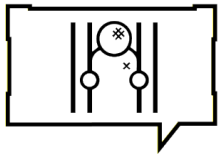


PRESS FREEDOM IN TURKEY

MONTHLY BRIEFING / MAY - JUNE 2022

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32 JOURNALISTS CURRENTLY IN JAIL

- 30 SENTENCED
- 2 ONGOING TRIAL

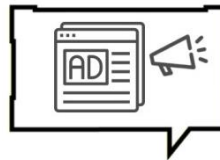


TRIALS CALENDAR

In May, **26** journalist trials were held. **10** journalists were sentenced to:



In June, at least **32** journalist trials will take place. See the calendar [here](#) →



OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

In May:

- At least 10 journalists [assaulted](#) by the police, targeted w/ pepper gas while reporting on #GeziPark protests' 9th anniversary, 6 journalists briefly detained.
- Newspaper BirGün and its reporter İsmail Arı [fined to 200.000 TL](#) in compensation for non-pecuniary damage for Erdoğan's son in-law & his brother over a news report.

MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN MAY

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS THIS MONTH IN TURKEY

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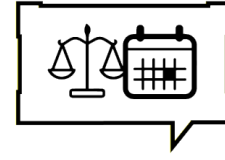
IPI'S WORK IN TURKEY



- **IPI Mission Report:** IPI published its [2021 Mission Report](#) on media freedom in Turkey as government announces draft law on disinformation.
- **IPI Freedom Dialogues:** IPI released the [26th podcast episode](#) w/ journalist Sedef Kabaş on insulting the President and its impact of press freedom in Turkey.
- **IPI Programme "The Journalist":** IPI Turkey launched a new video programme in collaboration w/ MedyaScope on the future of journalism in Turkey. All episodes [available here](#).
- **IPI Master Classes:** IPI Turkey launches a new Master Class series "Turkey Digital News Accelerator". First Master Class w/ News Catalyst Director Aron Pilhofer on innovation in journalism. [Register here](#).

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JOURNALIST TRIALS IN MAY

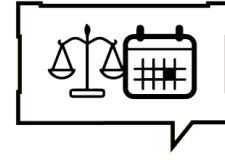


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10.05.2022	ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM: HÜSEYİN AYKOL, REYHAN ÇAPAN + 5 MORE	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
10.05.2022	RAMAZAN AKOĞUL	DİYARBAKIR 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
11.05.2022	HATİCE ŞAHİN	DİYARBAKIR 9. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
11.05.2022	METİN CİHAN	İSTANBUL 22. CRIMINAL COURT	ILLEGALLY OBTAINING OR PROVIDING DATA	ADJOURNED
12.05.2022	SADIYE ESER, SADIK TOPALOĞLU	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
12.05.2022	ÇETİN KURŞUN	MARDİN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
12.05.2022	OLAF KOENS, PEPIJN NAGTZAAM	EDİRNE 5. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON MILITARY FORBIDDEN ZONES AND SECURITY ZONES	ACQUITTAL
13.05.2022	ENGİN KORKMAZ	ANTALYA 19. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
13.05.2022	BEYZA KURAL (3 POLICE OFFICERS AS DEFENDANTS)	İSTANBUL 35. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATION OF THE FREEDOM OF WORK AND LABOUR	ADJOURNED
17.05.2022	ALİ SÖNMEZ KAYAR	İSTANBUL 32. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
17.05.2022	NURCAN YALÇIN	DİYARBAKIR 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	KNOWINGLY HELPING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
17.05.2022	İSMAİL ARI	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	DEFAMATION	SENTENCED TO 200.000 TL FINE
19.05.2022	REYHAN ÇAPAN (RETRIAL)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS 6 MONTHS
20.05.2022	ENGİN EREN	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
24.05.2022	EREN KESKİN, REYHAN ÇAPAN	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE PRESS LAW (NO. 5187)	SENTENCED TO 12.500 TL FINE EACH



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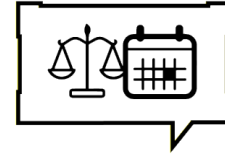


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24.05.2022	EREN TUTEL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT TO A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
25.05.2022	BARIŞ BARIŞTIRAN (RETRIAL)	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
26.05.2022	SEMIHA ŞAHİN, PINAR GAYIP	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
26.05.2022	JAKE HANRAHAN, PHILIP JOHN PENDLEBURY	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	AIDING AND ABETTING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
26.05.2022	ERTUĞRUL MAVİOĞLU, ÇAYAN DEMİREL (BAKUR RETRIAL)	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
26.05.2022	SELMAN KELEŞ (TRIAL 2)	VAN 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	-
30.05.2022	RAMAZAN ÖLÇEN	DİYARBAKIR 11. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
31.05.2022	VELAT ÖZTEKİN	DİYARBAKIR 7. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
31.05.2022	İNAN KIZILKAYA, CAN DÜNDAR (ÖZGÜR GÜNDEM)	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLISHING FOR A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	-
31.05.2022	İSMAİL SAYMAZ	İSTANBUL 35. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT	ADJOURNED
31.05.2022	DERYA OKATAN	İSTANBUL 39. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT	ACQUITTAL
31.05.2022	ZELAL TUNÇ	MURADIYE 4. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	SENTENCED TO 8 MONTHS 22 DAYS

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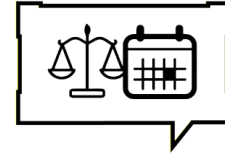


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01.06.2022	HAYKO BAĞDAT (TRIAL 1)	İSTANBUL 50. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
01.06.2022	CHARLIE HEBDO TRIAL (JULIN SERIGNAC, GERARD BIARD, LAURENT SOURISSEAU, ALICE PETIT)	ANKARA 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
02.06.2022	CEM BAHTİYAR	BALIKESİR 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
02.06.2022	İSMİNAZ TEMEL, HAVVA CUŞTAN	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
02.06.2022	İDRİS YAYLA, +27 others	BATMAN 1. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING THE LAW ON MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES
03.06.2022	ENGİN EREN	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
03.06.2022	DEVİRİM AYIK	İZMİR 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; KNOWINGLY HELPING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
03.06.2022	AZİZ ORUÇ, DİCLE MÜFTÜOĞLU	AĞRI 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
07.06.2022	HAZAL OCAK, SERKAN OZAN, OLCAY BÜYÜKTAŞ AKÇA, OZAN YURTOĞLU	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT, LIBEL
07.06.2022	CİHAN ÖLMEZ	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
09.06.2022	KCK PRESS TRIAL	İSTANBUL 3. CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
14.06.2022	ÖZGÜRLÜKÇÜ DEMOKRASİ RETRIAL	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLISHING ON BEHALF OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
14.06.2022	RÜSTEM BATUM (TRIAL 1)	İSTANBUL 5. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
14.06.2022	EROL ÖNDEROĞLU, ŞEBNEM KORUR FİNCANCI, AHMET NESİN	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	TERRORIST PROPAGANDA; PUBLICLY ABETTING CRIME; PRAISING A CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL
15.06.2022	SADIYE ESER (TOTAL 34 DEFENDANTS)	İSTANBUL 6. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
15.06.2022	İSMAİL SAYMAZ	İSTANBUL 35. CRIMINAL COURT	PRAISING A CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL
16.06.2022	CENGİZ ÇANDAR	İSTANBUL 30. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING THE TURKISH NATION, THE TURKISH STATE, AND ITS ORGANS

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16.06.2022	ZANA BILIR KAYA, HÜSEYİN AYKOL, İNAN KIZILKAYA	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING THE TURKISH NATION, THE TURKISH STATE, AND ITS ORGANS
21.06.2022	BERİTAN CANÖZER	DİYARBAKIR 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA THROUGH THE MEDIA OR PRESS
21.06.2022	HAZAL OCAK	İSTANBUL 8. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL
22.06.2022	AHMET MEMİŞ, ALİ AKKUŞ, CEMAL AZMİ KALYONCU, GÖKÇE FIRAT ÇULHAOĞLU, ÜNAL TANIK, YAKUP ÇETİN, YETKİN YILDIZ	İSTANBUL 25. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
23.06.2022	ŞERİFE ORUÇ	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
23.06.2022	CAN DÜNDAR (MİT TRUCKS)	İSTANBUL 14. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	OBTAINING AND DISCLOSING INFORMATION THAT SHOULD REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL FOR POLITICAL OR MILITARY ESPIONAGE
24.06.2022	RÜSTEM BATUM (TRIAL 3)	İSTANBUL 43. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING THE TURKISH NATION, THE TURKISH STATE, AND ITS ORGANS
24.06.2022	METİN CİHAN	İSTANBUL 22. CRIMINAL COURT	ILLEGALLY OBTAINING OR PROVIDING DATA
28.06.2022	YETKİN YILDIZ	BAKIRKÖY 31. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT, DEFAMATION
28.06.2022	ZAMAN NEWSPAPER RETRIAL (AHMET TURAN ALKAN, ALİ BULAÇ +9 OTHERS)	İSTANBUL 13. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	ATTEMPT TO REMOVE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER; RUNNING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA; HELPING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER
28.06.2022	SONYA BAYIK	BATMAN 1. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFYING TO THE LAW ON MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES
28.06.2022	ÇAĞRI SARI, ARİF KOŞAR	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	DENIGRATING THE TURKISH NATION, THE TURKISH STATE, AND ITS ORGANS
28.06.2022	İSMAİL SAYMAZ	NİĞDE 2. CRIMINAL COURT	ILLEGALLY OBTAINING OR PROVIDING DATA
29.06.2022	HAYRİ DEMİR	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
30.06.2022	ABDURRAHMAN GÖK	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

○ FREE TURKEY JOURNALISTS NEWSROOM

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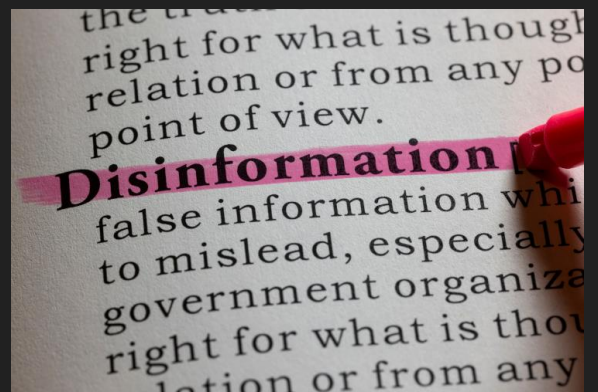


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May 27, 2022

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○ New IPI Report: Growing digital censorship in Turkey

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