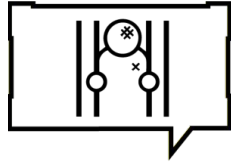


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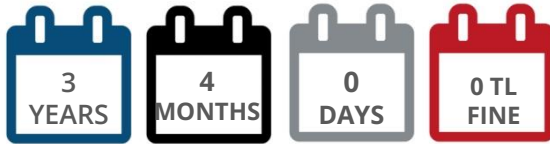
37 JOURNALISTS
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- 18 SENTENCED
- 19 ONGOING TRIAL



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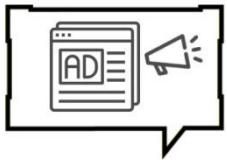
In May, **29** journalist trials were held.
2 journalists were sentenced to:



In June, at least **16** journalist trials will be held.
See the calendar [here](#) →

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- IPI and 19 other media freedom and journalist groups [called on](#) the incoming Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union to place media freedom and human rights front and centre of relations with the newly re-elected Government of Turkey.
- On June 16, IPI [monitored](#) the first hearing of JINNEWS News Agency News Director Safiye Alağaç in Diyarbakır after a year in detention.



MEDIA CRACKDOWN IN JUNE 2023

PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY

- IPI condemned the arrest of prominent journalist Merdan Yanardağ on terrorism charges.

IPI statement [here](#) →

- IPI and 25 other media organizations condemned the appalling attack against journalist Sinan Aygül.

Joint statement [here](#) →

- IPI issued a statement against broadcast regulator RTÜK's latest decision to fine several broadcasters over their critical election coverage.

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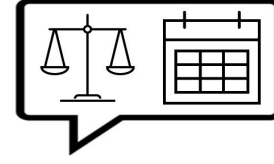


- **IPI Freedom Dialogues:** Listen to the [last episode](#) of the Freedom Dialogues podcast series w/ journalist and KaosGL.org chief editor Yıldız Tar on LGBTI+ movement in Turkey, hosted by journalist Cansu Çamlıbel.
- **IPI - Medyascope Programme "The Journalist":** Watch the [28th episode](#) w/ journalist İpek Özbey on political reporting, current state of mainstream and opposition media and differences between journalism and activism, hosted by journalist İpek Yezdani. All episodes [available here](#).



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JOURNALIST TRIALS IN JUNE

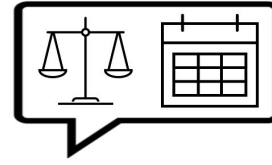


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01.06.2023	YAĞMUR KAYA	AYDIN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	IDENTIFYING OFFICIALS ON ANTI-TERROR DUTIES AS TARGETS	ADJOURNED
06.06.2023	AHMET SEVER	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
06.06.2023	EVİRİM KEPENEK	SELÇUK CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT	ADJOURNED
06.06.2023	MANSUR ÇELİK	ANKARA 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	IDENTIFYING OFFICIALS ON ANTI-TERROR DUTIES AS TARGETS	ADJOURNED
07.06.2023	PAKRAT ESTUKYAN, RAMAZAN YURTTAPAN, CİHAN DOĞAN, MEHMET NİMET SEVİM	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
08.06.2023	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; HELPING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
08.06.2023	SİBEL TEKİN	ANKARA 26. CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
10.06.2023	İHSAN YAŞAR, İŞHAK YASUL, MEHMET ALİ ÇELEBİ, MİZGİN FENDİK, PINAR TARLAK, REYHAN HACIOĞLU, HİCRAN UZUN (RE-TRIAL)	İSTANBUL 23. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLISHING STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS; MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA; OPENLY INCITING THE PUBLIC TO HATRED AND HOSTILITY; PRAISING A CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL	ADJOURNED
12.06.2023	CEYLAN ŞAHİNLİ	ANKARA 20. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ACQUITTAL
13.06.2023	BARANSEL AĞCA	ELAZIĞ 8. CRIMINAL COURT	OBTAINING OR SPREADING PERSONAL DATA UNLAWFULLY	ADJOURNED
13.06.2023	BARANSEL AĞCA	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
13.06.2023	JULIN SERIGNAC, GERARD BIARD, LAURENT SOURISSEAU, ALICE PETIT (CHARLIE HEBDO TRIAL)	ANKARA 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
13.06.2023	YETKİN YILDIZ	BAKIRKÖY 31. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT; DEFAMATION	ADJOURNED
13.06.2023	İSMİNAZ TEMEL, HAVVA CUŞTAN	ISTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED



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JOURNALIST TRIALS IN JUNE



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13.06.2023	CANAN COŞKUN, BARIŞ PEHLİVAN	İSTANBUL 34.. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	IDENTIFYING OFFICIALS ON ANTI-TERROR DUTIES AS TARGETS	ACQUITTAL
13.06.2023	AHMET ALTAN, NAZLI ILICAK, YAKUP ŞİMŞEK, FEVZİ YAZICI	İSTANBUL 26. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
15.06.2023	SAFİYE ALAĞAŞ	DİYARBAKIR 5. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ACQUITTAL
15.06.2023	EREN TUTEL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL DUE TO HIS OR HER DUTY	ADJOURNED
20.06.2023	ERTUĞRUL MAVİOĞLU, ÇAYAN DEMİREL (RE-TRIAL)	BATMAN 2. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
20.06.2023	RAMAZAN YURTTAPAN, HAYDAR ERGÜL	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
20.06.2023	KCK PRESS TRIAL	İSTANBUL 3. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
20.06.2023	DOĞAN ERGÜN, İZEL SEZER	İSTANBUL 33. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULT; DEFAMATION	VERDICT (2 years 16 months)
21.06.2023	CEREN SÖZERİ	İSTANBUL 2. TRADE COURT	INSULT	ADJOURNED
22.06.2023	MEHMET GÖCEKLİ	İSTANBUL 27. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA	ADJOURNED
22.06.2023	JAKE HANRAHAN, PHILIP JOHN PENDLEBURY	DİYARBAKIR 8. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	HELPING AN ARMED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
22.06.2023	SEDEF KABAŞ	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT	ADJOURNED
22.06.2023	BARIŞ PEHLİVAN, OZAN ALPER YURTOĞLU	İSTANBUL 15. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT; INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL	ADJOURNED
22.06.2023	EYLÜL DENİZ YAŞAR	ANKARA 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED
22.06.2023	SEZGİN KARTAL	İSTANBUL 22. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP IN A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION	ADJOURNED



TRIALS CALENDAR

UPCOMING JOURNALIST TRIALS IN JULY



DATE	DEFENDANT(S)	COURT	CHARGE(S)
04.07.2023	ZEYNEP KURAL	İSTANBUL 39. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATING THE LAW ON ASSEMBLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
04.07.2023	OSMAN AKIN, VEYSİ SARISÖZEN	İSTANBUL 13.. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	SPREADING TERRORIST PROPAGANDA
05.07.2023	DİREN YURTSEVER, BERİVAN ALTAN, CEYLAN ŞAHİNLİ, DENİZ NAZLIM, EMRULLAH ACAR, HAKAN YALÇIN, SELMAN GÜZELYÜZ, ZEMO AĞGÖZ, MEHMET GÜNHAN, HABİBE EREN, ÖZNUR DEĞER	ANKARA 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
05.07.2023	HAYRİ DEMİR (RE-TRIAL)	ANKARA 15. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
07.07.2023	BARANSEL AĞCA	ELAZIĞ 8. CRIMINAL COURT	OBTAINING OR SPREADING PERSONAL DATA UNLAWFULLY
07.07.2023	YAĞMUR KAYA	İSTANBUL 17. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATING THE LAW ON ASSEMBLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
07.07.2023	HAZAL OCAK, OLCAY BÜYÜKTAŞ, İPEK ÖZBEY, VEDAT ARIK	İSTANBUL 26. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	REVEALING THE ID.S OF STATE OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS AND/OR IDENTIFYING THEM AS TARGETS, VIOLATION OF PRIVACY OF PERSONAL LIFE
07.07.2023	RÜSTEM BATUM	İSTANBUL 43. CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLICLY DENIGRATING THE STATE'S SECURITY AND MILITARY FORCES
10.07.2023	ÖZNUR DEĞER	ANKARA 18. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATING THE LAW ON ASSEMBLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
11.07.2023	İSMAİL ARI	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
11.07.2023	ROZERİN GÜLTEKİN	BURSA 18. CRIMINAL COURT	VIOLATING THE LAW ON ASSEMBLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
11.07.2023	AZİZ ORUÇ, ELİF ÜNGÜR, İBRAHİM KOYUNCU, LEZGİN AKDENİZ, MAZLUM GÜLER, MEHMET ŞAHİN, MEHMET ALİ ERTAŞ, NEŞE TOPRAK, ÖMER ÇELİK, RAMAZAN GECİKEN, REMZİYE TEMEL, SERDAR ALTAN, SUAT DOĞUHAN, ZEYNEL ABİDİN BULUT, ABDURRAHMAN ÖNCÜ, ESMER TUNÇ, İBRAHİM BAYRAM, MEHMET YALÇIN	DİYARBAKIR 4. HIGH CRIMINAL COURT	MEMBERSHIP OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
13.07.2023	NAGİHAN YILKIN, MUSTAFA BÜYÜKSİPAHİ	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
18.07.2023	MERDAN YANARDAĞ	İSTANBUL 2. CRIMINAL COURT	INSULTING THE PRESIDENT
18.07.2023	CANAN KAYA	İSTANBUL 39. CRIMINAL COURT	DEFAMATION
19.07.2023	RUŞEN TAKVA	HAKKARİ CRIMINAL COURT	PUBLICLY DISSEMINATING MISLEADING INFORMATION (NEW DISINFORMATION LAW)



○ 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: Prominent journalist arrested on terrorism charges

June 27, 2023

IPI condemned the arrest of TELE1 TV Editor-in-Chief Merdan Yanardağ in Istanbul and called on authorities to stop punishing journalists for expressing their views within the scope of freedom of expression.

[Read more](#)



○ Turkey: International groups condemn attack against journalist Sinan Aygül

June 20, 2023

IPI and 25 other media organizations condemned the appalling attack against journalist Sinan Aygül that took place in Tatvan, a city in eastern Turkey, on June 17.

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○ Turkey: Broadcast regulator fines several news channels over critical coverage of elections

June 8, 2023

IPI issued a statement and condemned the latest decision by Turkey's broadcast regulator RTÜK to fine FOX TV, Halk TV, TELE 1, and Flash Haber TV over their critical election coverage.

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