

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: February 2025



23 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

At least **5** journalists were **arrested**.

Behind Bars

Top Violations

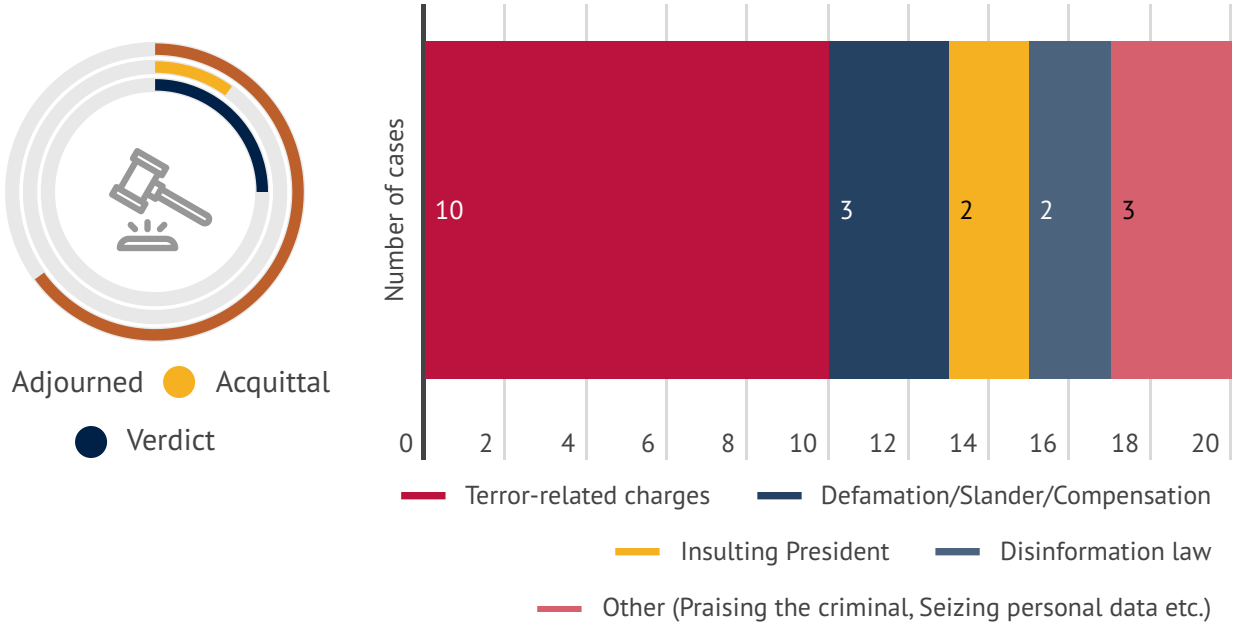
IPI documented **at least 9 alerts impacting 19** journalists, media workers or outlets in February 2025.

Legal incident

Verbal attack

Trial Monitoring

In February, at least **23** journalists stood trial with **13** hearings adjourned. **Five** journalists were sentenced to prison, while **two** were acquitted. Most faced terrorism-related charges.



Press Freedom Newsroom

At least 3 journalists sentenced to prison, 5 journalists arrested.

5 journalists arrested.
9 journalists detained.

IPI and 41 partner organizations called for action as press freedom violations surge in the country. [Read our joint statement for details.](#)

IPI joined MLSA and other organizations to call for the release of detained journalists Yıldız Tar, Elif Akgül, Erçüment Akdeniz, and Ender İmrek. [Read joint statement for details.](#)

Turkey Ranks Second in Europe

Violations Recorded in February

Among the 22 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked second with the highest number of cases during the month.**

Country	Number of Cases
Serbia	13
Turkey	9
Georgia	7

Penalties imposed by Turkey's broadcast regulator

4 TV channels faced hefty fines

IPI's work in Turkey

MEDYADA İNOVASYON

Konuk: **SELİN UĞURTAŞ** Gazeteci

Moderatör: **URAZ KASPAR** Olmaz Media kurucu ortağı

Podcast Series: "Media Innovation"

In the 13th episode, journalist Selin Uğurtaş shares her insights on climate journalism, highlighting the need for innovation in the field. Listen to the episode [here](#).