

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: January 2025



26 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey



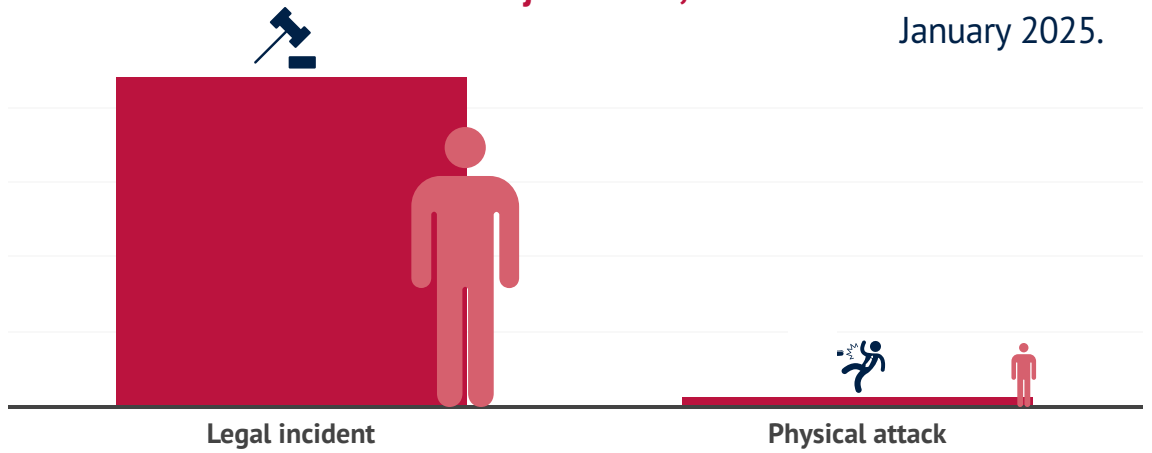
At least **9** journalists were **arrested**.



Behind Bars

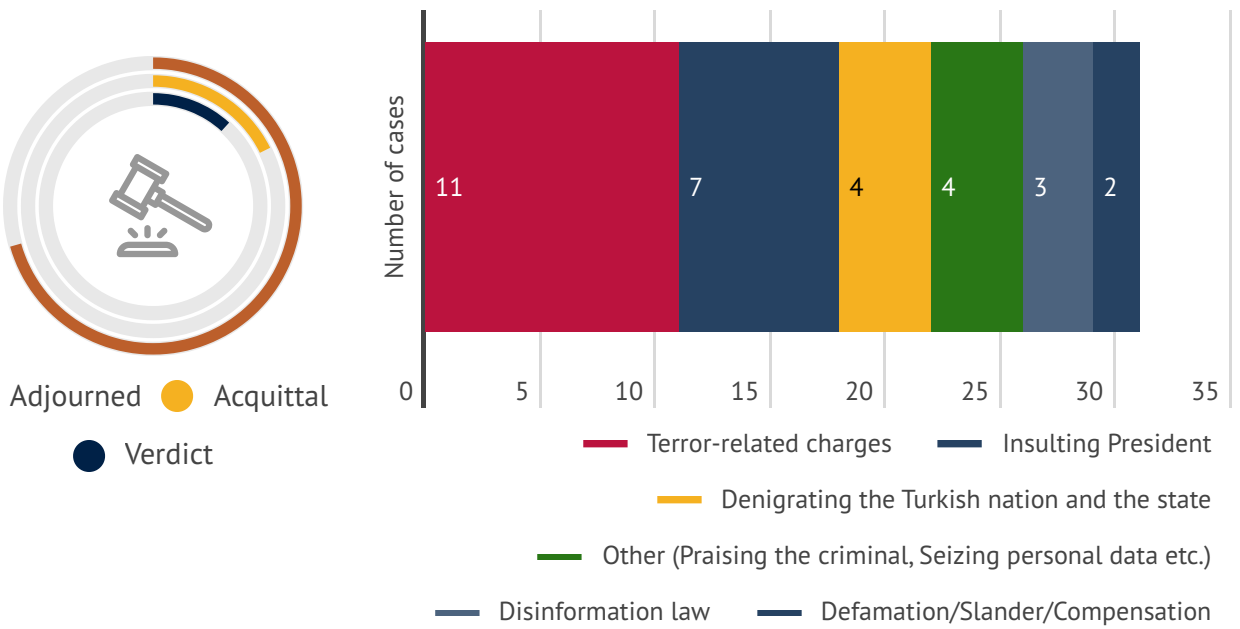
Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 11 alerts impacting 45 journalists, media workers or outlets** in January 2025.



Trial Monitoring

In January, at least **90 journalists stood trial**. **23 of the hearings were adjourned**. **9 journalists were sentenced to prison**. **7 journalists were acquitted**. In these trials, most journalists were charged with defamation and terrorism-related crimes.



Press Freedom Newsroom

At least 6 journalists sentenced to prison, 23 investigated and one faced police obstruction.

9 journalists arrested.

6 journalists detained.

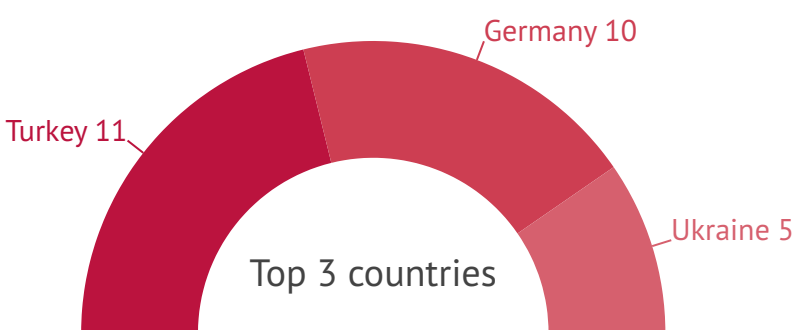
IPI and 40 partner organizations called for action as press freedom violations surge in the country. [Read our joint statement for details.](#)

Following the devastating hotel fire in Bolu, claiming 78 lives, Bolu 2nd Criminal Court of Peace imposed a broadcasting ban on coverage of the disaster. [Read our statement for details.](#)

Turkey Ranks First in Europe

Violations Recorded in January

Among the 15 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked first with the highest number of cases during the month.**



Penalties imposed by Turkey's broadcast regulator

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TV channels faced hefty fines



IPI's work in Turkey

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