

# Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: February 2026



**15** journalists are currently in jail in Turkey



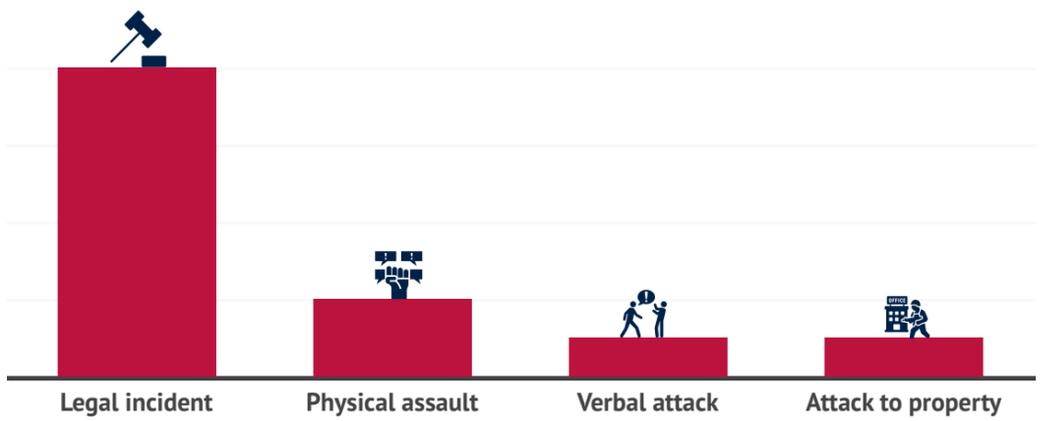
**4** journalists were arrested.



## Behind Bars

### Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 12 alerts impacting 16** journalists, media workers or outlets in February 2026.



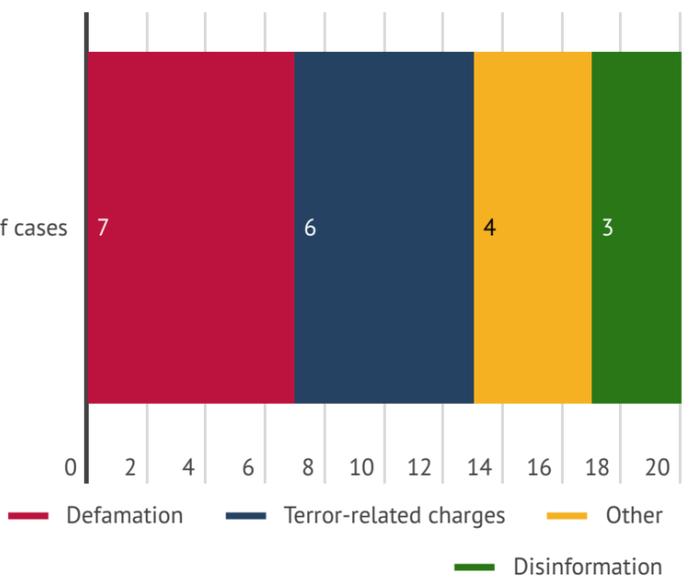
## Trial Monitoring

In February, at least **28** journalists stood trial in **20** cases, **17** of which were adjourned. **Two** journalist were acquitted, whereas **one** was sentenced. Most faced terrorism and defamation related charges.



● Adjourned ● Acquittal ● Verdict

Number of cases



## Press Freedom Newsroom

**Alican Uludağ** was **arrested**.

Investigative reporter Alican Uludağ was arrested on the charge of “insulting the president.” [Read our statement for details.](#)

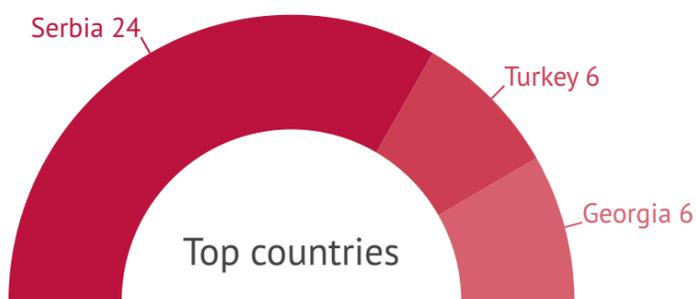
**Four ETHA** journalists were **arrested**.

IPI joins MLSA and other orgs in calling for release of four ETHA journalists [Read joint statement for details.](#)

## Turkey Ranks Second in Europe

**Violations Recorded in February**

Among the 17 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked second with at least six cases this month.**



## IPI's work in Turkey



### Media Freedom Monitoring Report 2025

During the monitoring period, MapMF documented 137 press freedom violations affecting 259 journalists and media organisations in Turkey.

[Read the report here.](#)