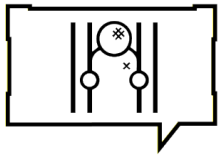


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83 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

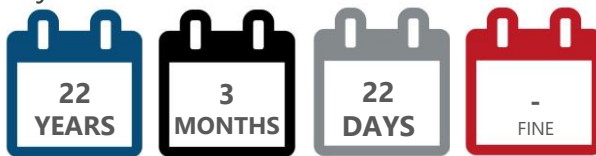
In July, 1 journalist was arrested
1 journalist was released

60 SENTENCED
23 ONGOING TRIAL

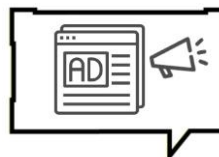


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In July, 3 journalists were **acquitted**
2 journalists were sentenced to



In August, 1 **journalist trial** will take place. See the calendar [here](#) →



OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In July:

- Parliament passed **draconian social media law** which will increase censorship & threaten media freedom online.
- RTÜK** issued 5-day broadcast bans on **Halk TV** and **TELE 1**. Appeals court stopped execution of ban on Halk TV.
- Appeal against **detention of 3 journalists** Barış Pehlivan, Hülya Kılınç, Murat Ağirel rejected.

MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN JULY

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

- IPI condemned nearly 3-year prison sentence given to journalist Deniz Yücel in Turkey on terror propaganda charges. IPI statement [here](#) →
- Ruling AKP passed law on social media that will dramatically expand govt control over free expression on social media. IPI statement [here](#) →
IPI analysis [here](#) →

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IPI's WORK IN TURKEY



- IPI Freedom Dialogues TURKEY:** IPI launches new podcast series hosted by Cansu Çamlıbel – second episode with Emre Kızılkaya "[The role of big tech in Turkey's news ecosystem](#)"
- IPI TURKEY WEBINAR:** Banu Güven, Emre Kızılkaya and Yaman Akdeniz on "Digital Censorship: Can social media be prohibited?" – [Watch online](#).
- Latest on **TURKEY DISPATCHES:** IPI member İpek Yezdani wrote for IPI - "[The codes of the Khashoggi murder trial: Gruesome details are coming to the surface](#)"
- IPI press freedom statements, articles published in three languages

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JOURNALIST TRIALS IN JULY



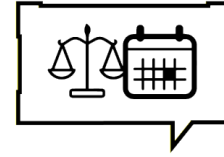
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2.07.2020	KCK BASIN DAVASI	İSTANBUL 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	-	ADJOURNED
2.07.2020	ALİCAN ULUDAĞ, DUYGU GÜVENÇ	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE JUDICIAL BODIES OF THE STATE	ADJOURNED
2.07.2020	DOĞAN AKIN (T24)	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHILST NOT BEING A MEMBER	ACQUITTED
02.07.2020	ŞEBNEM KORUR FİNCANCI	ANADOLU 42. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
03.07.2020	JAMAL KHASHOGGI MURDER TRIAL	İSTANBUL 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MAN SLAUGHTER	ADJOURNED
06.07.2020	CEM ŞİMŞEK	BAKIRKÖY 27. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
07.07.2020	RUKEN DEMİR	İZMİR 19. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
07.07.2020	OKTAY CANDEMİR	VAN 3. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
9.07.2020	CAN DÜNDAR	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ESPIONAGE, AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
9.07.2020	YETKİN YILDIZ	BAKIRKÖY 31. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT, DEFAMATION	ADJOURNED
13.07.2020	ONUR EMRE YAĞAN	İSTANBUL 33. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	CONSECUTIVE TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ACQUITTED
14.07.2020	MEŞALE TOLU AND OTHERS	İSTANBUL 29. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
14.07.2020	MEHMET YILMAZ (T24)	ANADOLU 37. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICER	ACQUITTED
14.07.2020	MEHMET DURSUN	VAN 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
14.07.2020	KİBRİYE EVREN	DIYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
14.07.2020	HAKAN AYGÜN	BODRUM 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING RELIGIOUS BELIEFS	ADJOURNED
16.07.2020	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, INCITING PUBLIC TO HATRED AND ENMITY	SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS 9 MONTHS 22 DAYS
17.07.2019	MEHMET BARANSU, MURAT ŞEVKİ ÇOBAN	ANADOLU 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	POSSESSING AND REVEALING SECRET DOCUMENTS IN RELATION TO NATIONAL SECURITY	ADJOURNED; BARANSU SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS 6 MONTHS IN ANOTHER CASE
21.07.2020	AZİZ ORUÇ, +5 OTHERS	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	WILLINGLY AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED



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UPCOMING TRIALS IN JULY



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2.07.2020		DOĞAN AKIN (T24)	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHILST NOT BEING A MEMBER
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9.07.2020	10:00	CAN DÜNDAR	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ESPIONAGE, AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
9.07.2020	10:20	YETKİN YILDIZ	BAKIRKÖY 31. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT, DEFAMATION
13.07.2020	13:00	ONUR EMRE YAĞAN	İSTANBUL 33. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	CONSECUTIVE TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
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○ FREE TURKEY JOURNALISTS NEWSROOM

The International Press Institute (IPI), closely follows the developments on press freedom and journalists' rights in the country. Here is some of our most recent content on Turkey.



○ IPI condemns passage of Turkey's new social media law *July 29, 2020*

The International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists for press freedom, condemned a new law on social media that passed Turkey's General Assembly on July 29. The law is poised to greatly expand digital censorship and threaten media freedom.



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○ The codes of the Khashoggi murder trial: Gruesome details are coming to the surface *July 17, 2020*

The date was October 2, 2018. It was an ordinary business day in Istanbul. Suddenly, my phone rang while I was sitting at my table in the office of the newspaper I was working for, Hürriyet which was once upon a time called the "admiral ship of the media." The person on the other side of the phone was telling me that a Saudi journalist went missing after he entered the Saudi Arabia consulate in Istanbul and there was no news whatsoever from him for hours. This was one of the weirdest things that I have ever heard. At the end of the day, it was a diplomatic mission, right? What could have happened to him?



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○ IPI condemns conviction of German-Turkish journalist Deniz Yücel *July 16, 2020*

The International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists for press freedom, today condemned the nearly three-year prison sentence given to journalist Deniz Yücel in Turkey on terror propaganda charges.



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