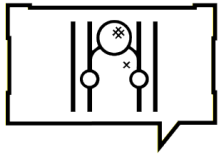


# PRESS FREEDOM IN TURKEY

MONTHLY BRIEFING / SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2021

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## 49 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

- 42 SENTENCED
- 7 ONGOING TRIAL

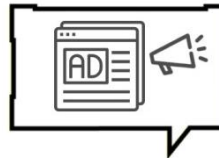


## TRIALS CALENDAR

In September, **24** journalist trials were held. **6** journalists were sentenced to:



In October, at least **21** journalist trials will take place. See the calendar [here](#) →



## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In September:

- Jinnews reporter Öznür Değer [faces investigation](#) over coverage of the Kurdish family murder in Konya
- Fox TV reporter Barış Kaya [denied access](#) to AKP Spokesperson's press conference
- Jiyen News, the publisher and editor-in-chief İdris received [death threats](#) by unidentified people.

## MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN SEPTEMBER

## PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

- IPI condemned lawsuits against Evrensel, Birgün and Cumhuriyet newspapers following their reporting on a parliamentary question regarding to corruption allegations about Vice Minister of Health Sabahattin Aydın.

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## IPI'S WORK IN TURKEY



- **IPI World Congress 2021:** Journalists Nevşin Mengü and Cansu Çamlıbel discussed journalism under repression with colleagues around the world at IPI WoCo 2021. Read the panel summaries [here](#).
- **IPI Alerts:** IPI submitted 5 alerts in September to the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety. [See the alerts](#).
- **IPI Interview:** On women journalists targeted by cyberbullying, harassment, and abuse on digital platforms in Turkey. [Read full article](#).

# TRIALS CALENDAR

## JOURNALIST TRIALS IN SEPTEMBER



DATE	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES	VERDICTS
03.09.2021	ZİYA ÇİÇEKÇİ	İSTANBUL 33. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	-
07.09.2021	DİNDAR KARATAŞ	ERZURUM 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
07.09.2021	SELMAN KELEŞ	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
09.09.2021	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	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER, AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHILST NOT BEING A MEMBER, LEADING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
09.09.2021	AHMET SEVER	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
09.09.2021	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 24. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
09.09.2021	KEMAL DEMİR, KEMAL KARAGÖZ	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
10.09.2021	AZİZ ORUÇ	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
14.09.2021	BUSE SÖĞÜTLÜ	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING AND REVEALING THE IDENTITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS	ADJOURNED
15.09.2021	ADİL DEMİRCİ +22 OTHERS	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
16.09.2021	MEŞALE TOLU + OTHERS	İSTANBUL 29. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
20.09.2021	DURKET SÜREN	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, AID TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
21.09.2021	SADİYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED

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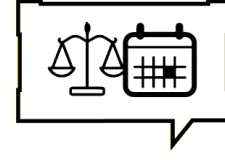


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DATE	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES	VERDICTS
21.09.2021	ALİ ORHAN, CİHAT ÜNAL, HASAN YAVAŞLAR, KENAN BAŞ, OLGUN MATUR, ÖMER ÖZDEMİR, OSMAN YAKUT, ÖZKAN MAYDA, SERHAT ŞEFTALİ, TUNCER ÇETİNKAYA (FETÖ ANTALYA)	ANTALYA 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	5 DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF 25 YEARS, 5 ACQUITTED
21.09.2021	ROJHAT DOĞRU	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISRUPT THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE STATE	ADJOURNED
23.09.2021	ÇİĞDEM TOKER	KÜÇÜKÇEKMECE 3. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATION OF PERSONAL RIGHTS	ADJOURNED
23.09.2021	CENGİZ ÇANDAR	İSTANBUL 30. CRIMINAL COURT	PRAISING THE CRIME AND CRIMINAL	ADJOURNED
23.09.2021	OKTAY CANDEMİR	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
28.09.2021	KENAN KIRKAYA	ANKARA 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
29.09.2021	NURCAN YALÇIN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
30.09.2021	EREN TUTEL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
30.09.2021	TAYLAN ÖZTAŞ, TUNAHAN TURHAN AND +36 OTHERS	ANADOLU 13. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING A PUBLIC OFFICER TO PREVENT THEM FROM PERFORMING THEIR DUTY, OPPOSING THE LAW ON MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	ADJOURNED
30.09.2021	EROL ÖNDEROĞLU, ŞEBNEM KORUR FİNCANCI, AHMET NESİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, PUBLICLY ABETTING CRIME, PRAISING THE CRIME AND CRIMINAL	ADJOURNED
30.09.2021	ABDURRAHMAN GÖK	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING PROPAGANDA CONSECUTIVELY FOR A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION VIA THE PRESS	ADJOURNED

# TRIALS CALENDAR

## UPCOMING TRIALS IN OCTOBER



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DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
05.10.2021	09:45	RUKEN DEMİR	İZMİR 19. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
07.10.2021		CANAN COŞKUN, CAN UĞUR, ALİ AÇAR	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING AND REVEALING IDENTITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS
07.10.2021	10:30	ALİ SÖNMEZ KAYAR	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
08.10.2021	10:00	CAN DÜNDAR, OSMAN KAVALA, MEHMET ALİ ALABORA, AYŞE MÜCELLA YAPICI, +12 OTHERS(GEZİ TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT AND/OR PREVENT IT FROM FULFILLING ITS DUTY
11.10.2021		HATİCE ŞAHİN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
12.10.2021	09:00	RUŞEN TAKVA	VAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
12.10.2021	10:30	HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
12.10.2021	10:00	İSMİNAZ TEMEL, HAVVA CUŞTAN	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
12.10.2021		ROJDA OĞUZ	VAN 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
13.10.2021		DERYA OKATAN	ANKARA 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
14.10.2021	09:20	MEHMET ŞAHİN	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ESTABLISHING AND LEADING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
14.10.2021	09:25	MEHMET ASLAN	İSTANBUL 24. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
14.10.2021	09:55	HAZAL OCAK	İSTANBUL 8. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
18.10.2021	10:00	MEHMET BARANSU, AHMET ALTAN, YASEMİN ÇONGAR, YILDIRAY OĞUR, TUNCAY OPÇİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND LEADING AN ARMED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, REVEALING INFORMATION RE. NATIONAL SECURITY
21.10.2021	09:50	RÜSTEM BATUM	İSTANBUL 41. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
21.10.2021	10:00	ADNAN BİLEN, CEMİL UĞUR, ŞEHRİBAN ABİ, NAZAN SALA, ZEYNEP DURGUT	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
26.10.2021		AHMET MEMİŞ, ALİ AKKUŞ, ATILLA TAŞ, CEMAL AZMİ KALYONCU, GÖKÇE FIRAT ÇULHAOĞLU, ÜNAL TANIK, YAKUP ÇETİN, YETKİN YILDIZ	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
26.10.2021		RAMAZAN AKOĞUL	DİYARBAKIR 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
26.10.2021	10:05	OSMAN AKIN, VEYSİ SARISÖZEN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
27.10.2021	09:20	CANER TAŞPINAR	İSTANBUL 11. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT
28.10.2021	10:20	KEMAL DEMİR, KEMAL KARAGÖZ	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

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