

TURKEY FREE EXPRESSION TRIAL MONITORING

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KEY FINDINGS

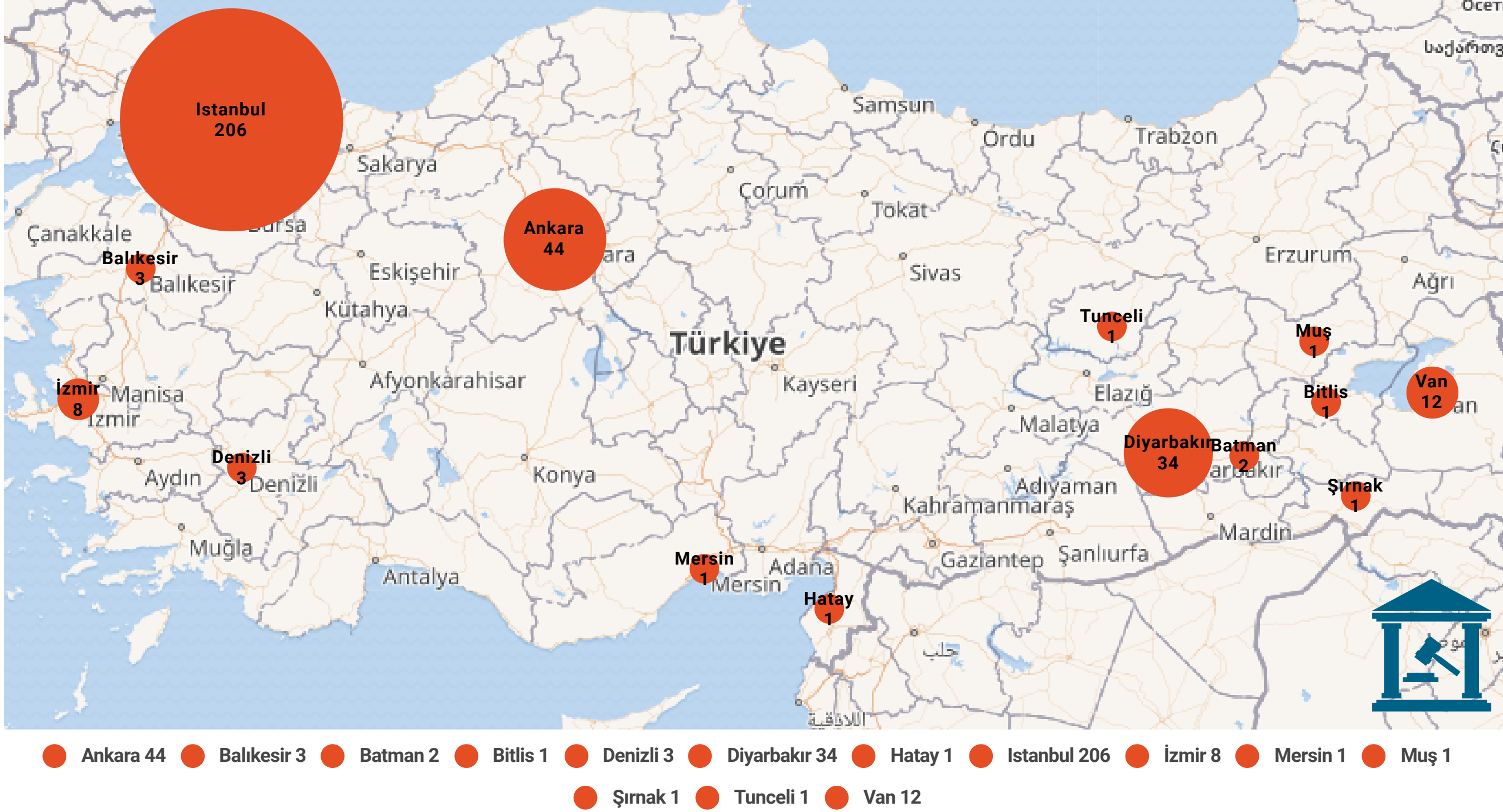
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This report covers 319 hearings covering 169 cases (involving 219 separate charges) between February 26, 2019 and March 6, 2020, monitored in 15 cities across Turkey. Here's the breakdown of cities:



Charges against journalists

60% of cases concerning journalists were for **TERRORISM RELATED OFFENCES**

In 76% of these cases the defendant's **JOURNALISM** was used **AS EVIDENCE** to support terrorism charges

78% 69 out of 89 **CONVICTIONS** (78%) were for **TERRORISM RELATED OFFENCES**

76%



Convictions and sentences

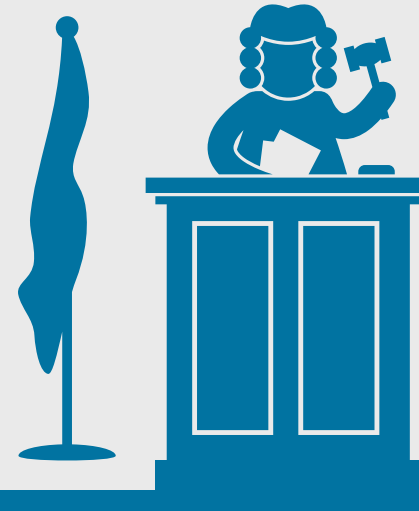
CHARGES	NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS	AVERAGE SENTENCE
Membership of terror organization	13	105 months
Helping a terror organization	27	56 months
Propaganda for a terror organization	27	22 months
Publishing declarations of a terrorist organization	2	10 months
Insulting a public officer	3	1740 TL (fine)
Insulting the president	6	16 months
Denigrating the Turkish nation	7	5 months
Disclosing identity of official on anti-terrorist duty	1	10 months
Failing to publish a correction	3	41644 TL (fine)
TOTAL	89	224 months



Right to a lawful judge



27% In 27% of the cases **at least one member** of the three-person judicial panel **changed**.



22% In 22% of cases it was **THE PRESIDING JUDGE**.



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