

Press Freedom in Turkey

2025 Annual Factsheet: Jan 1 - Dec 31



10 journalists
currently imprisoned
in Turkey

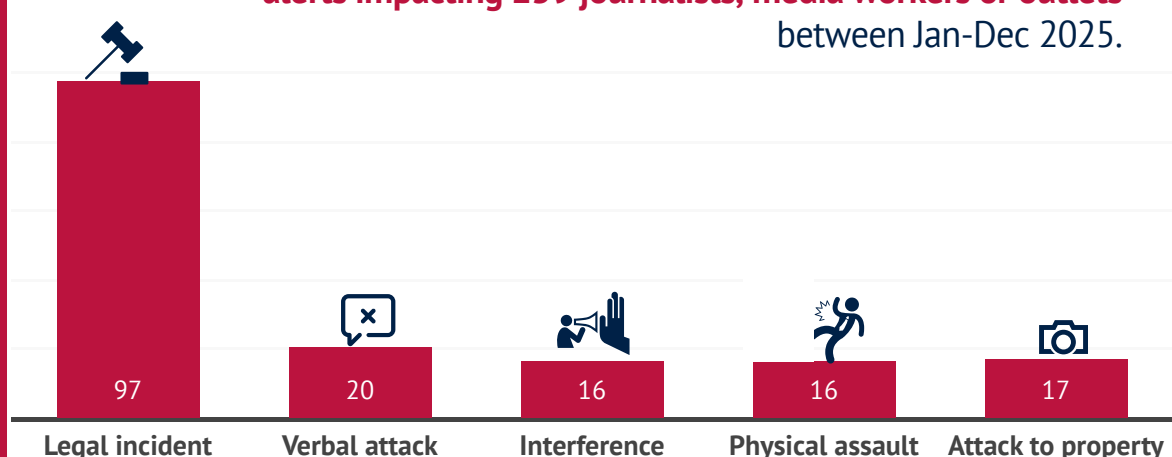
In 2025, journalist Hakan
Tosun was **killed**.

Hakan Tosun was killed in
October, but many questions
remain unanswered in his case.
Authorities should **conduct a
transparent investigation**.

Behind Bars

Violations against journalists

The Mapping Media Freedom (MFRR) database recorded **at least 136
alerts impacting 259 journalists, media workers or outlets**
between Jan-Dec 2025.



Trial Monitoring

In 2025, at least 207 court hearings involved 378 journalists. The journalists received fines totaling at least 137,000 TL, and courts handed down prison sentences of at least 46 years combined.

The most common were **terrorism-related charges**, followed by **defamation cases**. Next, came charges of **insulting the president**. These were the most common charges in 2025, as well as, in the same order, since 2021.

Between Jan-Dec 2025, at least;



207
hearings



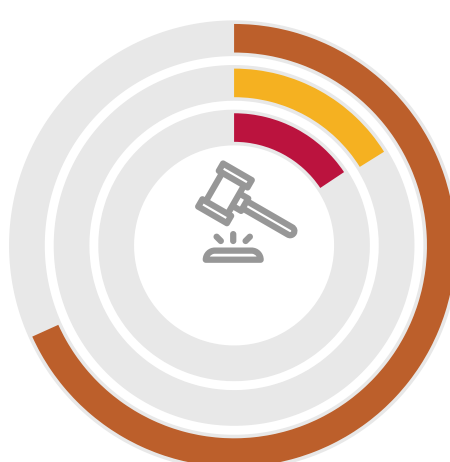
430
journalists on trial



137k TL
fine (at least)

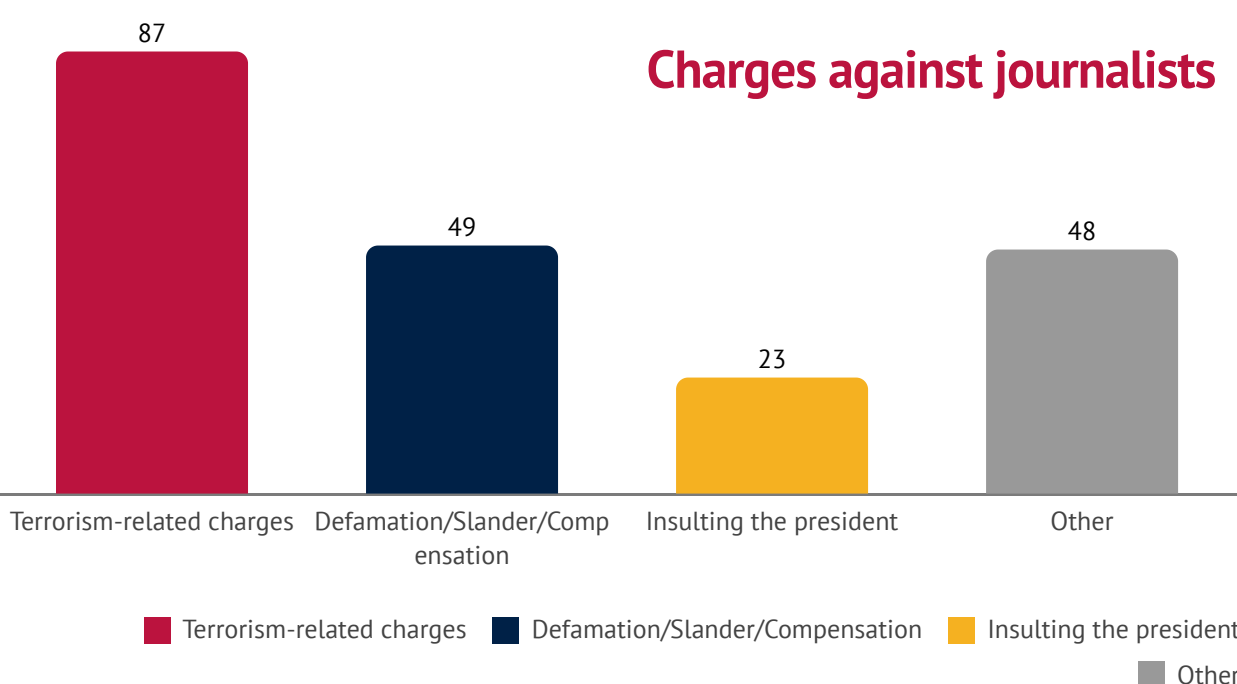


46
years of sentencing



Adjourned Acquittal Conviction

Charges against journalists



RTÜK & BİK Fines

**Penalties
Imposed by
Press Ads
Agency (BİK)**

between Jan-Dec 2025

218

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

599

days in total
(newspapers/websites banned)

**Penalties
Imposed by
Turkey's
broadcast
regulator**

between Jan-Dec 2025

25

**days of
broadcast bans**

35

**monetary
fines**

16

**program
suspensions**

TV channels fined by RTÜK



x16



x15



x14



x8