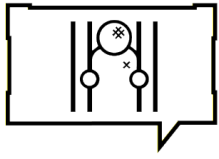


PRESS FREEDOM IN TURKEY

MONTHLY BRIEFING / AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2021

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50 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

In August, 1 journalist was released.

- 43 SENTENCED
- 7 ONGOING TRIAL

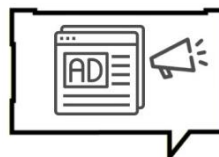


TRIALS CALENDAR

In August, 1 journalist trial was held.
1 journalist was sentenced to:



In September, at least 22 journalist trials will take place. See the calendar [here](#) →



OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In August:

- Turkey's Radio and Television High Council (RTÜK) [sanctioned](#) six TV channels over their coverage of the wildfires in southwestern Turkey.
- Gov't to draft a new controversial social media bill to criminalize the spreading of "online fake news" [raises alarms](#).

MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN AUGUST

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

- IPI condemned the physical attacks against several journalists in Istanbul covering the protests against killing of a Kurdish family. IPI Statement [here](#) →
- IPI condemned the assault on Halk TV live broadcast reporting from Marmaris, a city on Turkey's southwestern coast where wildfires were raging. IPI Statement [here](#) →

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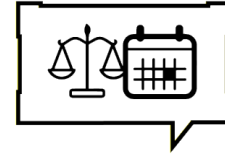
IPI'S WORK IN TURKEY



- **IPI Podcasts: Freedom Dialogues Turkey:** New episode w/ media ombudsman Faruk Bildirici on the recent debate in Turkey over the funding of media channels by foreign foundations. Listen (TUR) [here](#).
- **IPI Call:** IPI called on Germany to ensure the safety and security of all journalists on its soil and make clear it will not tolerate attacks on press after the attack against Berlin-based journalist Erk Acarer after the circulation of so-called "execution lists". [See the full statement](#).
- **IPI Interview:** RTÜK member Taşçı highlighted the new data showing discriminatory application of fines as growing threat to press freedom in an interview with IPI. [Read more](#).

TRIALS CALENDAR

UPCOMING TRIALS IN SEPTEMBER



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DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
03.09.2021	11:45	ZİYA ÇİÇEKÇİ	İSTANBUL 33. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
07.09.2021		DİNDAR KARATAŞ	ERZURUM 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
07.09.2021		SELMAN KELEŞ	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
09.09.2021	13:30	AHMET TURAN ALKAN, ALİ BULAÇ, İBRAHİM KARAYEĞEN, İHSAN DAĞI, LALE SARIİBRAHİMOĞLU, MEHMET ÖZDEMİR, MUSTAFA ÜNAL, MÜMTAZER TÜRKÖNE, NURİYE AKMAN, ORHAN KEMAL CENGİZ, ŞAHİN ALPAY (ZAMAN RETRIAL)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHILST NOT BEING A MEMBER
09.09.2021	09:40	AHMET SEVER	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
09.09.2021	10:30	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 24. CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLICLY INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICER
09.09.2021		KEMAL DEMİR, KEMAL KARAGÖZ	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
10.09.2021	09:00	AZİZ ORUÇ	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
14.09.2021	09:30	BUSE SÖĞÜTLÜ	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS
15.09.2021		ADİL DEMİRCİ, + 22 DEFENDANTS	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
16.09.2021 17.09.2021	10:00	MEŞALE TOLU AND OTHERS	İSTANBUL 29. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
20.09.2021	09:45	DURKET SÜREN	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA; AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
21.09.2021	13:30	SADİYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
23.09.2021		ÇİĞDEM TOKER	KÜÇÜKÇEKMECE 3. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATION OF THE PERSONAL RIGHTS
23.09.2021	10:05	CENGİZ ÇANDAR	İSTANBUL 30. CRIMINAL COURT	PRAISING THE CRIME AND CRIMINALS
23.09.2021		OKTAY CANDEMİR	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
28.09.2021		KENAN KIRKAYA	ANKARA 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
29.09.2021		NURCAN YALÇIN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
30.09.2021		EREN TUTEL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICER
30.09.2021	09:15	TAYLAN ÖZTAŞ, TUNAHAH TURHAN AND +36 OTHERS	ANADOLU 13. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING TO THE POLICE; DEFYING THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS
30.09.2021		EROL ÖNDEROĞLU, ŞEBNEM KORUR FİNCANCI, AHMET NESİN (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PARTICIPATION TO "EDITORS-IN-CHIEF ON WATCH" CAMPAIGN
30.09.2021	11:20	ABDURRAHMAN GÖK	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A 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.



○ Journalists beaten with iron rods while covering protest over Kurdish murders

August 13, 2021

The IPI global network today condemned sanctions imposed by Turkey's Radio and Television High Council (RTÜK) on six television channels – KRT, Fox TV, HaberTürk, Halk TV, TELE 1 and TR 35 – in response to the channels' coverage of the most recent wildfires in southwestern Turkey.

[Read more](#)



○ Halk TV reporters attacked during live coverage of wildfires

August 9, 2021

IPI condemned an attack on the live broadcast of Halk TV journalist Gökmen Karadağ in the early hours of August 6 as Karadağ was reporting from Marmaris, a city on Turkey's southwestern coast where wildfires were raging.

[Read more](#)



○ Journalists beaten with iron rods while covering protest over Kurdish murders

August 2, 2021

IPI condemned the physical assaults against several journalists in Istanbul covering protests against the murder of a Kurdish family. IPI calls on the Turkish authorities to hold those responsible to account and ensure journalist safety.

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