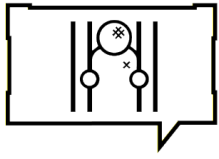


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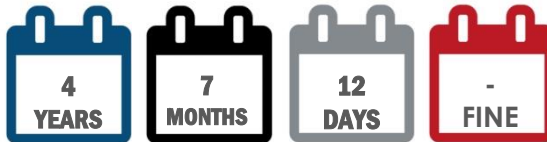
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CURRENTLY IN JAIL

- 34 SENTENCED
- 3 ONGOING TRIAL

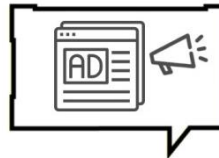


TRIALS CALENDAR

In November, **33** journalist trials were held.
2 journalists were sentenced to:



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



OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In November:

- MA reporter Emrullah Acar [detained](#) at home raid, was asked about news sources at interrogation
- Syrian journalist Majed Shamaa [detained](#) in Istanbul, faced deportation after reporting on a satirical video
- Greek Dimokratia journalists [face charges](#) on “insulting” President Erdoğan in a controversial front page headline.

MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN NOVEMBER

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

- IPI welcomes unanimous decision of Council of State, urges permanent overturning of April 2021 police directive.

IPI Statement [here](#) →

- IPI joined the global appeal that marks 2000 days in prison for journalist Nedim Türfent, urged Turkish authorities for Türfent’s release.

Joint statement [here](#) →

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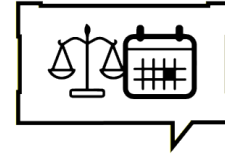
IPI’S WORK IN TURKEY



- **IPI Media Symposium:** IPI held its first [Annual Turkey Media Symposium](#) at Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul w/ international and local journalists. [Read here](#) the recap of panels on Day 1 (TUR).
- **IPI Webinar:** IPI Turkey National Committee, in partnership with the Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul (CGC), held a webinar on fake news, digital echo chambers. Watch the recording [here](#).
- **IPI Podcast:** New episode at IPI Freedom Dialogues Turkey w/ climate activist and journalist Ömer Madra on the responsibility of the media in climate crisis. [Listen here](#).

TRIALS CALENDAR

JOURNALIST TRIALS IN NOVEMBER



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DATE	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES	VERDICTS
02.11.2021	İNAN KIZILKAYA, CAN DÜNDAR (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM)	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
02.11.2021	YETKİN YILDIZ	BAKIRKÖY 31. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT, DEFAMATION	ADJOURNED
03.11.2021	EREN KESKİN, HÜSEYİN AYKOL, REYHAN ÇAPAN, İSLAM TÜNER, LÜTFİ YAVUZASLAN, METHİ KAYA, HASAN BAŞAK, KEMAL YAKUT (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PRAISING THE CRIME AND CRIMINALS; INCITING PUBLIC TO COMMIT A CRIME; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
09.11.2021	SEMIHA ŞAHİN, PINAR GAYIP	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
09.11.2021	AYŞE KARA	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ACQUITTAL
09.11.2021	İDRİS YAYLA, +27 OTHERS	BATMAN 1. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS	ADJOURNED
09.11.2021	FATİH GÖNÜL	ANKARA 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
09.11.2021	SİBEL HÜRTAŞ	ANKARA 37. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING POLICE OFFICERS PREVENTING FROM PERFORMING THEIR DUTY	ADJOURNED
11.11.2021	KİBRIYE EVREN	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
11.11.2021	ŞERİFE ORUÇ	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
11.11.2021	CAN ATAĞLI	İSTANBUL 22. CRIMINAL COURT	DEGRADING A PARTICULAR SECTION OF SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL STATUS OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS	ADJOURNED
12.11.2021	MEHMET BARANSU, AHMET ALTAN, YASEMİN ÇONGAR, YILDIRAY OĞUR, TUNCAY OPÇİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISCLOSING THE STATE SECRETS AND DOCUMENTS RE. NATIONAL SECURITY	ADJOURNED
12.11.2021	RÜSTEM BATUM	İSTANBUL 43. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING TURKISH NATION AND THE STATE AND ITS ORGANS (TCK 301)	-
16.11.2021	ZANA BILIR KAYA, HÜSEYİN AYKOL, İNAN KIZILKAYA	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING TURKISH NATION AND THE STATE AND ITS ORGANS (TCK 301)	ADJOURNED
17.11.2021	DİNDAR KARATAŞ	ERZURUM 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ACQUITTAL
18.11.2021	AHMET ALTAN	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED



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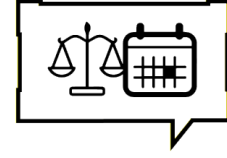


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18.11.2021	YAKUP ÖNAL	ŞARKÖY CRIMINAL COURT	DISCLOSING PERSONAL DATA	ACQUITTAL
18.11.2021	SADIYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
18.11.2021	KERİM KARAKAYA, FERCAN YALINKILIÇ, MUSTAFA SÖNMEZ, SEDEF KABAŞ, MERDAN YANARDAĞ, ORHAN AYDIN, +32 OTHERS	İSTANBUL 3. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAWE ON CAPITAL	ADJOURNED
18.11.2021	OKTAY CANDEMİR	VAN 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ACQUITTAL
19.11.2021	ENGİN EREN	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
22.11.2021	NURCAN YALÇIN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS 7 MONTHS 22 DAYS
23.11.2021	JAMAL KHASHOGGI MURDER CASE (14 DEFENDANTS)	ISTANBUL 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DELIBERATE MURDER	ADJOURNED
23.11.2021	JAKE HANRAHAN, PHILIP JOHN PENDLEBURY	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
23.11.2021	KCK PRESS TRIAL	İSTANBUL 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
23.11.2021	ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM RAID TRIAL (22 DEFENDANTS)	İSTANBUL 5. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING POLICE OFFICERS PREVENTING FROM PERFORMING THEIR DUTY; INSULT	ADJOURNED
25.11.2021	FATİH GÖNÜL	ANKARA 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ACQUITTAL
25.11.2021	DENİZ YÜCEL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING TURKISH NATION AND THE STATE AND ITS ORGANS (TCK 301)	ADJOURNED
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	ADJOURNED
29.11.2021	CEREN SÖZERİ (EVRENSEL)	İSTANBUL 2. TRADE COURT	COMPENSATION (BY SERHAT ALBAYRAK)	ADJOURNED
30.11.2021	AZİZ ORUÇ, ERSİN ÇAKSU	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING TURKISH NATION AND THE STATE AND ITS ORGANS (TCK 301)	-
30.11.2021	REYHAN ÇAPAN	İSTANBUL 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA VIA THE PRESS	ADJOURNED
30.11.2021	DENİZ YÜCEL (CASE 2)	İSTANBUL 24. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED

TRIALS CALENDAR

UPCOMING TRIALS IN DECEMBER



DATE	TIME	DEFENDANTS	COURT	CHARGES
01.12.2021	14:00	HAZAL OCAK, OLCAY BÜYÜKTAŞ, İPEK ÖZBEY, VEDAT ARIK	İSTANBUL 26. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	REVEALING IDS OF STATE OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS; VIOLATION OF PRIVACY OF PERSONAL LIFE
07.12.2021		CİHAN ÖLMEZ	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
07.12.2021	14:00	KENAN KIRKAYA	ANKARA 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
08.12.2021		AZİZ ORUÇ	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
09.12.2021	09:30	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; DISRUPTING INFORMATICS SYSTEMS; REMOVING DATA
10.12.2021	10:30	BEYZA KURAL (3 POLICE OFFICERS AS DEFENDANTS)	İSTANBUL 35. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT AND FREEDOM TO WORK
13.12.2021		DURKET SÜREN	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; AIDING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
14.12.2021	09:10	ROJHAT DOĞRU	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DISRUPTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE STATE AND THE NATION; ATTEMPT TO MURDER
15.12.2021	09:30	ENGİN KORKMAZ	ANTALYA 19. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT
16.12.2021	09:30	ASLI ERDOĞAN (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM MAIN RE-TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
16.12.2021	10:30	KEMAL DEMİR, KEMAL KARAGÖZ	İSTANBUL 28. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
16.12.2021	09:40	MEHMET ASLAN	İSTANBUL 24. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
16.12.2021	11:05	DERYA OKATAN	İSTANBUL 39. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT
21.12.2021		HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
21.12.2021	11:30	ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM RAID TRIAL (22 DEFENDANTS)	İSTANBUL 5. CRIMINAL COURT	RESISTING POLICE OFFICERS PREVENTING FROM PERFORMING THEIR DUTY; INSULT
23.12.2021	10:45	AHMET SEVER	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING PRESIDENT
23.12.2021		AHMET SEVER	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
23.12.2021	10:10	İNAN KIZILKAYA, CAN DÜNDAR (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM)	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLISHING ON BEHALF OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
23.12.2021	11:40	EREN KESKİN, REYHAN ÇAPAN	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	-
24.12.2021	10:00	MEŞALE TOLU VE DİĞERLERİ	İSTANBUL 29. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
28.12.2021		DENİZ YÜCEL (CASE 2)	İSTANBUL 24. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
29.12.2021	10:00	CAN DÜNDAR (MİT TRUCKS TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	OBTAINING AND DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL INFO FOR POLITICAL OR MILITARY ESPIONAGE

○ 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.



○ Turkey: Court suspends ban on recording protests

November 15, 2021

IPI welcomed the decision by Turkey's Council of State to suspend a police directive banning journalists and members of the public from recording public demonstrations. The ruling is an important step toward safeguarding media coverage of protests in Turkey, which have recently been marred by cases of police violence.

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○ Global appeal marks 2000 days in prison for journalist Nedim Türfent

November 3, 2021

IPI joins 53 organizations to mark 2000 days of Türfent's imprisonment, urge authorities once again for his immediate release.

[Read more](#)

○ IPI Trial Blog: Kurdish journalist acquitted of "membership of a terrorist organization"

November 2, 2021

IPI representative monitored the trial of Kurdish journalist Ruşen Takva at the Van 5th High Criminal Court on Oct 12 as part of IPI's Turkey trial monitoring programme. Takva was acquitted of all charges.

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