

# 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.

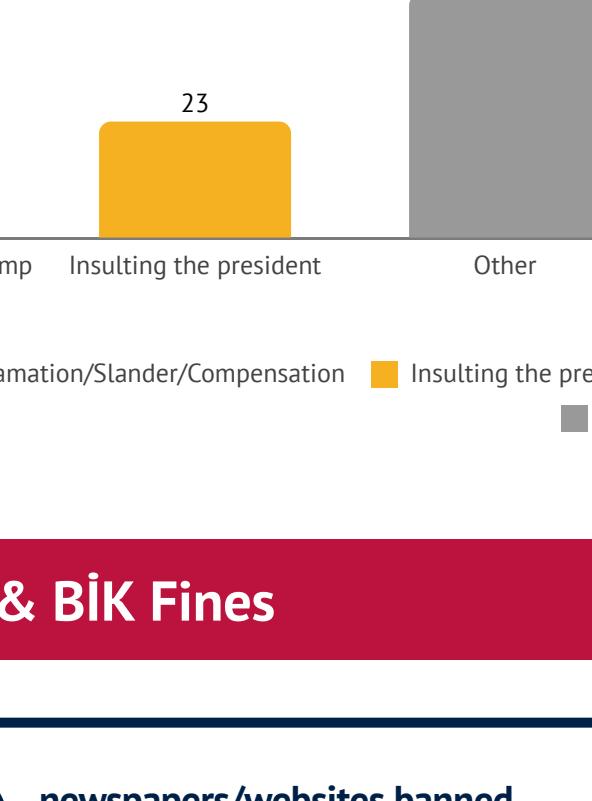
Between Jan-Dec 2025, at least:

**207** hearings

**430** journalists on trial

**137k TL** fine (at least)

**46** years of sentencing



### Charges against journalists



Terrorism-related charges   Defamation/Slander/Compensation   Insulting the president   Other

## Penalties Imposed by Press Ads Agency (BİK)

between Jan-Dec 2025

**218**

**599**

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

**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