

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: October 2024



12 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

Turkish broadcast regulator **shuttered** Açık Radyo.

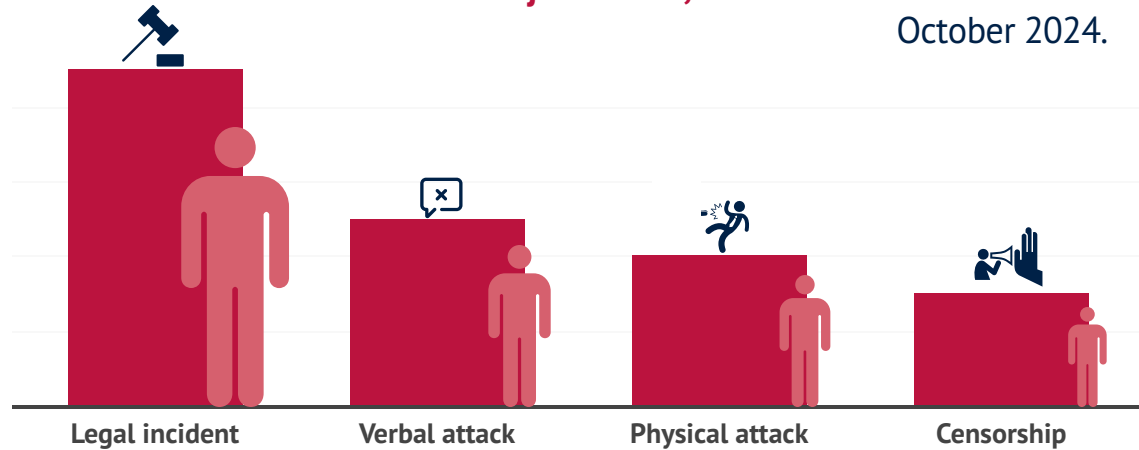


–“Açık Radyo.” **95.0**

Behind Bars

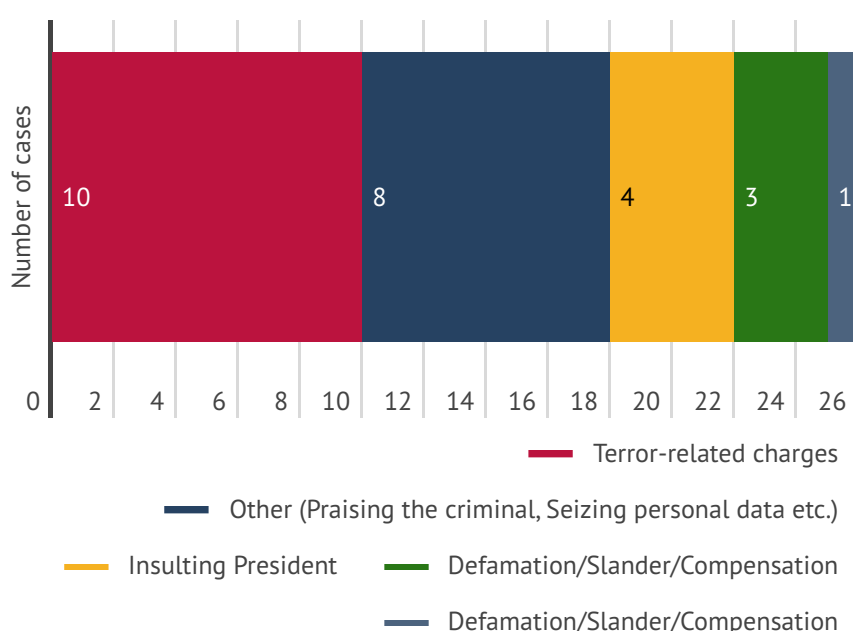
Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 10 alerts impacting 16 journalists, media workers or outlets** in October 2024.



Trial Monitoring

In October, at least **38 journalists stood trial**. **17 of the hearings were adjourned**. **11 journalists were sentenced to prison**. **2 journalists were acquitted**. In these trials, most journalists were charged with defamation and terrorism-related crimes.



Press Freedom Newsroom

An independent radio shuttered. Journalists sentenced to prison, attacked and detained by the police.

11 journalists were sentenced to prison.

5 journalists faced verbal attack.

Turkey's broadcast regulator **revoked the terrestrial broadcasting license** of independent radio station Açık Radyo.

[Read IPI's joint statement for details.](#)

“Agents of influence” bill was introduced by the AKP parliamentary group as part of an omnibus bill.

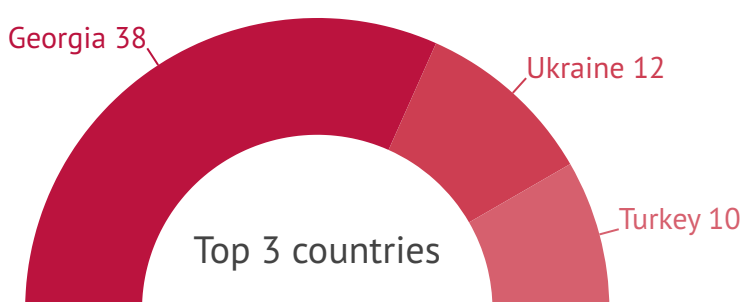
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Six women journalists were **sentenced to five months in prison** for taking part in a protest against the detention of their colleagues.

Turkey Ranks Third in Europe

Violations Recorded in October

Among the 20 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked third, following Georgia and Ukraine, with the highest number of cases during the month.**



Penalties Imposed by Press Ad Agency (BİK)

158

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

422

days in total (newspapers/websites banned)

IPI's work in Turkey

Türkiye’de Bilgi Edinme Hakkının Mevcut Durumu

17 Ekim 2024 | 15:00 TSi | Zoom

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Panel: Current State of Freedom of Information (FOI) in Turkey

Journalists, lawyers, and civil society representatives shared insights on the use of FOI requests in Turkey, covering success stories, challenges, and legal battles. Watch the session [here](#).

Independent radio station Açık Radyo's license revoked

IPI, together with 66 other orgs, condemned the official revocation of the terrestrial broadcasting license of independent radio station Açık Radyo by Turkey's broadcast regulator. Read joint statement [here](#).



Medyascope Programme "The Journalist":

Watch the **37th episode** featuring journalist Ceren Sözeri, where she discusses the portrayal of child murders in Turkish media.