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304
hearings

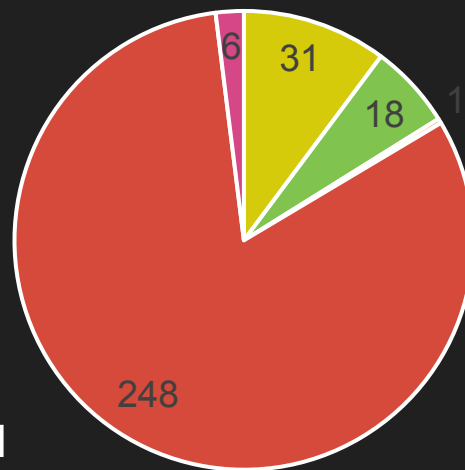


142
unique trials



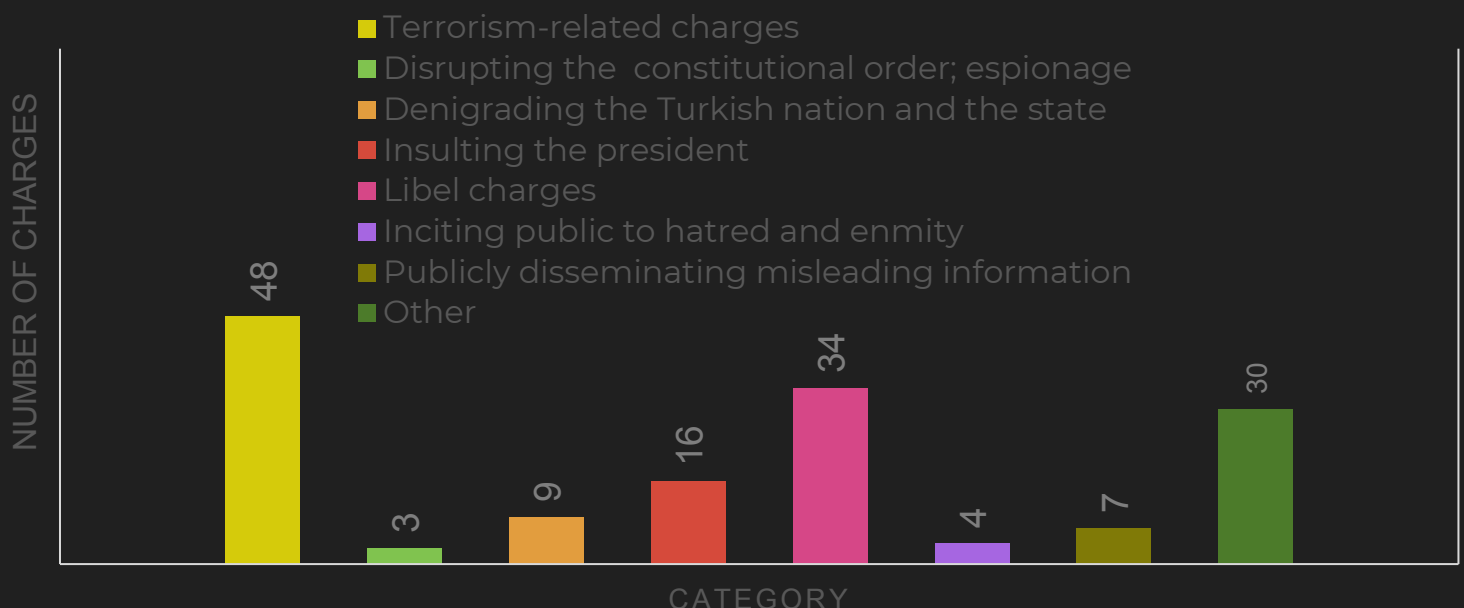
207
journalists on trial

RULINGS



- Acquittals
- Convictions
- Acquittal & Conviction*
- Adjudged
- Dismissed

CHARGES**



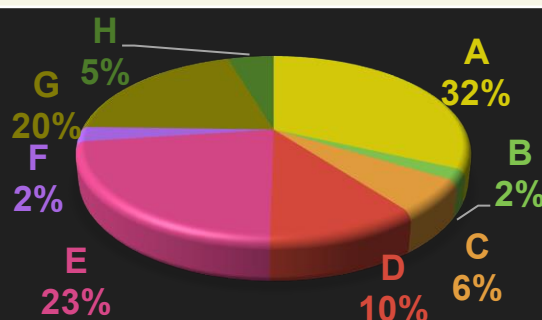
*To see the full description of categories, please visit: <https://freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media/data-and-research/>



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CHARGES

CHARGES (at 142 Unique Trials)	Code	No.
Terrorism-related charges (Related articles: TCK 314, TMK 7/2, TCK 220/8)	A	48
Disrupting the constitutional order; Violation of the constitution; Espionage; Obtaining documents re. national security (Related articles: TCK 309, TCK 311, TCK 312)	B	3
Denigrating the Turkish Nation, Turkish State, the Parliament, the Government and Judicial Organs (Related articles: TCK 301)	C	9
Insulting the President (Related articles: TCK 299)	D	16
Insulting a public official; Defamation (Related articles: TCK 125, TCK 267)	E	34
Inciting public to hatred and enmity; Denigrating a part of the society due to their religious beliefs (Related articles: TCK 214, TCK 216)	F	4
Other (Including charges on Targeting a public official; Defying the Law on Demonstrations, Defying the Law on Capital Market, Praising crime and criminals)	G	30
Disinformation law (Related articles: TCK 217/A)	H	7

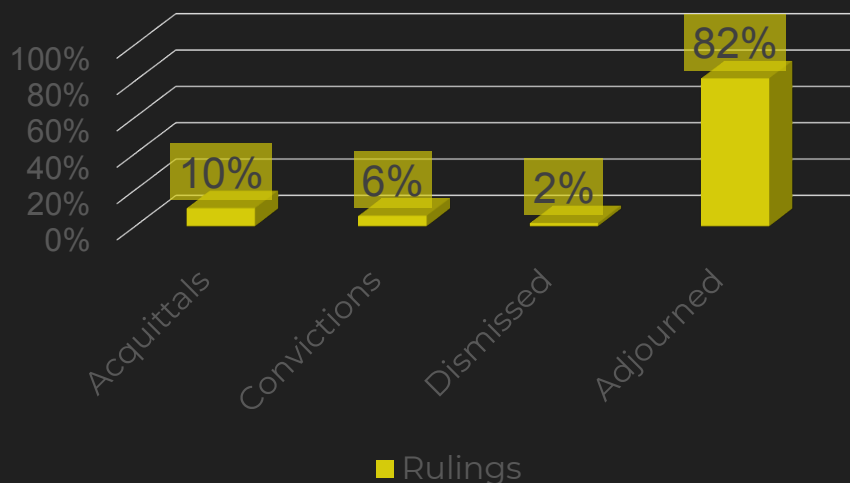


RULINGS AND SENTENCES

RULINGS (at 304 Hearings)	No.
Dismissed	6
Acquittal	31
Conviction	18
Acquittal & Conviction*	1
Adjourned	248
Total	304

*In one separate case with single defendant, there was a ruling for both conviction and acquittal.

RULINGS



70k TL
fine
(approx.)



24.5
years of
sentencing
(at 14 convictions)

RTÜK & BİK PENALTIES



Penalties	Fines	Broadcast bans	Media blackout
Halk TV	3.495.077 TL (14)	15	0
Tele 1	1.457.546 TL (17)	8	1 (7 days)
KRT TV	342.952 TL (4)	3	0
Flash Haber TV	342.952 TL (4)	8	0
FOX TV	25.176.811 TL (5)	0	0
SZC TV	85.738 TL (1)	0	0
Yıldız En TV	85.738 TL (1)	0	0
TV 5	0	3	0
Radyo Sputnik	3.831 TL (1)	3	0
Haber Türk	495.965 TL (2)	0	0
Total	30.990.645 TL (49)	40	1

*Penalties imposed on opposition channels between January 1 - December 31, 2023.



Total number of newspapers and websites banned	Total number of ban days	Total number of press ethic violation
271	774	0

*Penalties between the 1st BİK General Assembly meeting held on January 4 and the 25th BİK General Assembly meeting held on December 26, 2023..



DISINFORMATION LAW

On October 13, 2022, Turkey's Parliament passed the "disinformation law" despite major criticism from across civil society and the journalistic community. The broad and vague language of the offense of "publicly disseminating misleading information" law under Article 217/A, has been weaponized to silence dissent.

**Total number of investigations
filed against journalists**

37

**Total number of journalists
under investigation**

33

*4 journalists were subjected to multiple investigations under same offence
(Zübeyde Sarı, İsmail Arı, Ahmet Kanbal and Mehmet Yetim)

**Total number of
journalists detained**

12

**Total number of
journalists arrested**

5

News that led to investigations, detentions and arrests

February 6 earthquakes	May 2023 elections	Sexual harassment and assault	Corruption allegations in the justice system	Other
11	4	3	2	17

*For more information about the October 2022 amendments, please visit:

[Turkey: Dangerous, dystopian new legal amendments](#)

[Turkey: Throttling the media in crucial election year](#)