

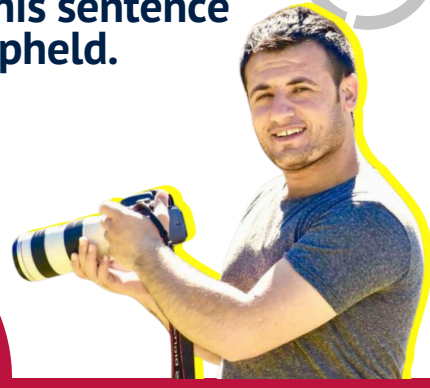
# Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Briefing: September 2024



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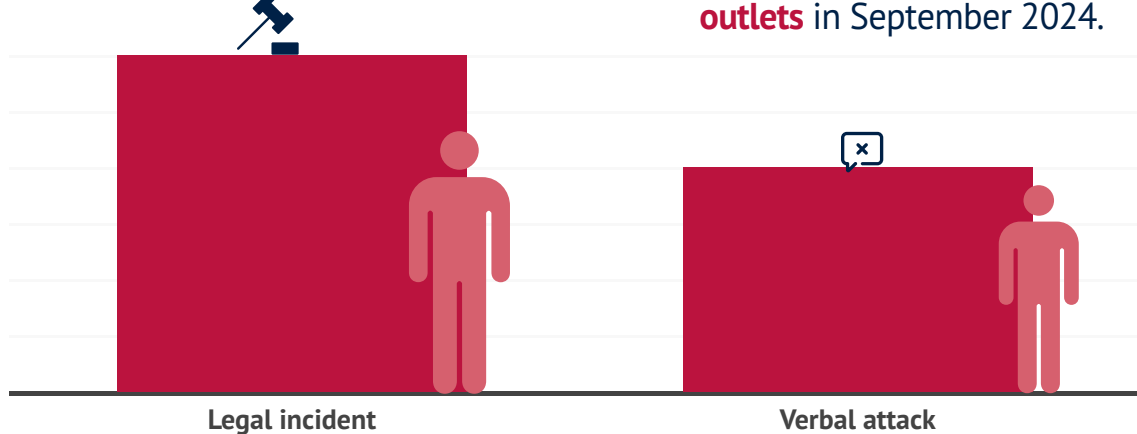
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## Behind Bars

### Top Violations

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



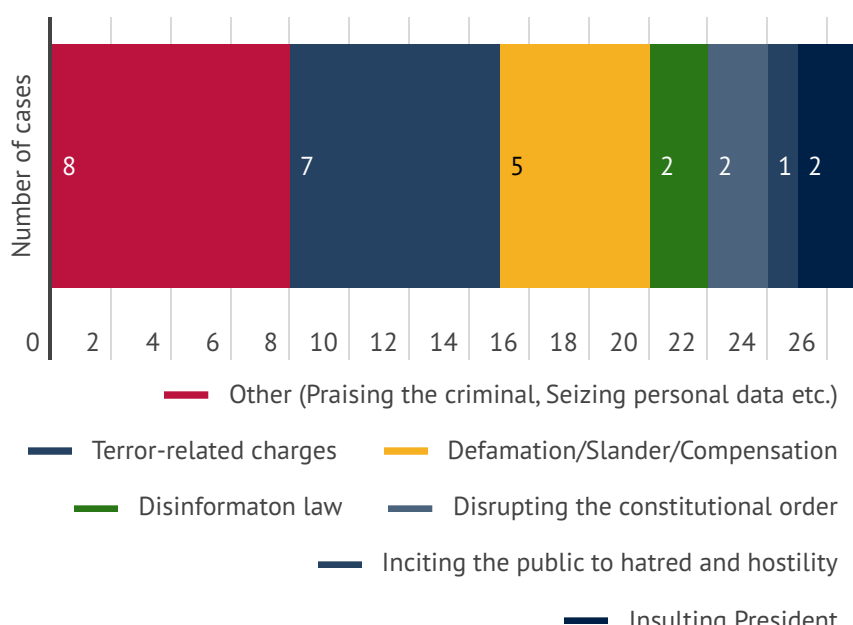
## Trial Monitoring

In September, at least **39 journalists stood trial**. **23 of the hearings were adjourned**. **3 journalists were acquitted**. In these trials, most journalists were charged with defamation and terrorism-related crimes.



● Adjourned

● Acquittal



## Press Freedom Newsroom

**Journalists arrested, faced legal charges and threatened.**

**1** journalist was arrested.

**6** journalists faced legal charges.

Journalist Murat Ağirel Ağirel **received a death threat** via a video, where a masked individual claimed that a contract had been placed on his life. [Read IPI's joint statement for details.](#)

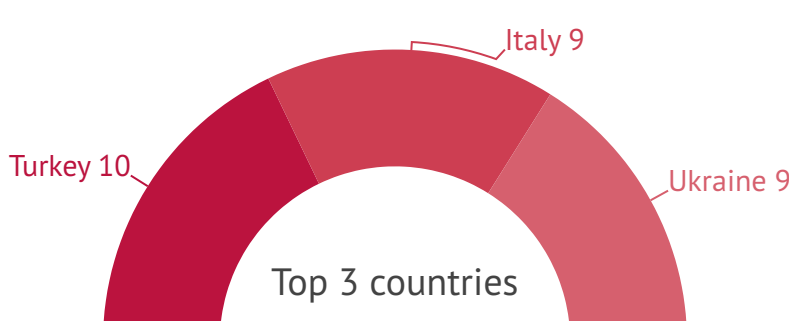
Journalist Murat Verim was **arrested** after his sentence was upheld. Verim had previously been imprisoned for 16 months for his news reporting.

Journalist Rabia Önver **faces investigation** under **disinformation law** for reporting on a drug gang. Police raided her house while she was out reporting.

## Turkey Ranks First in Europe

**Most Violations Recorded in September**

Among the 22 countries where MFRR recorded different types of violations, **Turkey came in first with the most cases during the month.**



### Penalties Imposed by Press Ad Agency (BİK)

**64**

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

**106**

**days in total** (newspapers/websites banned)

## IPI's work in Turkey



### The Current State of Freedom of Information in Turkey: An Effective Tool for Accountability and Transparency (Or Not?)

Read IPI's latest report that highlights examples where journalists and CSOs received satisfactory responses to their FOI requests as well as lawsuits filed for unanswered applications.

### "IPI Innovation in the Media" podcast:

Listen to the latest episode of our podcast series hosted by Uraz Kaspar, featuring co-founder of Aposto, Umutcan, discussing diversity of revenue models and how this is reflected on journalists.



### Medyascope Programme "The Journalist":

Watch the 35th episode with journalist Ayse Karabat on journalists targeted during the war in the Middle East.