

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: May 2025



12 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey



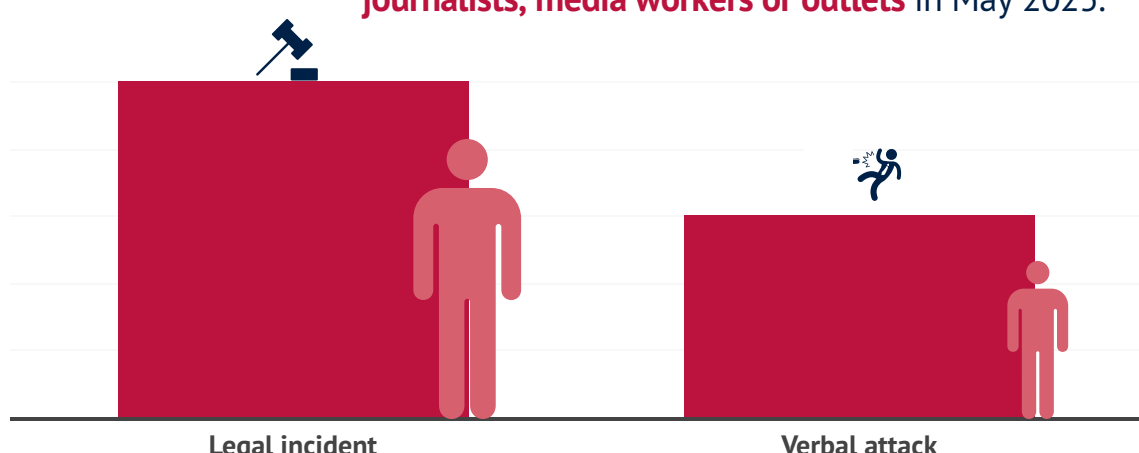
Four journalists were verbally attacked and threatened.



Behind Bars

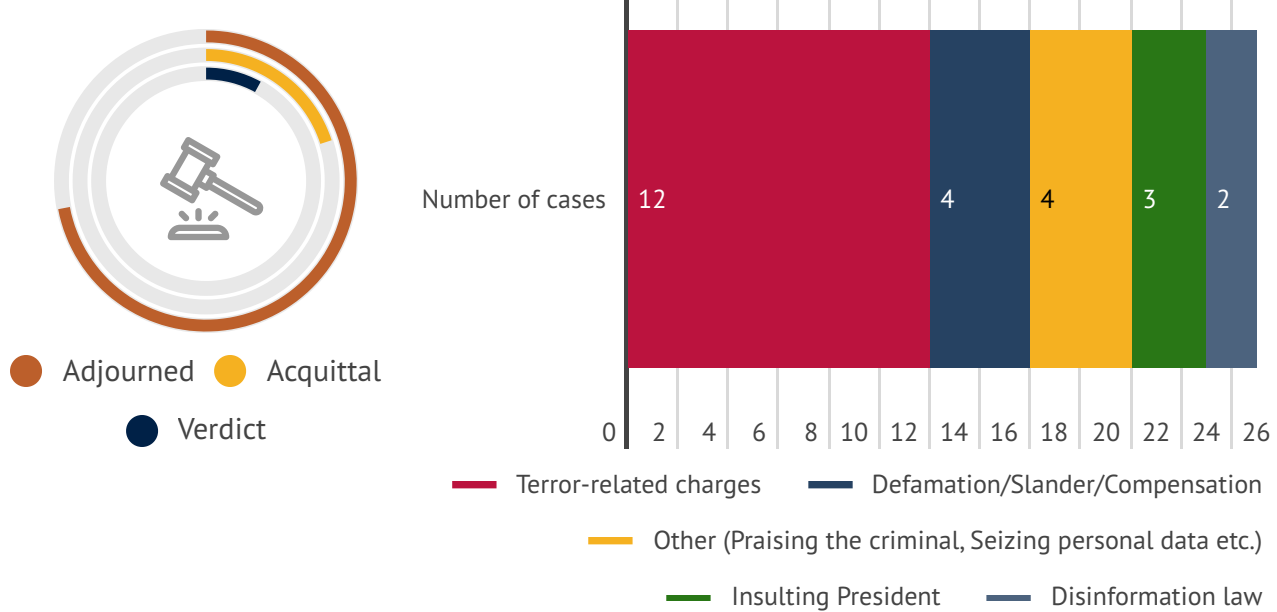
Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 8 alerts impacting 9 journalists, media workers or outlets** in May 2025.



Trial Monitoring

In February, at least **30 journalists** stood trial with **18 hearings adjourned**. **One journalist** was sentenced to prison, while **five** were acquitted. Most faced terrorism-related charges.



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4 journalists threatened, 3 journalists arrested.

1 journalist detained.

1 journalist sentenced to prison.

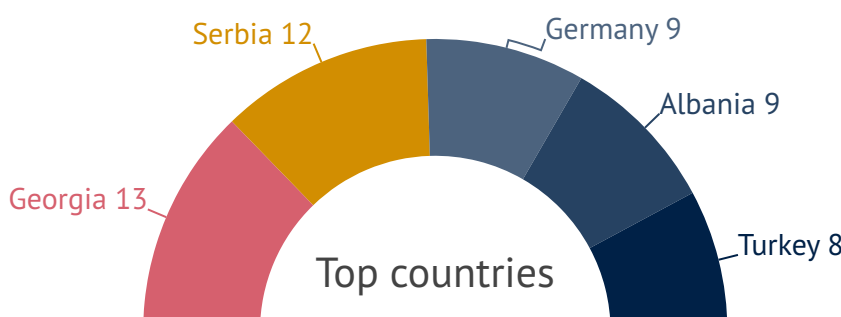
Cypriot journalist Ayşemden Akın received death threats after publishing investigative articles about an alleged money laundering network. [Read our statement for details.](#)

Investigative journalists İsmail Arı and Osman Çaklı were threatened. [Read our statement for details.](#)

Turkey Ranks Second in Europe

Violations Recorded in May

Among the 22 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked 5th 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



Turkey 2024 Press Freedom Mission Visit

On World Press Freedom Day, IPI and its partners urge Turkish authorities to cease all attacks against journalists and protect press freedom amid a severe media crackdown.

Read the mission report [here](#).