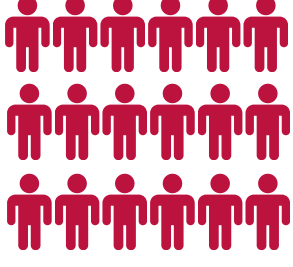


Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: March 2026



15 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey



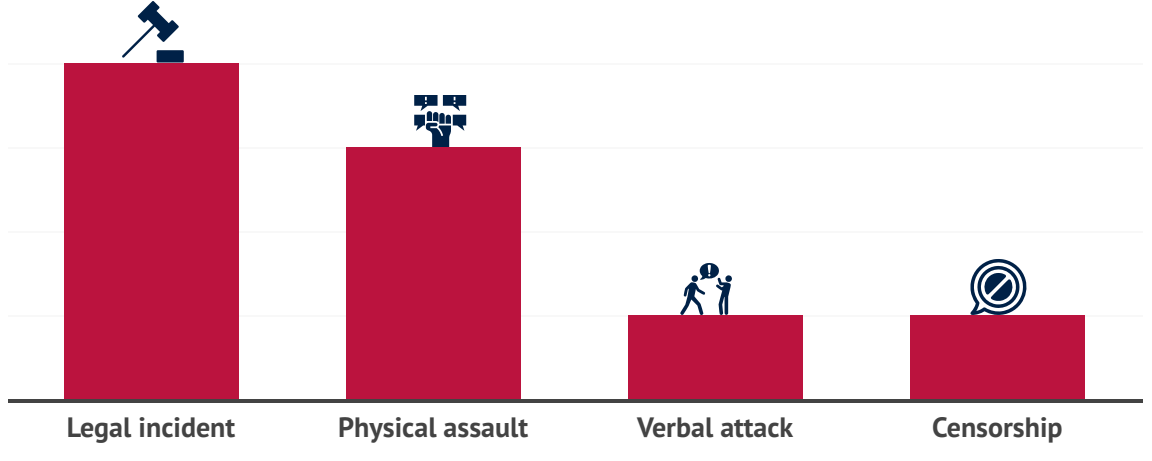
2 journalists were arrested.



Behind Bars

Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 9 alerts impacting 10 journalists, media workers or outlets** in March 2026.

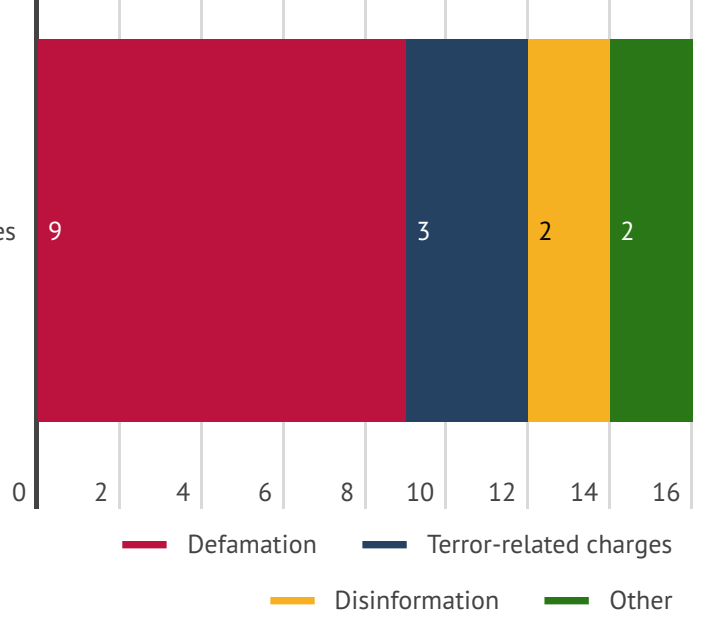


Trial Monitoring

In March, at least **18 journalists stood trial in 16 cases, 11 of which were adjourned. Three journalist were acquitted and three were sentenced.** Most faced terrorism and defamation related charges.



Number of cases



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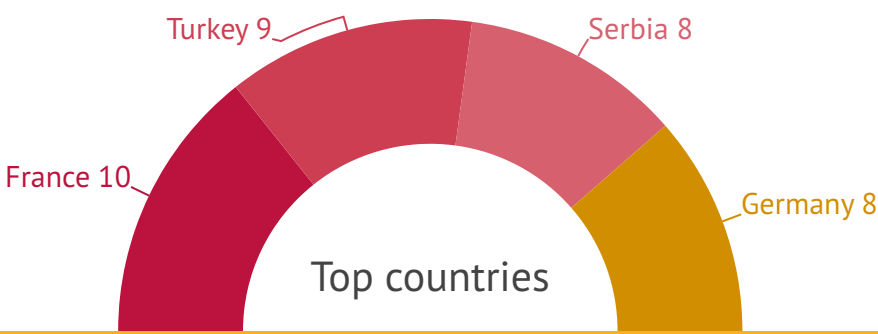
İsmail Arı was arrested.

Journalist İsmail Arı was arrested over “disinformation” and “insulting a public official” charges. [Read our statement for details.](#)

Turkey Ranks Second in Europe

Violations Recorded in March

Among the 18 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked second with at least nine cases this month.**



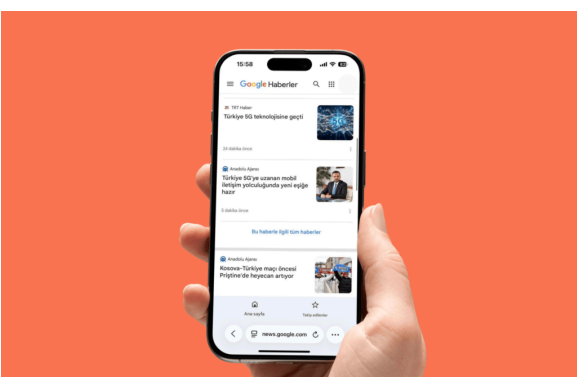
IPI's work in Turkey



IPI Turkey 2025 Mission Report published

A coalition of eight organisations raised a wide variety of issues that have contributed to a further decline in press freedom in Turkey.

[Read the report here.](#)



Letter to Google urging action on algorithmic impact on independent media

IPI has written to Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai to raise urgent concerns.

[Read the letter here.](#)



Joint letter to EU: Current visa policies obstruct Turkish journalists' mobility

The critical contradiction between the EU's commitment to support independent media and current visa policies obstruct the mobility of Turkish journalists.

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