

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: March 2025



18 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey



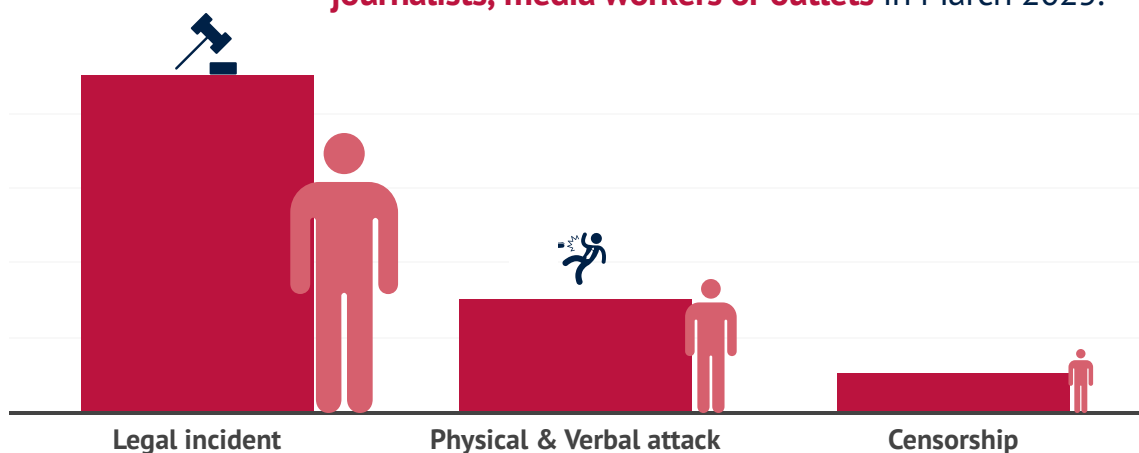
At least 14 journalists were **detained**.



Behind Bars

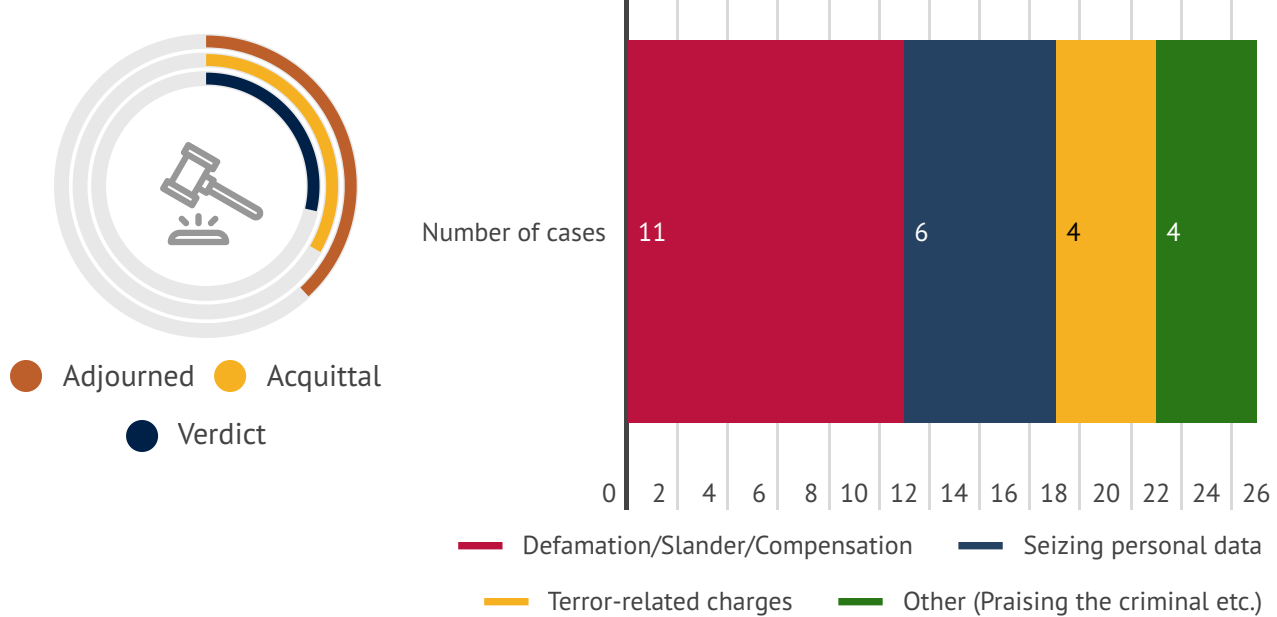
Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 13 alerts impacting 41 journalists, media workers or outlets** in March 2025.



Trial Monitoring

In March, at least **25 journalists stood trial with eight hearings adjourned. Six journalists were sentenced to prison, while seven were acquitted.** Most faced defamation related charges.



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14 journalists detained.

15 journalists attacked.

Following the charges against Istanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, journalists following the protests faced widespread attacks, detentions, and censorship.

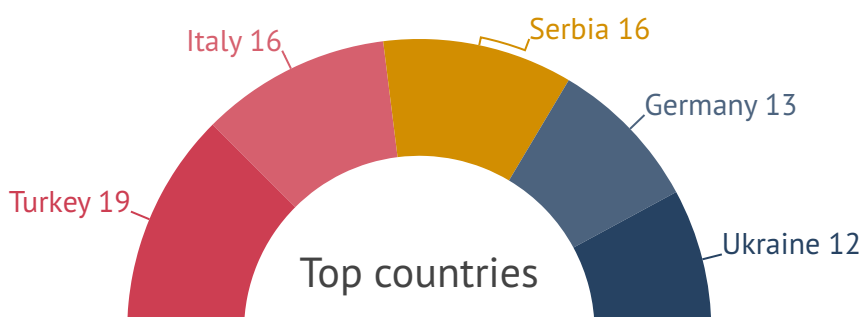
Sendika.org reporter Zişan Gür was detained while covering protests, whose nose was broken while in custody. BBC News correspondent Mark Lowen was held for 17 hours before being deported for allegedly posing "a threat to public order."

[Read our statement for details.](#)

Turkey Ranks First in Europe

Violations Recorded in March

Among the 22 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked 1st with the number of cases during the month.**



Penalties imposed by Turkey's broadcast regulator

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TV channels faced hefty fines



IPI's work in Turkey

Google's Algorithm Changes Threaten Independent Media in Turkey

Independent media outlets in Turkey warn that recent Google algorithm changes have decimated their visibility. This substantially reduces reader access via Google and threatens their financial sustainability.

Read the statement [here](#).