

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Briefing: June 2024



13 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

Journalist Furkan Karabay was **sentenced to prison and fined 12,500 TL** with the charges of **defamation and slander**.



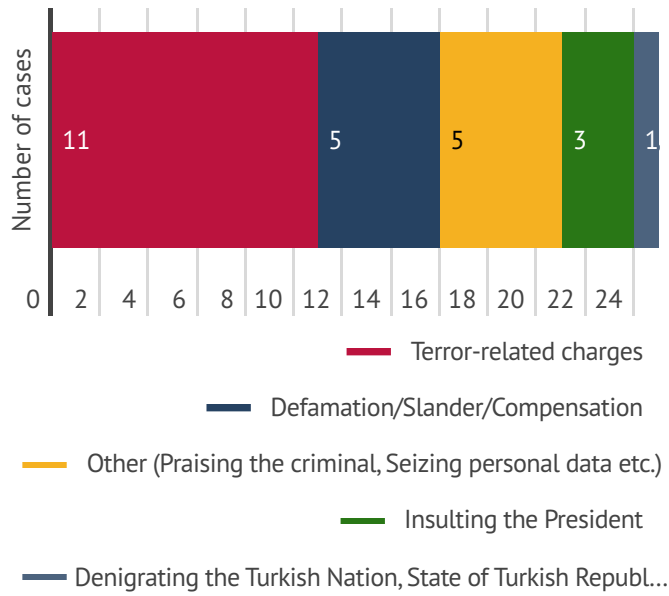
Behind Bars

Trial Monitoring

In June, at least **36 journalists stood trial**. **19 of the hearings were adjourned**. **One journalist was sentenced to prison and fined**, while **4 journalists were acquitted**. In these trials, most journalists were charged with terrorism-related crimes.



● Adjourned ● Acquittal ● Verdict



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Journalists sentenced to prison, threatened, physically assaulted, stood trial.

3 journalists threatened because of their work.

3 journalists faced legal harassment

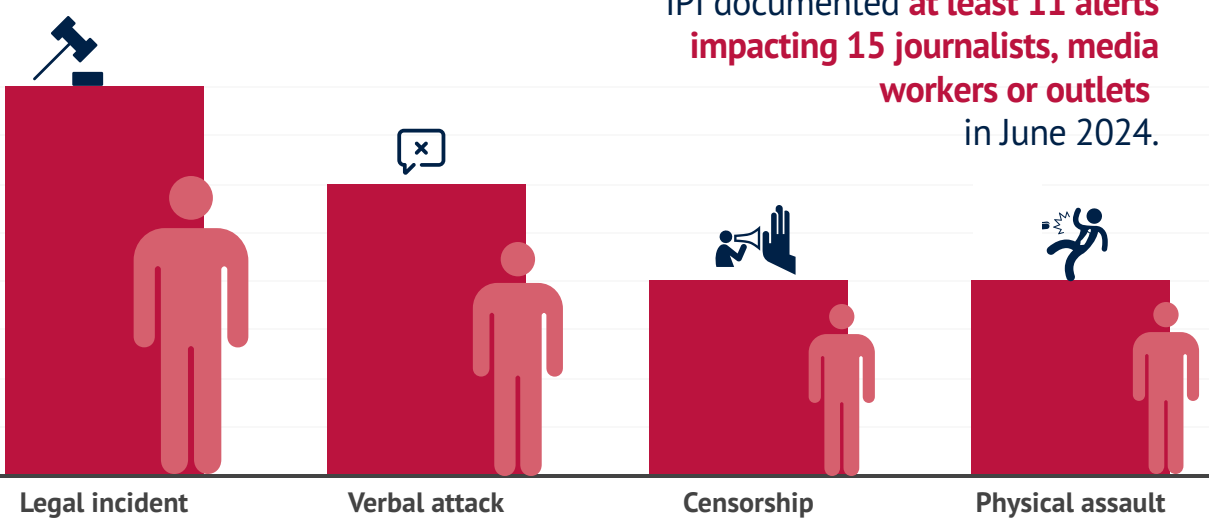
Several journalists covering protests against the replacement of the mayor in Hakkari by a state governor **faced police intervention, threats, and physical violence.**

Journalist Sinan Aygül, **beaten by a mayor's bodyguards, faced trial for insulting his attackers.** The court decided to dismiss the charges as Aygül's words were in response to "deliberate assault".

Journalists Gözde Şeker and İbrahim Kahveci **received threatening messages** from some MHP party members, following criticism towards the party and its leader that took place during the broadcast.

Top Violations

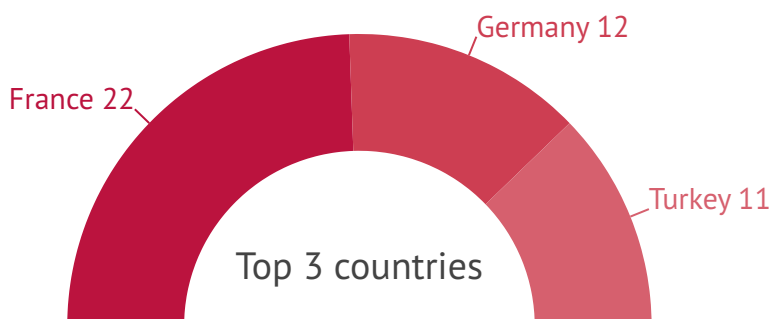
IPI documented **at least 11 alerts impacting 15 journalists, media workers or outlets** in June 2024.



Turkey Ranks Third in Europe

Most Violations Recorded in June

Among the 12 countries where MFRR recorded different types of violations, **Turkey came in third after France and Germany with the most cases during the month.**



Penalties Imposed by Press Ads Agency (BİK)

72

newspapers/websites banned (subjected to sanctions for official announcements and advertisements)

276

days in total (newspapers/websites banned)