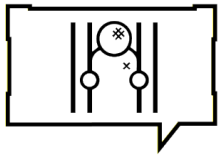


PRESS FREEDOM IN TURKEY

MONTHLY BRIEFING / AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

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84 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

In August, **2** journalists were **arrested**
1 journalist was **released** after execution
of his sentence suspended.

- 60 SENTENCED
- 24 ONGOING TRIAL



TRIALS CALENDAR

In August, **1** journalist's trial held and **adjourned**.

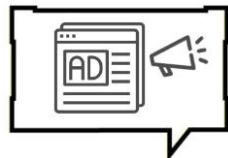
In September, **19** **journalists trials** will take place. See the calendar [here](#) →



OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In August:

- Turkish courts **removed 28 news articles** online related to former national wrestler who was sentenced for rape.
- **RTÜK** fined 5 TV broadcasters from various sides of the political spectrum for a range of reasons.
- Appeal against **detention of 3 journalists** - Barış Pehlivan, Hülya Kılınç, Murat Ağırel - again denied.
- Pro-govt **Demirören Media Group** sues 5 news outlets for reporting on mass firings.



MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN AUGUST

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

- IPI condemned the series of attacks targeting local reporters and journalist associations. IPI issued an alert on the CoE Platform for Safety of Journalists. IPI statement [here](#) →
IPI alert [here](#) →
- RTÜK fined TELE1 for broadcasting Evrensel newspaper ad celebrating 25th anniversary. IPI statement [here](#) →

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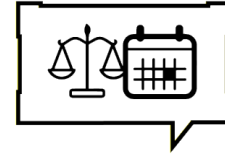
IPI'S WORK IN TURKEY

- **IPI Freedom Dialogues TURKEY:** IPI's new podcast series continues with 4th episode. Guest: academic Ceren Sözeri "[Media coverage of violence against women](#)"
- **IPI TURKEY WEBINAR:** MEP Sergey Lagodinsky joins journalists & experts from Turkey for discussion on "Digital Censorship: Turkey's New Social Media Law and Its Implications for Free Media" – [Watch online](#).
- Latest on **IPI-EVRENSEL COLUMNS:** IPI member & the founder of New Naratif Thum Ping Tjin wrote for Evrensel Daily - "[Never Waste A Crisis: How Singapore's PAP Government uses "Rule of Law" to Restrict Freedom of Expression](#)"
- IPI press freedom statements, articles published in three languages



TRIALS CALENDAR

UPCOMING TRIALS IN SEPTEMBER



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Turkey
Journalists

DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
02.09.2020		RAWIN STERK	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATON, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
03.09.2020	09:00	SELMAN KELEŞ, ARIF ASLAN	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATON, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
09.09.2020	10:30	MEHMET FERHAT ÇELİK, AYDIN KESER, BARIŞ TERKOĞLU, BARIŞ PEHLIVAN, HÜLYA KILINÇ, MURAT AĞIREL	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	REVEALING INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS REGARDING STATE SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES
09.09.2020		ENGİN KORKMAZ	ANTALYA 19. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
09.09.2020		ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM MAIN TRIAL: ZANA (BİLİR) KAYA, İNAN KIZILKAYA, EREN KESKİN, KEMAL SANCILI	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	-
09.09.2020		SEMİHA ŞAHİN, PINAR GAYIP	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATON, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
10.09.2020	11:40	PELİN ÜNKER, ORHAN ERİNÇ	İSTANBUL 21. CIVIL COURT	DEFAMATION (DAMAGES)
15.09.2020		7 DEFENDANTS SEPARATED FROM GEZI TRIAL: CAN DÜNDAR, MEMET ALI ALABORA, AYŞE PINAR ALABORA, GÖKÇE YILMAZ, HANDAN MELTEM ARIKAN, HANZADE HIKMET GERMIYANOĞLU, İNANÇ EKMEKÇİ	İSTANBUL 30. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND PREVENT FROM DOING ITS DUTY
15.09.2020		VAN TV TRIAL	VAN 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
16.09.2020	10:50	İDRİS SAYILĞAN	MUŞ 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
17.09.2020	11:20	ARAFAT DAYAN	İSTANBUL 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
17.09.2020	11:15	HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATON, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
17.09.2020	09:50	CANAN COŞKUN, CAN UĞUR, ALİ AÇAR	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PUTTING OFFICIALS IN TARGET WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS
21.09.2020		YUSUF KARATAŞ	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
21.09.2020	09:30	FERHAT PARLAK	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATON
21.09.2020		AZİZ ORUÇ, +5 OTHERS	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	WILLINGLY AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
22.09.2020	09:45	SABİHA TEMİZKAN	İSTANBUL 35. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
23.09.2020	10:10	İSMİNAZ TEMEL, HAVVA CUŞTAN (ETHA)	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATON, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
28.09.2020	10:00	DURKET SÜREN	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA

○ 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.



○ RTÜK fines TELE1 for broadcasting Evrensel newspaper ad celebrating 25th anniversary

Aug 28, 2020

The International Press Institute (IPI) condemned the decision by Turkey's Radio and Television High Council (RTÜK) to issue the highest possible monetary fine against TELE 1 after it broadcast an advert marking the 25th anniversary of critical newspaper Evrensel. IPI talked to TELE1 and Evrensel about the fine.

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○ Series of attacks on local journalists in Turkey

Aug 27, 2020

The International Press Institute (IPI) condemned a number of attacks on local journalists and local journalist associations in Antalya, Nevşehir and Bursa, Turkey. On August 19, Şaban Önen, the publisher of Karacabey Yörem newspaper, was attacked by four people one of whom is a relative of Karacabey Mayor of the ruling AKP in the municipality's truck garage. On Aug 25, a vehicle belonging to the Nevşehir Journalists Association was set on fire, and the home of Yakup Kocabaş, Gazipaşa correspondent of Antalya-based Dim Media was shot at. Read IPI's interview with the targeted journalists.

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○ Turkish courts order removal of news content based on 'right to be forgotten'

Aug 20, 2020

The International Press Institute (IPI) urged Turkish courts not to abuse the social media law passed in late July to force news outlets to remove news content. Courts have recently applied legal clauses around the "right to be forgotten" and "personal rights violations" included in the law to order the removal of content.

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