

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Briefing: April 2024



16 journalists
are currently in
jail in Turkey

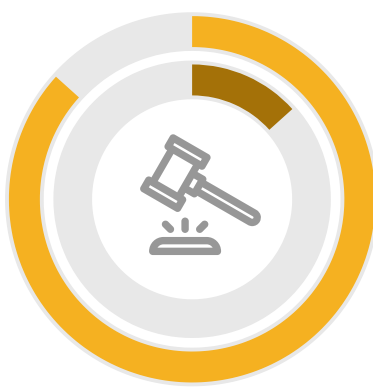
3 Kurdish journalists
taken into custody
in April.



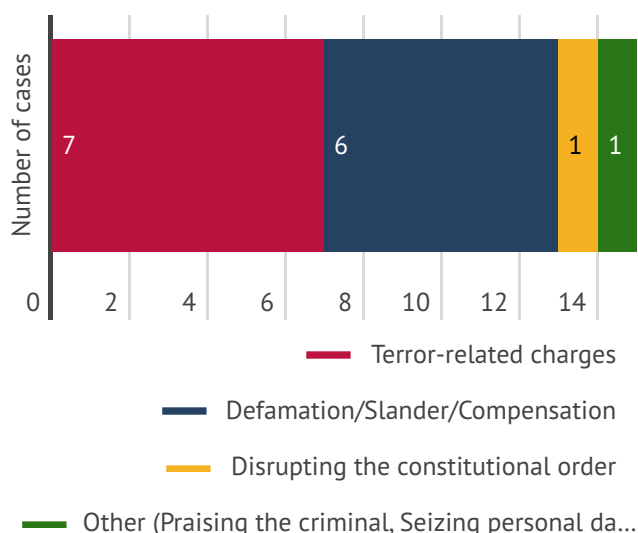
Behind Bars

Trial Monitoring

In April, at least **15 journalists stood trial**. **13 of the hearings were adjourned**, while **2 journalists were acquitted**. In these trials, most journalists were charged with terrorism-related crimes.



● Adjourned ● Acquittal



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Journalists faced obstruction and violence following local elections

7 taken into custody

6 physical assault

4 attack to property

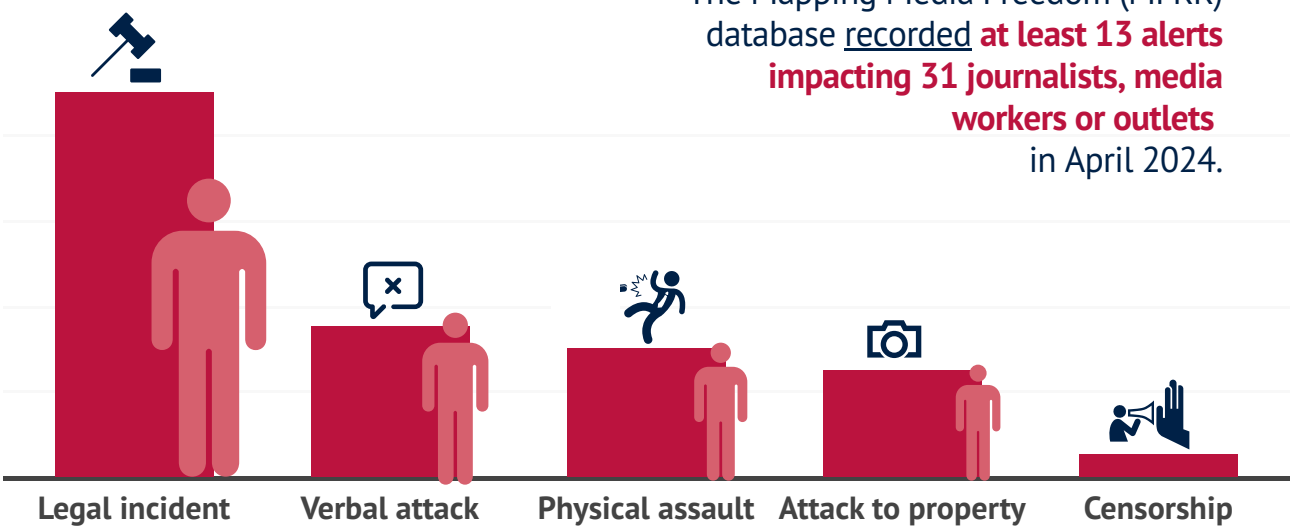
3 verbal attack

In April, journalists in eastern Turkey faced attacks and obstruction while covering public protests against a decision by electoral authorities blocking the newly elected mayor of Van, Abdullah Zeydan, from taking office.

Several journalists were injured by plastic police bullets or water cannons, while others faced death threats or were harassed on social media for their reporting.

Top Violations

The Mapping Media Freedom (MFRR) database recorded **at least 13 alerts impacting 31 journalists, media workers or outlets** in April 2024.



Turkey Second to Ukraine

Most Violations Recorded in April

Among the 23 countries where MFRR recorded different types of violations, **Turkey came in second after Ukraine with the most cases during the month**.

