

## #OCCUPYGEZI, GEZI PARK, ISTANBUL H312



AERIAL VIEW

On 1 June 2011, few weeks before the Turkish general election in 2011, the Prime Minister of Turkey, along with the Mayor of Istanbul, announced the Taksim project, which would relocate vehicular traffic from Taksim Square to underground tunnels the city would build. Along with the tunnels, the project proposed reconstruction of an Ottoman-era military building in the area where Gezi Park, one of the few remaining parks in Istanbul, lays today. Gezi Park was built in 1943 following Henri Prost's plan for re-organization of Taksim Square in which he proposed to demolish derelict military building in order to expand the square. Up to this day, Gezi Park has served its function as a public space, a non-commercial park where locals, especially the urban poor, can spend time without spending any money. Located in the heart of the city, Gezi Park has never reached its full potential due to poor management and its public image was not very well because of security and maintenance problems.



PROPOSED PROJECT



BEFORE INTERVENTION



DURING INTERVENTION