decision support system. There are hundreds of warnings in the system that help us to prevent mistakes while doing our job . Thank you very much UYAP! You make our jobs easy and joyful.

İbrahim Halil TOKUR, Eskişehir court clerk says "If UYAP didn't give me the warning i was about to forget the payback. At least paying could be delayed..."

First of all, i dont think that i can write all the easinesses that UYAP provided to us. But i can give a little example, an event, i have lived just a while ago. In a case one of the sides made a petition of appeal. As normally we took the appeal tax. But later they have renounced from the appeal. And i have done this process on the UYAP And just after that the program gave me a warning to pay back the appeal tax. If the program didn't give me the warning i was about to forget the payback. At least paying could be delayed...

Eskişehir Penalty Courts - UYAP Expert User

İbrahim Halil TOKUR

UYAP expert user Gökay ÖZDEMİR says "UYAP has accelarated the justice system in TURKEY."

Recording the all the citizenship knowledge details by using T.R. id number reduced the number of mistakes. While recording the case datas, system finds if the person have previous cases, and makes the cases joined automaticaly and immaculately. While recording the case datas, if there is an warrant for any person related to case the system warnes for this. It is easier to reach the previous conviction informations of the person. Template personalisation feature of the program... As a result with the utilities that i mentioned ant the more, UYAP has accelarated the justice system in TURKEY.

Ardahan Courthouse CBS Specialist User

Gökay ÖZDEMİR

UYAP specialist user Hicran ERBAŞ says “By using UYAP mistakes are being reduced and the treatment is being increased”

As administrative judiciary we are the busiest unit. Before 2006 to be able to find the concerning files of cases we had to scan all the indexes. After UYAP we can achieve this process in one second by typing the name, surname and T.R. id... Previously we had to check all the cash register records for fee and refusal processes; But now we can reach to this information very fastly. On the other hand with warnings for the cases which doesn't have enough fee it is prevented to make extra outputs. We can easily see the processing states of the cases by making simple queries. We had to spend extra time to make the index of the cases and to add the barcode numbers to official communication letters; But now we don't. By using the processing state informations of the cases we can easily see the who and when made a change on the case. Especially, decision writing process has become much more faster. With the hope to reach better conditions...

**Aydın Administrative Region Court
Specialist User Hicran ERBAŞ / AYDIN**

Power user Nazlı KURT' assessment on UYAP “It will be understood how much useful is UYAP by the time pass”

Through the using of UYAP by the al users, there will be experienced wonderful events. According to me, each day I use the UYAP screen for searching any defendant's data in all over the courts that were rolled out. My aim with making this is to know if the defendant were sentenced by different courts or not, not only for the same case but also for different cases. In the past we did not know the current files about parties yet so we must have written so many directions to both different courts and prisons. That is to say that we should be written so many pointless writs previously. But by using the system, information about parties of the cases reachable. we can access the all the files about offenders and we discontinue writing these places. It is better to see the benefits of UYAP by using UYAP perfectly. According to me all the thing i said are the UYAP's aim and the best of it

**Nazlı KURT
Zonguldak Criminal Court
Power User**

Ahmet Alpaslan YAVUZ says “UYAP is a series of excellence

From my point of view;

1. I complete judicial statistics within 3 days in UYAP which took for 10 days previously. Isn't it a comfort that brought by UYAP?
2. People ask for their files in order to have copies of some documents without the registry number of the file and we can find it easily through a search on the UYAP. Previously we had to check the whole registry book name by name. Now I ask which one is easier? You decide on .
3. Before UYAP has started functioning courts did have to wait for at least one week for receiving criminal and citizenship records of the suspects. Now we can receive these documents instantly from UYAP
4. Notification procedure was a mess through post office. First of all one should list the mails, dates, and other required information and finally one needs barcode or official stamp on the letter. Thousands of notificaitons cause some error and it takes a day to complete it properly. All this process is completed by UYAP without an error and lapse of time.
5. It took for several hours to type the subjects of the investigation on the indictment in complex cases, but now UYAP automatically brings the information of the subjects on the indictment.
6. In case of emergencies, paper based notification was impossible, but now via electronic communication notifications are conducted instantaneously.
7. Fugitives testified in the neighbour court or they were included in official transactions in any court house without getting caught, and it took for several years to finalise the case. Now UYAP has a database and if fugitives are included in any official transaction in any part of the country, system warns the officers and fugitives get caught.
8. We get rid of paper based transactions and registry boks at court houses.
9. Computerization of the judiciary is not so bad and I wish UYAP will be disseminated to the whole judiciary... UYAP is just like a sailing ship on its route, and there is no return on this way.

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Boğazlıyan UYAP expert user Kenan Bilgin's assessment "UYAP will be on the top now and it is like running."

Before the UYAP system, all of the court stenographer knows that the annual operations is only a oppression. The missing decision number and the enquiry number, double posting made be at a dead end in our jobs. Especially when the statistical information and the available information on the real files are differ from each other we are carried with administrative and judicial responsibility .

Before the UYAP system the annual statistical information was got by 4-5 court stenographer continued a week. But after the UYAP it takes soonest like just only minutes. In this context UYAP saves from time our and it care about mistakes. With the deficiency letter on all the superior and the subordinate officials's processes error probability will be diminish to minimum. If taken notice the postal delay of writ or directions, the executed directions go back in native takes one month. But nowadays it takes only just minutes. And thereby it is implemented soonest.

At the present day qualified "Information age", UYAP is a chance for me for using in judgment. UYAP will be on the top now and it is like running. With my best regards

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Kırıkkale UYAP expert user Altu BAYDAR assessment on UYAP "UYAP prevents offenders escape from justice".

As is all the judiciary using UYAP system, we make all process on UYAP and this gives feedback to us. A litigant applied to civil court with his petition. When he applied and his petition were registered to the system from his citizen id number, it is seen in a pop up that he was arrasted by different Criminal Court of first instance previously. Then we informed execution bureau and they did articles of necessity. We might not have been aware of this warrant if the UYAP does not exist and this peson might have escaped from justice.

Altu BAYDAR

Data-Processing Chief

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Yavuz Karaaslan, Chief of Kozan Heavy Crimes Court "UYAP has reduced the number of files overturned by the high court"

I am a president of heavy crime courts in Kozan province. I want to talk about one of UYAP benefits with you. According to Turkish Criminal code if there is a offender in the case under 18, called minor, hearing must not be done publicly, secret hearing decision must be taken and the case must be continued confidentially. While I was proceeding a case in recent days I forget to give secret hearing decision although there is an offender under 18, because of the crowdedness of the parties in the case. Meanwhile a pop up on the screen give an alert to us to do hearing secretly on account of being an offender under 18 in the case. Having warned by the system I have proceeded the case secretly. If we were not warned, we may have forgotten to obey this rule and our verdict definitely might have overturned by the supreme court. UYAP has reduced the number of files overturned by the high court, this concludes the reduction of the workload of not only for ordinary courts but also supreme court.

Yavuz Karaslan

Chief of Kozan Heavy Crime Court

Sunay Gönenden, Lawyer says "What a comfort to work with UYAP , a lot thanks for the people who set up UYAP"

In order to connect and make use of UYAP lawyers portal I have taken my password 1 week ago. Now I can access and examine my files via internet from my home which I am appointed as a lawyer. Also I can access the files which I am not appointed as a lawyer with the confirmation of related court judge. Especially at any time I can reach the list of hearing in a period of time all over the Turkey. Because of this list given by UYAP lawyer portal I found the 2 criminal case file which I have lost. What a comfort to work with UYAP, a lot thanks for the people who set up UYAP.

Sunay GÖNENDEN

Lawyer



Conclusion

UYAP has enhanced the quality of services provided to citizens and the effectiveness of justice. As a result public confidence has been achieved in justice services thanks to transparent and rapid justice, aiding stability and peace in society and growth in the economy. These developments mentioned, in terms of their consequences represents progress that augments the confidence of citizens in the judiciary and shows ongoing improvements. UYAP has transformed an old-fashioned, paper based Judiciary into a smooth functioning organization, which is assessed by some the biggest revolution in Turkish Judiciary throughout the history. Last but not least, UYAP is the biggest and most outstanding electronic justice system in Europe in terms of number of users, abilities of software, capacity and magnitude of the system and many of unique features such as lawyer and citizen portal, SMS projects, the scope of using electronic signature, intelligent warning and decision support systems and nationwide statistics skills. As John Hunter says, (Head of the IT Department of European Court of Human Rights), who examined the system in 2008 for 3 days, "d2UYAP is probably one of the most advanced nation-wide court justice systems in the world and an excellent example of best practice for national courts".

(<http://www.adalet.gov.tr/duyurular/2008/kasim08/ENExpertReportUYAP.pdf>)



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