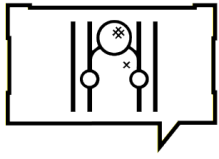


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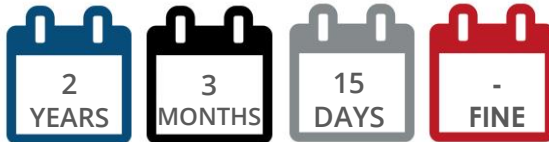
55 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

- 48 SENTENCED
- 7 ONGOING TRIAL

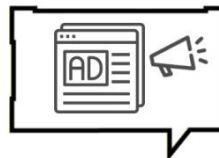


TRIALS CALENDAR

In June, **30** journalist trials were held. 2 journalists were sentenced to:



In July, at least **16 journalist trials** will take place. See the calendar [here](#) →



OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In June:

- Two local journalists – İbrahim Akkuş, Mustafa Uslu – [were physically assaulted](#) while reporting on construction works in Samsun and Kocaeli.
- DHA correspondent Ahmet Atmaca [attacked](#) by a group while reporting on the funeral of a man stabbed and killed in Gaziantep.

MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN JUNE

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

- IPI condemned threats and cyber attacks against two Northern Cyprus newspapers following their reporting on a local businessman's alleged links to drug trafficking [IPI Statement here](#) →
- IPI condemned the police violence against AFP photojournalist Bülent Kılıç while he was covering the Pride March in Istanbul on June 26. [IPI Statement here](#) →

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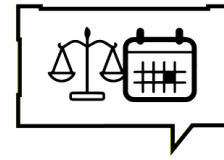
IPI'S WORK IN TURKEY

- **IPI Podcasts: Freedom Dialogues Turkey:** New episode w/ columnist Ümit Alan on the mainstream media's failure to compete with social media as the content itself becomes the news. And mafia leader's recent YouTube videos are the best example to analyse that. Listen (TUR) [here](#).
- **IPI Call:** IPI-led group of 18 organizations sent letters to Justice Minister, political parties calling for an investigation into new allegations re. unsolved murders of Uğur Mumcu, Kutlu Adalı. [See the letters](#).
- **IPI Letter:** IPI and 15 international organizations sent a joint letter to UN leaders ahead of European Council meeting on June 24. Read [the full letter](#).



TRIALS CALENDAR

JOURNALIST TRIALS IN JUNE



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DATE	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES	VERDICTS
02.06.2021	MEHMET BARANSU, AHMET ALTAN, YASEMİN ÇONGAR, YILDIRAY OĞUR, TUNCAY OPÇİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING AN ARMED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; OBTAINING SECRET DOCUMENTS CONCERNING NATIONAL SECURITY	ADJOURNED
02.06.2021	ALİ SÖNMEZ KAYAR	ISTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	-
02.06.2021	OSMAN AKIN, VEYSİ SARISÖZEN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING CONSECUTIVE TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
03.06.2021	REYHAN ÇAPAN	İSTANBUL 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA VIA THE PRESS	ADJOURNED
03.06.2021	ABDURRAHMAN GÖK	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA VIA THE PRESS	ADJOURNED
04.06.2021	KERİM KARAKAYA, FERCAN YALINKILIÇ, MUSTAFA SÖNMEZ, SEDEF KABAŞ, MERDAN YANARDAĞ, ORHAN AYDIN, +32 OTHERS (BLOOMBERG TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON CAPITAL MARKET	ADJOURNED
08.06.2021	AHMET ALTAN	ISTANBUL2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	-
08.06.2021	RUKEN DEMİR	İZMİR 19. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
08.06.2021	RÜSTEM BATUM	İSTANBUL 41. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
08.06.2021	SADIYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
08.06.2021	CANAN COŞKUN, CAN UĞUR, ALİ AÇAR	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING AND REVEALING THE IDENTITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS	ADJOURNED
08.06.2021	MELİKE AYDIN	İZMİR 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ACQUITTAL
10.06.2021	RUŞEN TAKVA	VAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
10.06.2021	HAYKO BAĞDAT	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA VIA THE PRESS	-
10.06.2021	OZAN KAPLANOĞLU	BURSA 10. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR 10 MONTHS 15 DAYS
11.06.2021	RÜSTEM BATUM	İSTANBUL 43. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING TURKISH NATION, STATE OF REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, THE ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE	ADJOURNED
11.06.2021	ENGİN KORKMAZ	ANTALYA 19. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED

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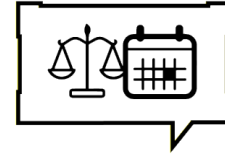


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15.06.2021	ALİCAN ULUDAĞ, OLCAY BÜYÜKTAŞ AKÇA	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISCLOSING THE IDENTITIES OF THOSE WHO DENOUNCE THE CRIME AND CRIMINALS	ACQUITTAL
15.06.2021	CEM BAHTİYAR	BANDIRMA 1. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ACQUITTAL
17.06.2021	HAZAL OCAK	İSTANBUL 8. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
17.06.2021	OKTAY CANDEMİR	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
22.06.2021	KCK BASIN DAVASI	İSTANBUL 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
22.06.2021	EREN KESKİN, HÜSEYİN AYKOL, REYHAN ÇAPAN, +5 OTHERS (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PRAISING THE CRIME AND CRIMINAL; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
23.06.2021	MUSTAFA SÖNMEZ	ANADOLU 26. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ACQUITTAL
24.06.2021	KİBRİYE EVREN	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
24.06.2021	İNAN KIZILKAYA, CAN DÜNDAR (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM)	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLISHING MATERIALS ON BEHALF OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
24.06.2021	HAZAL OCAK, OLCAY BÜYÜKTAŞ, İPEK ÖZBEY, VEDAT ARIK	İSTANBUL 26. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS	ADJOURNED
24.06.2021	ŞERİFE ORUÇ	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
24.06.2021	HATİCE ŞAHİN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
30.06.2021	HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED

TRIALS CALENDAR

UPCOMING TRIALS IN JULY



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DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
01.07.2021	09.50	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT; DENIGRATING THE STATE AND THE TURKISH NATION
01.07.2021		ABDULLAH KAYA	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING CONSECUTIVE TERRORIST PROPAGANDA VIA THE PRESS POSSIBLE SENTENCES
01.07.2021	10.45	ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM RAID TRIAL	İSTANBUL 5. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING A PUBLIC OFFICER TO PREVENT THEM FROM PERFORMING THEIR DUTY, INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICER POSSIBLE SENTENCE:
01.07.2021		CANER TAŞPINAR	İSTANBUL 11. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT
02.07.2021	09.00	ADNAN BİLEN, CEMİL UĞUR, ŞEHRİBAN ABİ, NAZAN SALA, ZEYNEP DURGUT	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
06.07.2021		HAYKO BAĞDAT	İSTANBUL 50. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
06.07.2021		DERYA OKATAN	İSTANBUL 39. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT
08.07.2021	11.05	CEM ŞİMŞEK	BAKIRKÖY 27. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
09.07.2021		TUNCA ÖĞRETEN, MAHİR KANAAT, ÖMER ÇELİK, METİN YOKSU, DERYA OKATAN, ERAY SARGIN (REDHACK TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 29. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA; INTERCEPTING WITH THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS; REMOVING DATA
09.07.2021	14.30	KERİM KARAKAYA, FERCAN YALINKILIÇ, MUSTAFA SÖNMEZ, SEDEF KABAŞ, MERDAN YANARDAĞ, ORHAN AYDIN, +32 OTHERS (BLOOMBERG TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON CAPITAL
13.07.2021	10.40	İNAN KIZILKAYA, CAN DÜNDAR	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
13.07.2021	10.30	HÜSEYİN AYKOL, ZANA KAYA, İNAN KIZILKAYA, HATİP DİCLE	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING TURKISH NATION, STATE OF REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, THE ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE
13.07.2021		CİHAN ÖZGÜR	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
13.07.2021		AZİZİ ORUÇ, ERSİN ÇAKSU	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING TURKISH NATION, STATE OF REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, THE ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE
14.07.2021	09.55	CEREN SÖZERİ	İSTANBUL 2.COMMERCIAL COURT	DEFAMATION
14.07.2021	09.30	SEMIHA ŞAHİN, PINAR GAYIP	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

○ 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.



○ 'I can't breathe': Turkish photojournalist brutally detained while covering Istanbul Pride March

June 28, 2021

IPI condemned the police violence against AFP photojournalist Bülent Kılıç while he was covering the Pride March in Istanbul on March 26. Kılıç, who is an award-winner photojournalist in Turkey, said that police officers had pressed their knees into his back and throat, leaving him unable to breathe.

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○ Charges against Turkish journalist Ozan Kaplanoğlu must be dropped

June 23, 2021

IPI called on Turkish authorities to dismiss all charges against local journalist Ozan Kaplanoğlu who was sentenced earlier this month to almost two years in prison for reporting on a press release.

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○ Northern Cyprus newspapers targeted after reporting on drug trafficking allegations

June 9, 2021

IPI condemned threats and cyber attacks against two Northern Cyprus newspapers Özgür Gazete and Gazedda Kıbrıs following their reporting on a local businessman's alleged links to drug trafficking and called on local authorities to ensure the safety of journalists.

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