

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: December 2024



18 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

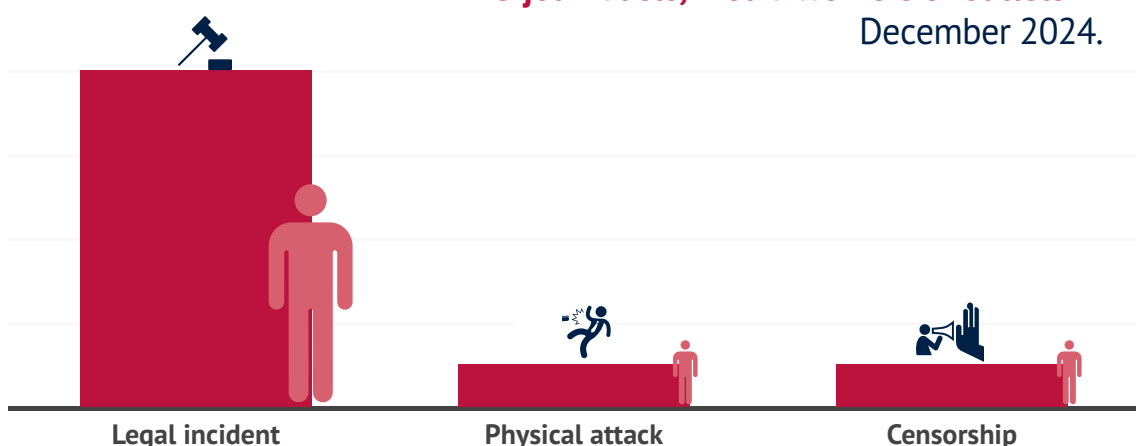
Journalists Nazım Daştan and Cihan Bilgin were **killed** while reporting in northern Syria.



Behind Bars

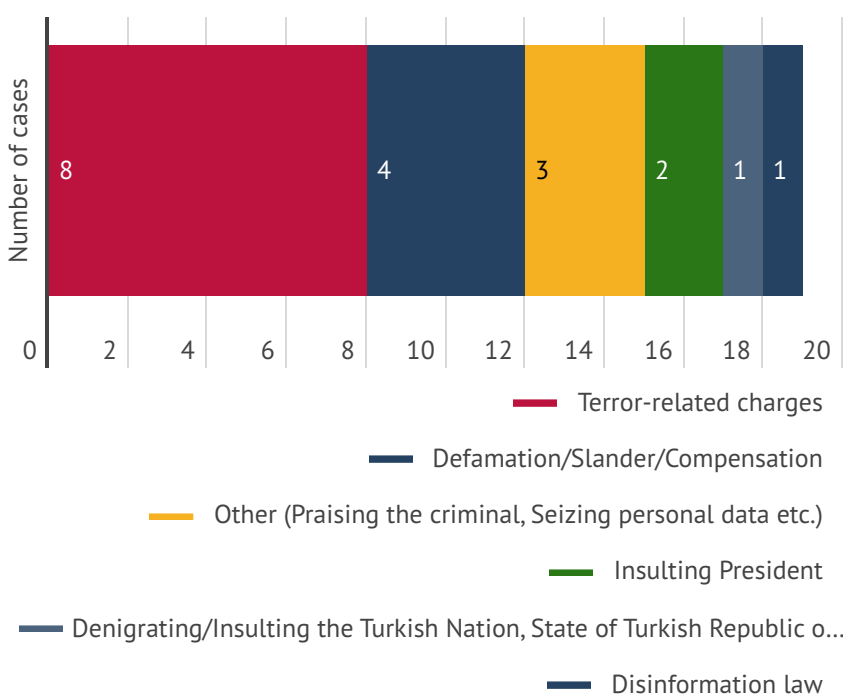
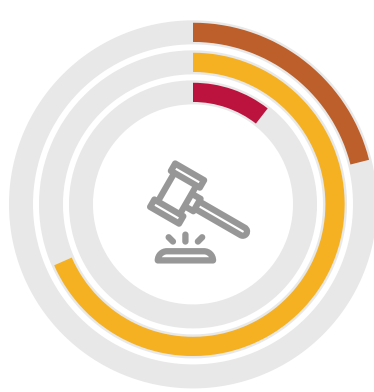
Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 10 alerts impacting 45 journalists, media workers or outlets** in December 2024.



Trial Monitoring

In December, at least **33 journalists** faced trial. Of these, **13 hearings were adjourned**, and **5 journalists were acquitted**. **3 journalists were imprisoned**, while **one was fined**. Most charges against the journalists involved defamation and terrorism-related offenses.



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2 Kurdish journalists were killed. 30 journalists were detained. 7 of them were arrested.

Journalists increasingly subjected to judicial control measures.

Journalists Nazım Daştan and Cihan Bilgin were **killed** in a suspected Turkish drone strike while reporting in Syria.

Following the killing of Daştan and Bilgin, Turkish authorities **detained** 30 journalists during solidarity protests, with 7 **arrested** on terrorism charges.

Özlem Gürses was **detained** and later **placed under house arrest** due to her remarks about the Turkish military on her YouTube channel.

Nevşin Mengü was briefly **detained** over a YouTube interview with a Syrian Kurdish group executive and is now under a foreign travel ban. [Read our statement for details.](#)

Penalties Imposed by Turkey's broadcast regulator

7

TV channels imposed hefty fines in December only

81M

fine imposed in total on 10 TV channels in 2024

IPI's work in Turkey



2024 Human Rights Day Campaign

On Human Rights Day, IPI led a [joint letter](#) with 55 other organizations urging the EU Commission to fully withdraw the "agent of influence" bill. IPI also released campaign [illustrations](#).



2024 Media Symposium

IPI [hosted](#) its 4th Annual IPI Turkey Media Symposium on December 11 at Bahcesehir University. The symposium gathered media professionals and experts from Turkey and abroad to examine the changing landscape of digital journalism. [Watch panels on Youtube.](#)