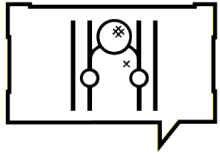


PRESS FREEDOM IN TURKEY

MONTHLY BRIEFING / SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

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77 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

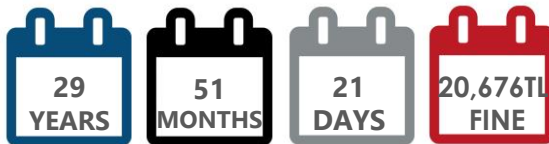
In September, **2** journalists were **arrested**
9 journalists were **released**

- 56 SENTENCED
- 21 ONGOING TRIAL



TRIALS CALENDAR

In September, **37** journalists trials were held.
9 journalists were sentenced to:



In October, **28** journalists trials will take place.
See the calendar [here](#) →

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In September:

- Access was blocked to 12 **news articles** as well as to the websites of **Yeni Yaşam, Yeni Demokrasi Newspapers** and **Sendika.org, Mezopotamya Agency** and **Siyasi Haber**.
- **Halk TV** and **TELE 1** received 5-day broadcast bans by the **Radio and TV High Council (RTÜK)**

MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN SEPTEMBER

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

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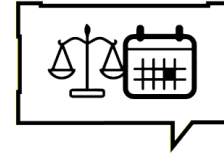
IPI's WORK IN TURKEY

- **IPI Freedom Dialogues TURKEY:** IPI's podcast series continues with 5th ([with MEP Sergey Lagodinsky](#)) and 6th episodes ([with Yaman Akdeniz](#))
- **IPI TURKEY WEBINAR:** Politicians and experts from Germany including Cem Özdemir, Susanne Schütz joined discussion on “Supporting Press Freedom in Turkey Under the German EU Presidency” – [Watch online](#).
- **IPI World Congress (WoCo):** Former BBC Turkey correspondent Mark Lowen joined by prominent journalists from Turkey to discuss the future of journalism and expectations – [Read the recap](#).
- IPI press freedom statements, articles published in three languages



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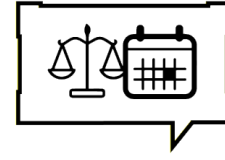
JOURNALIST TRIALS IN SEPTEMBER



DATE	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES	VERDICTS
02.09.2020	RAWIN STERK	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OR TERRORIST ORGANISATION;TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	STERK RELEASED, TRIAL ADJOURNED
03.09.2020	SELMAN KELEŞ, ARİF ASLAN	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OR TERRORIST ORGANISATION;TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	KELEŞ'S FILE SEPERATED, TRIAL ADJOURNED
03.09.2020	HARUN SİMAVİ, ERDAL GÜVEN, SEMİN SEZERER	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANISATION WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER	ACQUITTED
08.09.2020	UĞUR KOÇ, İBRAHİM AYDIN, MUSTAFA KÖMÜŞ (BİRGÜN NEWSPAPER)	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
09.09.2020	MEHMET FERHAT ÇELİK, AYDIN KESER, BARIŞ TERKOĞLU, BARIŞ PEHLİVAN, HÜLYA KILINÇ, MURAT AĞRIEL, ERK ACARER	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	REVEALING INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS REGARDING STATE SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES	5 JOURNALISTS SENTENCED, TERKOĞLU ACQUITTED, ACARER'S FILE SEPARATED
09.09.2020	ENGİN KORKMAZ	ANTALYA 19. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
09.09.2020	ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM: MAIN TRIAL	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OR TERRORIST ORGANISATION;TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
09.09.2020	SEMİHA ŞAHİN, PINAR GAYIP	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OR TERRORIST ORGANISATION;TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
10.09.2020	PELİN ÜNKER, ORHAN ERİNÇ	İSTANBUL 21. CIVIL COURT	COMPENSATION	ADJOURNED
10.09.2020	MÜYESSER YILDIZ	ANKARA 7. CIVIL COURT	COMPENSATION	SENTENCED TO 20.000 TL
10.09.2020	ONUR EMRE YAĞAN	İSTANBUL 53. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
15.09.2020	CAN DÜNDAR, + 6 OTHERS (GEZİ TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 30. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OR PREVENT IT FROM PERFORMING ITS DUTY	ADJOURNED
15.09.2020	ERK ACARER, HAKAN DİRİK	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFAMATION	ADJOURNED
15.09.2020	AHMET SEVER	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
15.09.2020	MUSTAFA GÖKKILIÇ	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATON, ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE ASSEMBLY, ESPIONAGE, OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FORGERY	-
15.09.2020	VAN TV TRIAL	VAN 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
16.09.2020	İDRİS SAYILĞAN	MUŞ 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
17.09.2020	ARAFAT DAYAN	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
17.09.2020	CAN DÜNDAR	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	REVEALING INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS REGARDING STATE SECURITY	ADJOURNED
17.09.2020	HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OR TERRORIST ORGANISATION;TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
17.09.2020	CANAN COŞKUN, CAN UĞUR, ALİ AÇAR	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS	IPI MONITORED, ADJOURNED
21.09.2020	YUSUF KARATAŞ	DIYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING A TERRORIST ORGANISATION	SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS

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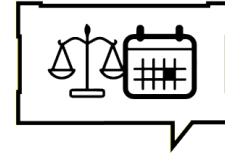
JOURNALIST TRIALS IN SEPTEMBER



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21.09.2020	FERHAT PARLAK	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANISATION	ADJOURNED
21.09.2020	AZİZ ORUÇ, +5 OTHERS	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	WILLINGLY AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
22.09.2020	SABİHA TEMİZKAN	İSTANBUL 35. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
22.09.2020	BURCU ÖZKAYA GÜNAYDIN	HATAY 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR 3 MONTHS (SUSPENDED)
22.09.2020	İNAN KIZILKAYA, ZANA BİLİR KAYA, HÜSEYİN AYKOL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING THE TURKISH NATION, THE REPUBLIC AND ITS STATE INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANS	ADJOURNED
23.09.2020	İSMİNAZ TEMEL, HAVVA CUŞTAN	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OR TERRORIST ORGANISATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
23.09.2020	REYHAN ÇAPAN	İSTANBUL 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
24.09.2020	ZEHRA ÖZDİLEK	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS	ACQUITTED
24.09.2020	İNAN KETENCİLER	İSTANBUL 55. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFAMATION	SENTENCED TO 600 TL
24.09.2020	AZİZ ORUÇ	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING THE TURKISH NATION, THE REPUBLIC AND ITS STATE INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANS	ADJOURNED
24.09.2020	DERYA OKATAN	İSTANBUL 39. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFAMATION	ADJOURNED
24.09.2020	ÇİĞDEM TOKER	KÜÇÜKÇEKMECE 3. CIVIL COURT	DEFAMATION	ADJOURNED
24.09.2020	FATİH PORTAKAL	İSTANBUL 46. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON BANKING	ADJOURNED
28.09.2020	DURKET SÜREN	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OR TERRORIST ORGANISATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
29.09.2020	HAYKO BAĞDAT	İSTANBUL 51. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED

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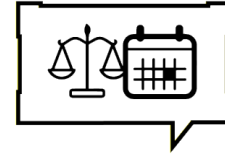
UPCOMING TRIALS IN OCTOBER



DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
01.10.2020	10:15	YETKİN YILDIZ	ANKARA 40. CRIMINAL COURT	FAILING TO FULFILL THE COURT RULING ON THE REMOVAL OF THE CONTENT & RIGHT TO REPLY
01.10.2020	10:30	HÜSEYİN AYKOL, REYHAN ÇAPAN, HASAN BAŞAK	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PRAISING THE CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, OVERTLY INCITING TO COMMIT A CRIME
06.10.2020	09:35	TAYLAN ÖZTAŞ, TUNAHAN TURHAN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PREVENTING A POLICE OFFICER FROM PERFORMING THE DUTY, DEFYING THE LAW ON ASSEMBLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
07.10.2020	09:50	CAN ATAĞLI	İSTANBUL 22. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING A SECTION OF THE PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SOCIAL CLASS, RACE, RELIGION, SECT, GENDER OR REGIONAL DIFFERENCE
07.10.2020	11:10	CEREN SÖZERİ	İSTANBUL 2. COMMERCIAL COURT	DEFAMATION
08.10.2020	09:30	ENDER İMREK	BAKIRKÖY 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT
08.10.2020		NECLA DEMİR	BAKIRKÖY 8. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT
09.10.2020	09:20	SERTAÇ KAYAR	DİYARBAKIR 10. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
09.10.2020	14:00	SEYHAN AVŞAR, NECDET ÖNEMLİ	İSTANBUL 29. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS
12-13-14.10.2020		AHMET ALTAN, MEHMET BARANSU, YASEMİN ÇONGAR, YILDIRAY OĞUR, TUNCA Y ÖPÇİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING AN ARMED ORG., TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, REVEALING STATE SECRET, OBTAINING SECRET DOCUMENTS CONCERNING NATIONAL SECURITY
13.10.2020	09:55	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 24. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
13.10.2020	11:00	ROJHAT DOĞRU	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, DISRUPTING THE UNITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE STATE, WILLFUL AND MALICIOUS INJURY
13.10.2020		KEMAL DEMİR, KEMAL KARAGÖZ	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
13.10.2020	11:15	BARIŞ İNCE, BÜLENT YILMAZ, CANSEVER UĞUR, İBRAHİM AYDIN	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANISATION WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER
14.10.2020		BUSE SÖĞÜTLÜ	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS
14.10.2020		CAN DÜNDAR	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANISATION WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER, OBTAINING SECRET DOCUMENTS FOR ESPIONAGE

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DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
15.10.2020		ÇIĞDEM TOKER	KÜÇÜKÇEKMECE 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFAMATION
15.10.2020	10:00	SADIYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANISATION
15.10.2020		SABIHA TEMİZKAN	İSTANBUL 35. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
20.10.2020		ABDULLAH KAYA	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANISATION WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER
22.10.2020	10:30	ALİCAN ULUDAĞ, DUYGU GÜVENÇ	İSTANBUL 2. CIVIL COURT	DENIGRATING THE TURKISH NATION, THE REPUBLIC AND ITS STATE INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANS
22.10.2020		ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM RAID TRIAL (22 DEFENDANTS)	İSTANBUL 5. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING A PUBLIC OFFICER TO PREVENT THEM FROM PERFORMING THE DUTY, INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
22.10.2020	10:30	ALİCAN ULUDAĞ, OLCAY BÜYÜKTAŞ AKÇA	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISCLOSING OR PUBLISHING IDENTITIES OF THOSE WHO REPORTED THE CRIME AND CRIMINALS
22.10.2020		ONUR EMRE YAĞAN	İSTANBUL 53. CRIMINAL COURT	CONSECUTIVELY INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
23.10.2020	10:00	KERİM KARAKAYA, FERCAN YALINKILIÇ, MUSTAFA SÖNMEZ, MERDAN YANARDAĞ, SEDEF KABAŞ, ORHAN AYDIN, +32 OTHERS (BLOOMBERG JOURNALISTS TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON CAPITAL MARKET
27.10.2020	09:40	HAZAL OCAK	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
27.10.2020	09:30	CEM ŞİMŞEK	BAKIRKÖY 27. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT
27.10.2020	09:55	HAKAN AYĞÜN	BODRUM 3. CRIMINAL COURT	INCITING THE PUBLIC TO ENMITY AND HATRED, INSULTING THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF A SECTION OF SOCIETY

○ 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.



○ Cumhuriyet Newspaper former editor-in-chief have 15 days to return to Turkey or be named a "fugitive"

Sep 21, 2020

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○ Turkey sentences journalists for "revealing" name of intelligence agent

Sep 14, 2020

A Turkish court on September 9 sentenced five journalists to a total of 22 years in prison for allegedly "revealing" the name of a national intelligence agent whose identity had already been made public in Parliament. A total of seven journalists with various critical media outlets were charged after reporting on the funeral of a Turkish national intelligence (MIT) agent who died in February in Libya. Five were found guilty. However, three of the convicted journalists who had been in pre-trial detention since March were released pending appeal.



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