

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: September 2025



13 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey



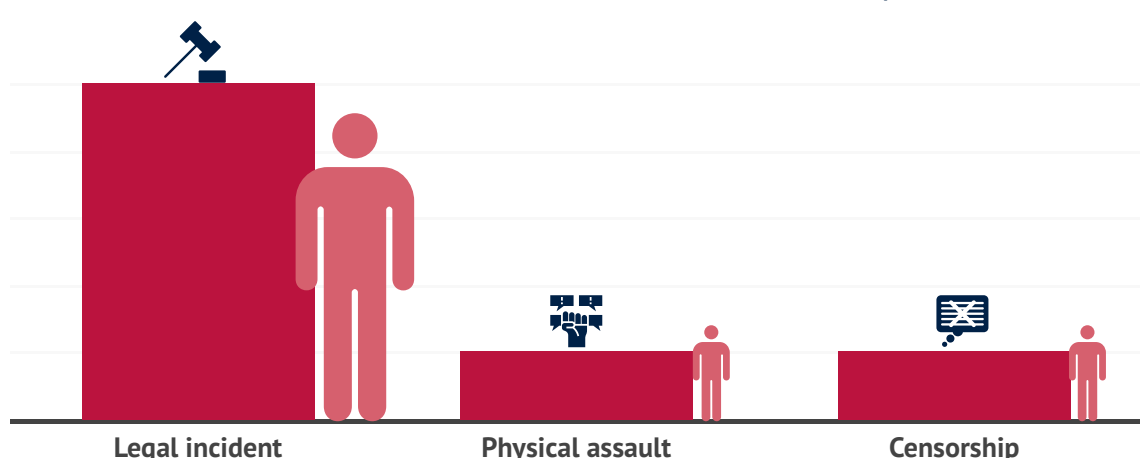
At least 5 journalists were **detained**.



Behind Bars

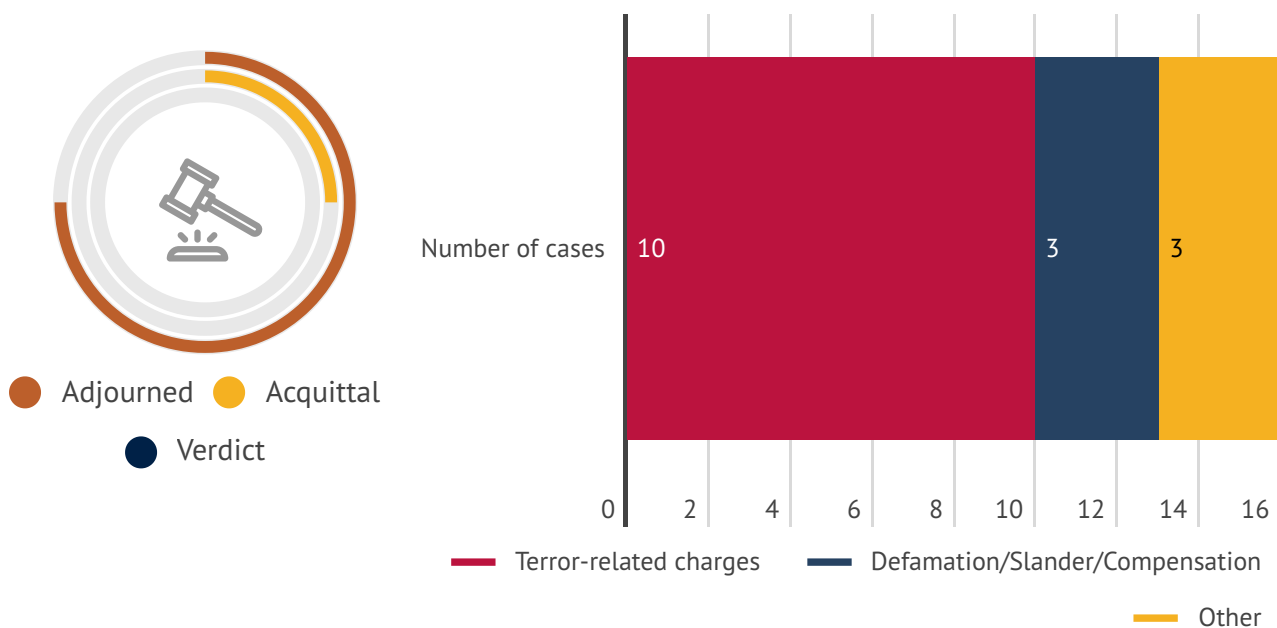
Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 7 alerts impacting 9 journalists, media workers or outlets** in September 2025.



Trial Monitoring

In September, at least **34 journalists stood trial in 16 cases, 12 of which were adjourned. Four journalist were acquitted.** Most faced terrorism and defamation related charges.



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Furkan Karabay faces **up to 15 years in prison**.

After over three months in pretrial detention, journalist Furkan Karabay now faces an indictment seeking 6–15 years in prison. [Read our statement for details.](#)

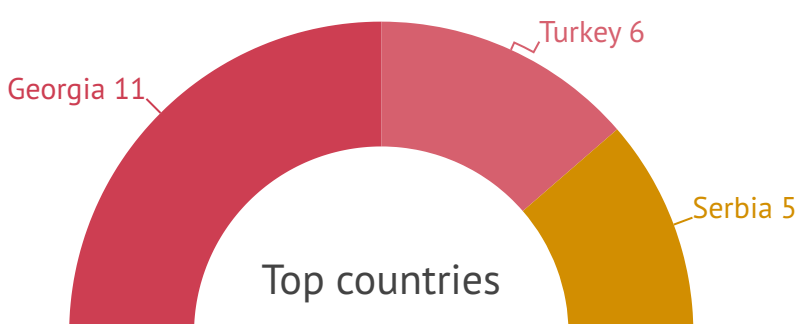
Social media became inaccessible for 21 hours.

Major social media and messaging apps were throttled in Istanbul after police blockaded the opposition party's headquarters. [Read our statement for details.](#)

Turkey Ranks Second in Europe

Violations Recorded in September

Among the 13 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked second with six cases this month.**



IPI's work in Turkey



Freedom of Information: A Powerful Tool for Transparency

IPI's Freedom of Information (FoI) training sessions continued with an in person session on September 20. [Read our report for more information.](#)

In October, we will continue with an in-person training in Tunceli. [Register here.](#)



International Day for Universal Access to Information

September 28 was International Day for Universal Access to Information.

In Türkiye, freedom of information has been legally guaranteed since 2003 but, many challenges remain in practice. [Explore our campaign here.](#)