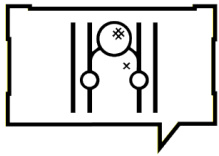


PRESS FREEDOM IN TURKEY

MONTHLY BRIEFING / OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

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79 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

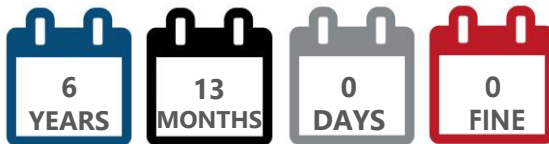
In October, **4** journalists were **arrested**
2 journalists were **released**

- 56 SENTENCED
- 23 ONGOING TRIAL



TRIALS CALENDAR

In September, **35** journalist trials were held.
2 journalists were sentenced to:



In October, **15** journalist trials will take place.
See the calendar [here](#) →

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In October:

- Access was blocked to over 100 **news articles from e.g., Cumhuriyet, Oda TV, Evrensel, Birgün, Sözcü.**
- 45 media staff fired from **Demirören's Hürriyet** have still not received compensation [after one year](#)
- Journalist **Can Dündar's** appeal to freeze his assets declined after court declared him a "fugitive"

MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN OCTOBER

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

- IPI condemned the arrest of four journalists from pro-Kurdish outlets after reporting that two Kurdish men were allegedly dropped off of a military helicopter.
IPI statement [here](#) →
- IPI called on Turkish authorities to drop all charges against six business journalists and columnists who are being prosecuted for reporting on the sudden drop in the country's currency in the summer of 2018.
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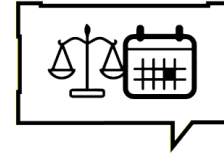
IPI'S WORK IN TURKEY

- **IPI Freedom Dialogues TURKEY:** 7th episode of IPI's podcast series on the murder of Jamal Khashoggi ([with UN Special Rapporteur Agnes Callamard](#))
- **IPI Co-hosts Panel:** Panel on "Media and Disinformation: Turkey Case" organized by Centre for Economic and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM) – [Watch online.](#)
- **International Press Freedom Mission 2020:** An IPI-led coalition of 11 intl press freedom, freedom of expression organisations met with stakeholders in İstanbul and Ankara amid country's continued press freedom crisis. - [Joint statement.](#) [Watch press conference here.](#)
- IPI press freedom statements, articles published in three languages



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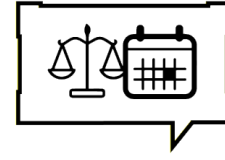
JOURNALIST TRIALS IN OCTOBER



DATE	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES	VERDICTS
01.10.2020	HÜSEYİN AYKOL, REYHAN ÇAPAN, HASAN BAŞAK (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA; PRAISING A CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL	ADJOURNED
06.10.2020	HAKKI BOLTAN	DİYARBAKIR 12. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
06.10.2020	ARAFAT DAYAN	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PRORAGANDA; PRINTING TERRORIST PUBLICATIONS	ADJOURNED
06.10.2020	TAYLAN ÖZTAŞ, TUNAHAH TURHAN, +36 OTHERS	ANADOLU 13. CRIMINAL COURT	PREVENTING THE POLICE OFFICER PERFORMING THE DUTY; OPPOSING THE LAW ON ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION	ADJOURNED
07.10.2020	CAN ATAKLI	İSTANBUL 22. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING A SECTION OF THE PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SOCIAL CLASS, RACE, RELIGION, SECT, GENDER OR REGIONAL DIFFERENCE	ADJOURNED
07.10.2020	CEREN SÖZERİ	İSTANBUL 2. COMMERCIAL COURT	COMPENSATION (SERHAT ALBAYRAK)	IPI MONITORED, ADJOURNED
07.10.2020	AYŞEGÜL DOĞAN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING AN ARMED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
07.10.2020	SEYHAN AVŞAR, NECDET ÖNEMLİ	İSTANBUL 29. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING	ADJOURNED
08.10.2020	ENDER İMREK	BAKIRKÖY 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT (EMINE ERDOĞAN)	ADJOURNED
08.10.2020	NECLA DEMİR	BAKIRKÖY 8. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
09.10.2020	SERTAÇ KAYAR	DİYARBAKIR 10. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	LEADING AND MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ACQUITTED
12.10.2020	MEHMET BARANSU, AHMET ALTAN, YASEMİN ÇONGAR, YILDIRAY OĞUR, TUNCAY OPÇİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING AN ARMED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA; OBTAINING AND REVEALING INFORMATION CONCERNING NATIONAL SECURITY	ADJOURNED
13.10.2020	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 24. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
13.10.2020	ROJHAT DOĞRU	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISRUPTING THE UNITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE STATE; WILLFUL AND MALICIOUS INJURY	ADJOURNED
13.10.2020	ARAFAT DAYAN	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PRORAGANDA; PRINTING TERRORIST PUBLICATIONS	SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS 10 MONTHS
13.10.2020	KEMAL DEMİR, KEMAL KARAGÖZ	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
13.10.2020	BARIŞ İNCE, BÜLENT YILMAZ, CANSEVER UĞUR, İBRAHİM AYDIN (BİRGÜN TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER	ACQUITTED
14.10.2020	BUSE SÖĞÜTLÜ	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS	ADJOURNED
14.10.2020	CAN DÜNDAR	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	REVEALING INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS REGARDING STATE SECURITY	ADJOURNED
15.10.2020	SADIYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANISATION	ADJOURNED

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15.10.2020	ÇİĞDEM TOKER	KÜÇÜKÇEKMECE 3. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATION OF PERSONAL RIGHTS	ADJOURNED
15.10.2020	SABİHA TEMİZKAN	İSTANBUL 35. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST ORGANIZATION PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
20.10.2020	ABDULLAH KAYA	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
21.10.2020	ERK ACARER	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
22.10.2020	ALİCAN ULUDAĞ, DUYGU GÜVENÇ	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLICLY INSULTING THE TURKISH NATION AND THE STATE	ACQUITTED
22.10.2020	ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM RAID TRIAL (22 DEFENDANTS)	İSTANBUL 5. CRIMINAL COURT	PREVENTING A POLICE OFFICER FROM PERFORMING THE DUTY	ADJOURNED
22.10.2020	ALİCAN ULUDAĞ, OLCAY BÜYÜKTAŞ AKÇA	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISCLOSING OR PUBLISHING IDENTITIES OF THOSE WHO DENOUNCE CRIMES AND CRIMINALS	ADJOURNED
22.10.2020	ONUR EMRE YAĞAN	İSTANBUL 53. CRIMINAL COURT	CONSECUTIVELY INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
22.10.2020	SABİHA TEMİZKAN	İSTANBUL 35. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR 3 MONTHS
23.10.2020	BLOOMBERG TRIAL	İSTANBUL 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON CAPITAL MARKET	ADJOURNED
27.10.2020	AHMET ALTAN	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
27.10.2020	HAZAL OCAK	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING (BERAT ALBAYRAK)	ACQUITTED
27.10.2020	CEM ŞİMŞEK	BAKIRKÖY 27. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
27.10.2020	HAKAN AYGÜN	BODRUM 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING A SECTION OF THE PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR RELIGION	ADJOURNED
28.10.2020	NECLA DEMİR	BAKIRKÖY 8. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT	ACQUITTED

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UPCOMING TRIALS IN NOVEMBER



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DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
04.11.2020		HAZAL OCAK, ALVEV COŞKUN	ANADOLU 14. CRIMINAL COURT	COMPENSATION (DAMAGES)
04.11.2020	09:30	AHMET MEMİŞ, ALİ AKKUŞ, ATILLA TAŞ, CEMAL AZMİ KALYONCU, GÖKÇE FIRAT ÇULHAOĞLU, ÜNAL TANIK, YAKUP ÇETİN, YETKİN YILDIZ (RETRIAL)	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
05.11.2020		FATİH PORTAKAL	İSTANBUL 46. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON BANKING; INSULTING PRESIDENT
05.11.2020		ONUR EMRE YAĞAN	İSTANBUL 53. CRIMINAL COURT	CONSECUTIVELY INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
09.11.2020		RUKEN DEMİR	İZMİR 19. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
09.11.2020		AZİZ ORUÇ	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
10.11.2020	11:45	CANAN COŞKUN, CAN UĞUR, ALİ AÇAR	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS
11.11.2020		OKTAY CANDEMİR	VAN 5. CRIMINAL COURT	PREVENTING A POLICE OFFICER FROM PERFORMING THE DUTY
11.11.2020	10:00	ADİL DEMİRCİ, +22 OTHERS	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
12.11.2020		BERİVAN ALTAN	MERSİN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
13.11.2020		MEMHET BARANSU, MURAT ŞEVKİ ÇOBAN	ANADOLU 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	POSSESSING AND REVEALING SECRET DOCUMENTS IN RELATION TO NATIONAL SECURITY
19.11.2020	10:50	UĞUR KOÇ, İBRAHİM AYDIN, MUSTAFA KÖMÜŞ (BİRGÜN TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
24.11.2020		JAMAL KHASHOGGI MURDER TRIAL	İSTANBUL 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MURDER
25.11.2020		SİBEL HÜRTAŞ, HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	INCITING THE PUBLIC TO ENMITY AND HATRED
26.11.2020		KİBRİYE EVEN	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA

○ FREE TURKEY JOURNALISTS NEWSROOM

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



○ IPI: Charges against six journalists who reported on currency rate in Turkey must be dropped

Oct 22, 2020

The International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists for press freedom, called on Turkish authorities to drop all charges before hearing on Oct 23 against six business journalists and columnists who are being prosecuted for reporting on the sudden drop in the country's currency in summer 2018.

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○ Compromised independence of Turkey's institutions chokes press freedom

Oct 14, 2020

Turkey's press freedom crisis is worsening amid growing state capture of media, the lack of independence of regulatory institutions, and a new social media law designed to clamp down on the remaining spaces for free comment, a coalition of 11 international press freedom, journalism and human rights groups warned following a four-day mission to the country in October.

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○ Turkey reporters jailed over 'helicopter drop' story

Oct 12, 2020

The International Press Institute (IPI) condemned the arrest on October 9 of four journalists from Turkey's Mezopotamya News Agency (MA) and Jinnews after they reported that two Kurdish men were allegedly dropped from a Turkish military helicopter.

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