

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: October 2025



13 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

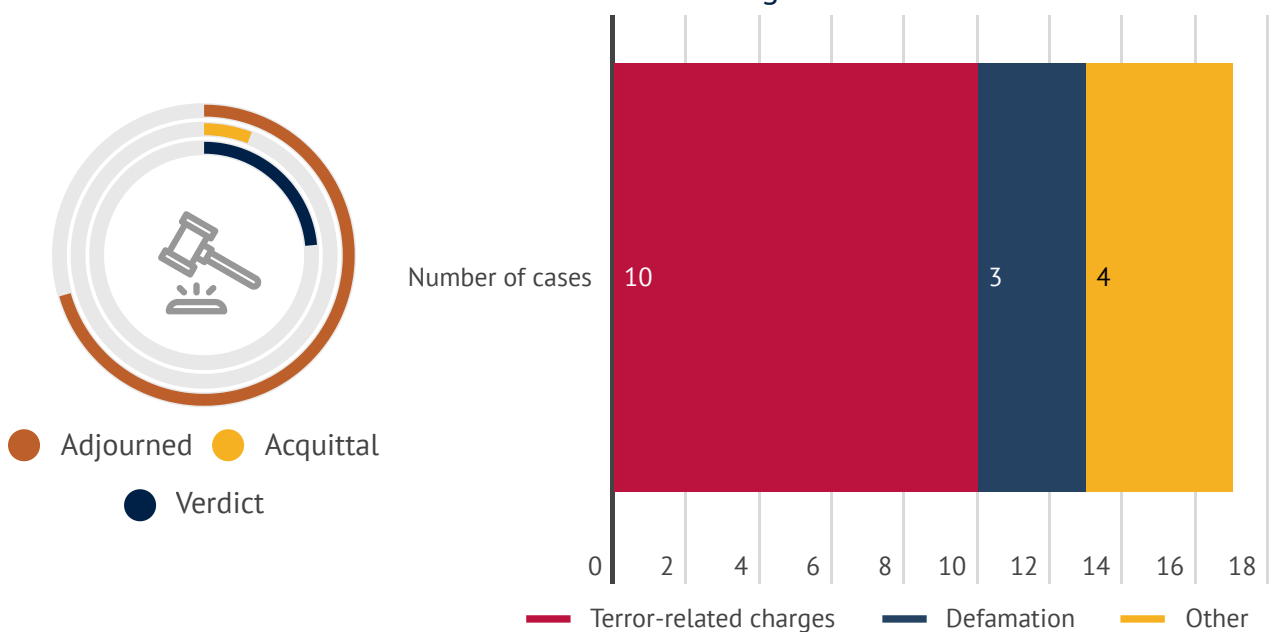
Behind Bars



Trustee appointed to Tele1, a critical news channel.

Trial Monitoring

In October, at least **33 journalists stood trial in 17 hearings, 12 of which were adjourned. Three journalists were sentenced to prison, while one was acquitted.** Most faced defamation and terrorism related charges.



Press Freedom Newsroom

Journalist Hakan Tosun was killed.

Tosun was assaulted by individuals with unknown motives, and questions about his murder remain unanswered. [Read our statement for details.](#)

A draft bill risking criminalisation of LGBTQ+ reporting was introduced.

A draft bill could criminalise LGBTQ+ journalism and further erode press freedom. [Read our joint statement for details.](#)

IPI's work in Turkey



Freedom of Information: A Powerful Tool for Transparency

IPI's Freedom of Information (FoI) training sessions continued in Tunceli! [Read our report for more information.](#)

In November, we continue with an in-person training in Ankara. [Register here.](#)



IPI Türkiye and OSCE Meeting

We met with OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media and his team for an in-depth exchange on the state of press freedom in Türkiye.

We presented IPI's reporting on threats to media freedom, along with key insights from our ongoing Freedom of Information project.