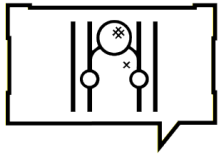


# PRESS FREEDOM IN TURKEY

MONTHLY BRIEFING / OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2021

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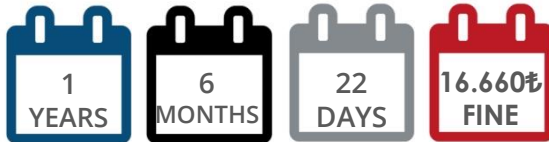
## 37 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

- 34 SENTENCED
- 3 ONGOING TRIAL

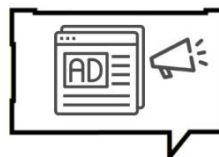


## TRIALS CALENDAR

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



In November, at least **28 journalist trials** will take place. See the calendar [here](#) →



## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In October:

- Reporters [threatened](#) by police, prevented from covering Oct 10 memorial in Ankara
- T24 columnist and journalist Hasan Cemal [faces investigation](#) for “insulting president” based on his social media posts
- Police [prevented](#) journalists from reporting on Boğaziçi protests

## MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN OCTOBER

## PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

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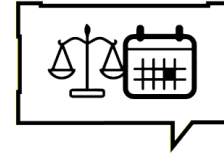
## IPI'S WORK IN TURKEY



- **IPI Event (Nov 4-5):** IPI holds its first [Annual Turkey Media Symposium](#) at Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul w/ international and local journalists. Please register [here to follow event online](#) and [here to attend in-person](#).
- **IPI Press Freedom Mission to Turkey:** A coalition of international journalism organizations led a mission to Turkey btw Oct 6-8 to investigate the threats to independent journalism in the country. [Read the initial findings here](#).
- **IPI Podcast:** New episode at IPI Freedom Dialogues Turkey w/ Mustafa Kuleli, Secretary General of the Journalists' Union of Turkey (TGS) on economic sustainability of quality journalism and media in authoritarian regimes. [Listen here \(TUR\)](#).

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## JOURNALIST TRIALS IN OCTOBER



DATE	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES	VERDICTS
05.10.2021	RUKEN DEMİR	İZMİR 19. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
06.10.2021	CAN DÜNDAR (MIT TRUCKS TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	OBTAINING AND DISCLOSING CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SECURITY OF THE STATE	ADJOURNED
07.10.2021	CANAN COŞKUN, CAN UĞUR, ALİ AÇAR	İSTANBUL 34. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TARGETING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS	ACQUITTAL
07.10.2021	ALİ SÖNMEZ KAYAR	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
07.10.2021	SELMAN KELEŞ	VAN 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
08.10.2021	CAN DÜNDAR, OSMAN KAVALA, MEHMET ALİ ALABORA, AYŞE MÜCELLA YAPICI, +12 OTHERS (GEZİ TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND/OR PREVENT IT FROM FULFILLING ITS DUTY	ADJOURNED
08.10.2021	ENGİN EREN	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
11.10.2021	HATİCE ŞAHİN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
12.10.2021	RUŞEN TAKVA	VAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	IPI MONITORED, ACQUITTAL
12.10.2021	HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
12.10.2021	İSMİNAZ TEMEL, HAVVA CUŞTAN	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
12.10.2021	ROZA METİNA	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ACQUITTAL
12.10.2021	ROJDA OĞUZ	VAN 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
13.10.2021	DERYA OKATAN	ANKARA 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
14.10.2021	MEHMET ŞAHİN	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	FOUNDING AND MANAGING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
14.10.2021	MEHMET ASLAN	İSTANBUL 24. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
14.10.2021	SİNAN AYGÜL	BİTLİS 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	SENTENCED TO 16,660 TL FINE
14.10.2021	HAZAL OCAK	İSTANBUL 8. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED

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14.10.2021	HAYKO BAĞDAT	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA VIA THE PRESS	ADJOURNED
14.10.2021	SONYA BAYIK	BATMAN 1. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATING THE LAW ON MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	ADJOURNED
17-18.10.2021	MEHMET BARANSU, AHMET ALTAN, YASEMİN ÇONGAR, YILDIRAY OĞUR, TUNCAY OPÇİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISCLOSING THE DOCUMENTS IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY	ADJOURNED
20.10.2021	AHMET KANBAL, MEHMET ŞAH ORUÇ, ROJDA AYDIN, NURCAN YAŁÇIN, HALİME PARLAK	MARDİN 1. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATING THE LAW ON MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	ACQUITTAL
20.10.2021	VEDAT ÖRÜÇ	KOCAELİ 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR 6 MONTHS 22 DAYS
21.10.2021	RÜSTEM BATUM	İSTANBUL 41. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
21.10.2021	ADNAN BİLEN, BEMİL UĞUR, ŞEHRİBAN ABİ, NAZAN SALA, ZEYNEP DURGUT	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
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	ADJOURNED
26.10.2021	RAMAZAN AKOĞUL	DİYARBAKIR 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
26.10.2021	OSMAN AKIN, VEYSİ SARISÖZEN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
27.10.2021	CANER TAŞPINAR	İSTANBUL 11. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFAMATION	ADJOURNED
28.10.2021	KEMAL DEMİR, KEMAL KARAGÖZ	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED

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## UPCOMING TRIALS IN NOVEMBER

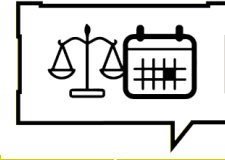


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02.11.2021	10:25	İNAN KIZILKAYA, CAN DÜNDAR (TRIAL 1)	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
02.11.2021	09:55	YETKİN YILDIZ	BAKIRKÖY 31. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT, LIBEL
03.11.2021	11:30	EREN KESKİN, HÜSEYİN AYKOL, REYHAN ÇAPAN, İSLAM TÜNER, LÜTFİ YAVUZASLAN, METHİ KAYA, HASAN BAŞAK, KEMAL YAKUT (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PRAISING THE CRIME AND CRIMINAL, TERRORIST PROPAGANDA, OVERTLY INCITING TO COMMIT A CRIME
09.11.2021	10:45	SEMİHA ŞAHİN, PINAR GAYIP	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
09.11.2021		AYŞE KARA	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
09.11.2021	13:00	İDRİS YAYLA, +27 OTHERS	BATMAN 1. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATING THE LAW ON MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS
09.11.2021		FATİH GÖNÜL	ANKARA 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
11.11.2021	10:30	KİBRIYE EVREN	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
11.11.2021		ŞERİFE ORUÇ	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
12.11.2021	10:00	MEHMET BARANSU, AHMET ALTAN, YAŞEMİN ÇONGAR, YILDIRAY OĞUR, TUNCAY OĞÇİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISCLOSING THE DOCUMENTS IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY
12.11.2021	11:40	RÜSTEM BATUM	İSTANBUL 43. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING THE TURKISH NATION, DEGRADING THE ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE
16.11.2021	11:40	ZANA BİLİR KAYA, HÜSEYİN AYKOL, İNAN KIZILKAYA	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING THE TURKISH NATION, DEGRADING THE ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE
16.11.2021	09:40	DİNDAR KARATAŞ	ERZURUM 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
18.11.2021	10:10	AHMET ALTAN	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
18.11.2021		YAKUP ÖNAL	ŞARKÖY CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATION OF THE LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

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18.11.2021	14:00	SADIYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
18.11.2021	10:00	KERİM KARAKAYA, FERCAN YALINKILIÇ, MUSTAFA SÖNMEZ, SEDEF KABAŞ, MERDAN YANARDAĞ, ORHAN AYDIN (BLOOMBERG TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON CAPITAL MARKET
18.11.2021		OKTAY CANDEMİR	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
19.11.2021		ENGİN EREN	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
22.11.2021		NURCAN YALÇIN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
23.11.2021	09:30	JAKE HANRAHAN, PHILIP JOHN PENDLEBURY	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
23.11.2021	10:10	KCK PRESS TRIAL	İSTANBUL 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
23.11.2021	10:00	ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM RAID TRIAL	İSTANBUL 5. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING A PUBLIC OFFICER TO PREVENT THEM FROM FULFILLING THEIR DUTY, INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
25.11.2021	10:00	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING TURKISH NATION, THE ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE
26.11.2021		CAN DÜNDAR, OSMAN KAVALA, MEHMET ALİ ALABORA, AYŞE MÜCELLA YAPICI, +12 OTHERS (GEZİ TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND/OR PREVENT IT FROM FULFILLING ITS DUTY
30.11.2021	10:55	AZİZ ORUÇ, ERSİN ÇAKSU	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING TURKISH NATION, THE ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE
30.11.2021	9:40	REYHAN ÇAPAN	İSTANBUL 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA VIA THE PRESS, PUBLISHING STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
30.11.2021	10:10	DENİZ YÜCEL (TRIAL 2)	İSTANBUL 24. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

# ○ 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.



## ○ Turkish Cypriot journalist banned from entering Turkey

October 14, 2021

IPI condemned the deportation of Turkish Cypriot journalist Ali Kışmır from Turkey due to an “entry ban”.



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## ○ Turkey's press freedom crisis compounded by increasing digital censorship

October 9, 2021

Turkey's press freedom crisis is being compounded by increasing digital censorship, a group of international press freedom, journalism and human rights groups said following a joint mission to the country this week.



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## ○ IPI leads international mission to Turkey, Oct. 6 – 8, 2021

October 7, 2021

A coalition of international press freedom and journalist groups carried out a three-day mission to Turkey this week to investigate serious, continued threats to independent journalism in the country.



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