

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Briefing: August 2024



12 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

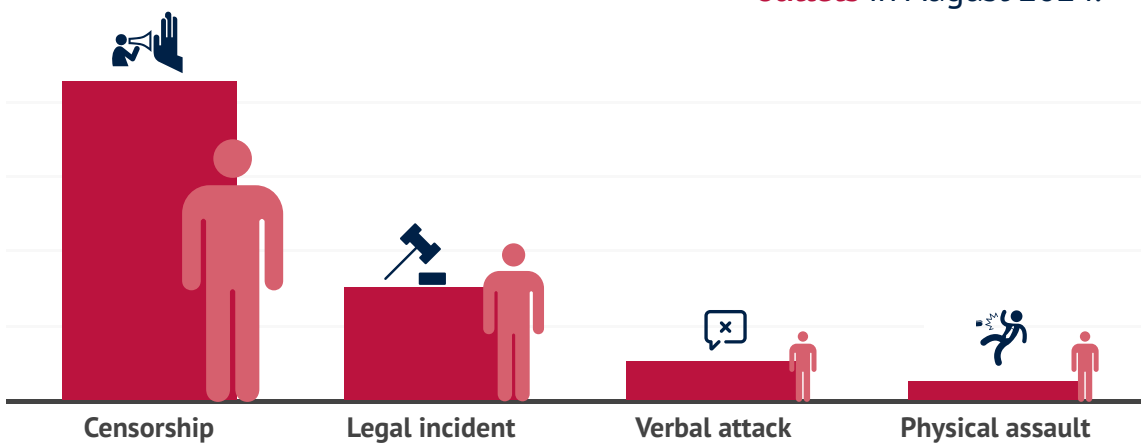
A local court **upheld** the **20-month prison sentence** handed to journalist **Bülent Mumay**.



Behind Bars

Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 26 alerts** impacting **17 journalists, media workers or outlets** in August 2024.



Press Freedom Newsroom

Instagram banned. Journalists sentenced to prison, censored and threatened.

1 journalist was sentenced to prison.

17 news articles were blocked.

A local court has **upheld** the **prison sentence** for journalist **Bülent Mumay** due to a social media post. [Read IPI's joint statement for details.](#)

Turkey **blocked** access to Instagram on Aug 2 for 8 days.

After releasing a new report, journalist Sinan Aygül was **subjected** to threats and a physical assault.

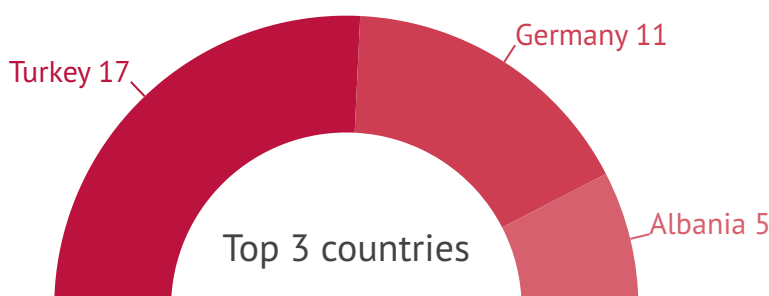
Journalist Barış Pehlivan is facing a **potential 9-year prison sentence** because of his news report.

A local court **blocked** access to Mezopotamya Agency's website **for the 36th time** since its establishment.

Turkey Ranks First in Europe

Most Violations Recorded in August

Among the 14 countries where MFRR **recorded** different types of violations, **Turkey came in first with the most cases during the month.**



Penalties Imposed by Press Ad Agency (BİK)

27

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

110

days in total (newspapers/websites banned)