

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Briefing: May 2024



13 journalists
are currently in
jail in Turkey

6 journalists
sentenced
to prison



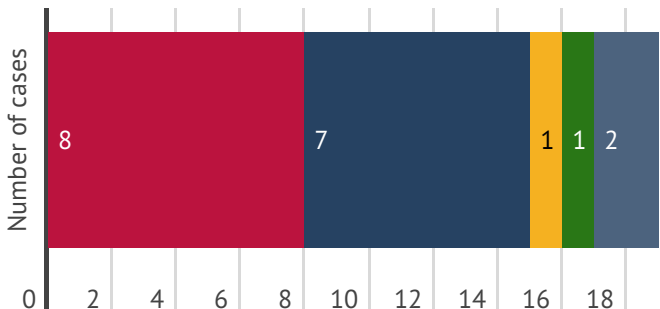
Behind Bars

Trial Monitoring

In May, at least **25 journalists stood trial**. **11 of the hearings were adjourned**, **2 of them were dismissed**. **5 journalists were sentenced to prison**, while **5 journalists were acquitted**. In these trials, most journalists were charged with defamation and terrorism-related crimes.



● Adjourned ● Acquittal
● Dismissed



Defamation/Slander/Compensation 8
Terror-related charges 7
Disinformation law 1
Disrupting the constitutional order 1
Other (Praising the criminal, Seizing personal data ...) 2

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Journalists sentenced to prison, physically assaulted, arrested, stood trial.

6 journalists sentenced to prison

3 journalists physically assaulted by the police

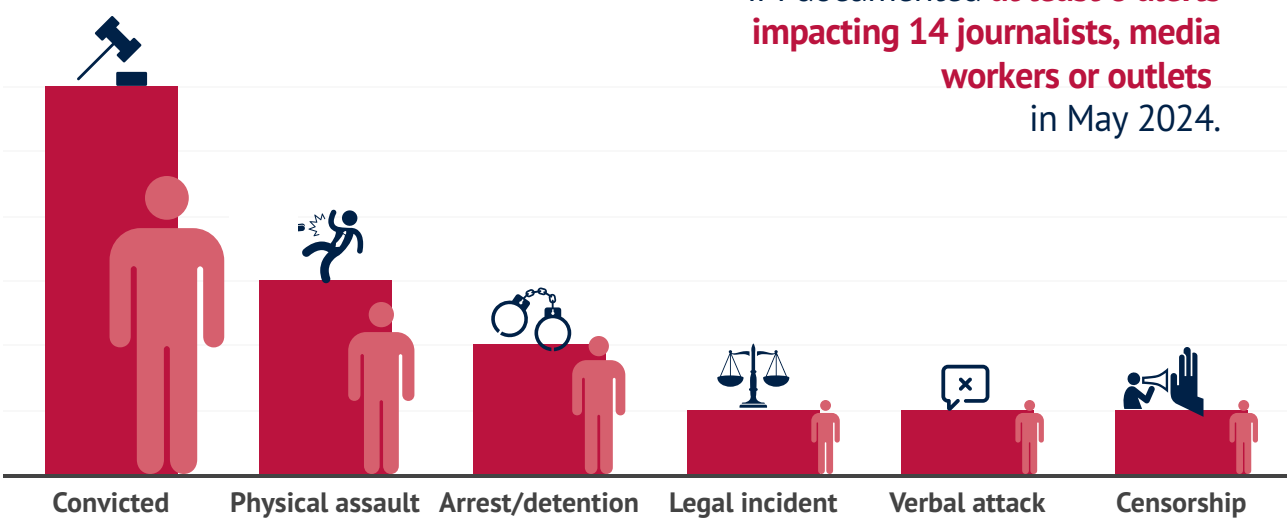
During May Day marches in Istanbul, journalists were targeted by the police.

A pro-government newspaper leaked plans for a "foreign influence agent law" in Turkey. This legislation, if adopted, could take a toll on media freedom and civil society orgs. Many press freedom organizations oppose it, citing potential censorship risks.

An Istanbul court sentenced five journalists from the shuttered pro-Kurdish daily for allegedly operating a "terrorist publication" and "aiding a terrorist organization without being a member."

Top Violations

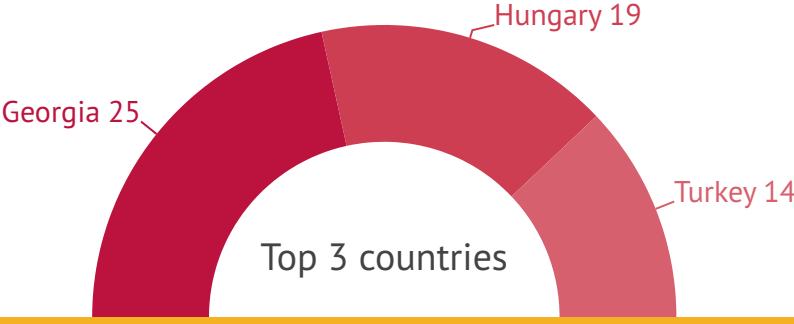
IPI documented **at least 8 alerts impacting 14 journalists, media workers or outlets** in May 2024.



Turkey Ranks Third in Europe

Most Violations Recorded in May

Among the 14 countries where MFRR recorded different types of violations, **Turkey came in third after Georgia and Hungary with the most cases during the month.**



Penalties Imposed by Press Ads Agency (BİK)

47

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

153

days in total
(newspapers/websites banned)