

Press Freedom in Turkey

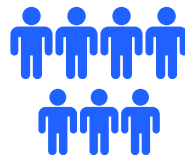
Monthly Factsheet: April 2026



14 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey



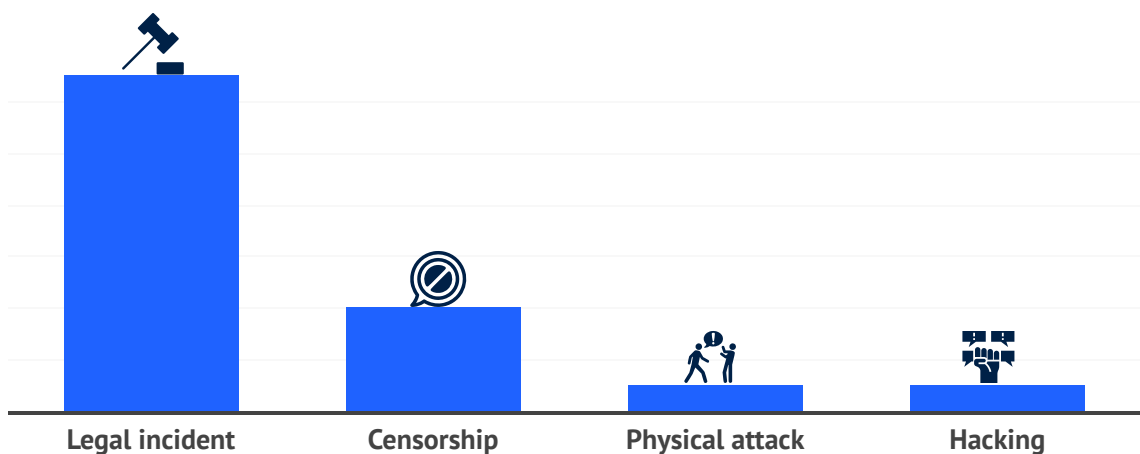
7 journalists were sentenced to prison.



Behind Bars

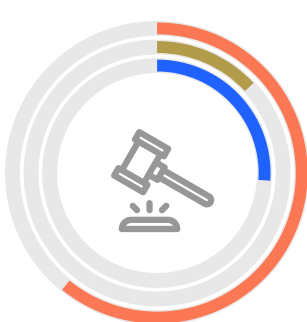
Top Violations

IPI documented at least 19 alerts impacting 22 journalists, media workers or outlets in April 2026.



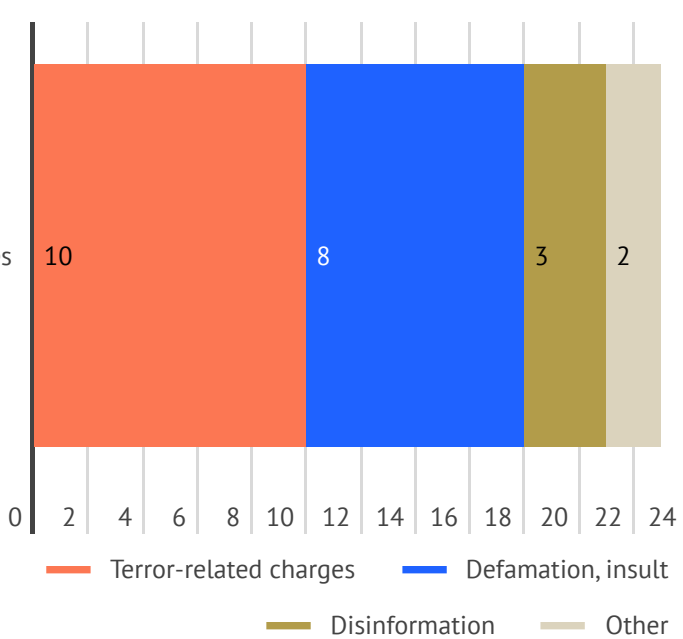
Trial Monitoring

In April, at least 58 journalists stood trial in 23 cases, 14 of which were adjourned. Three journalist were acquitted and eight were sentenced. Most faced terrorism and defamation related charges.



● Adjourned ● Acquittal ● Verdict

Number of cases



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IPI calls for the disinformation law's repeal.

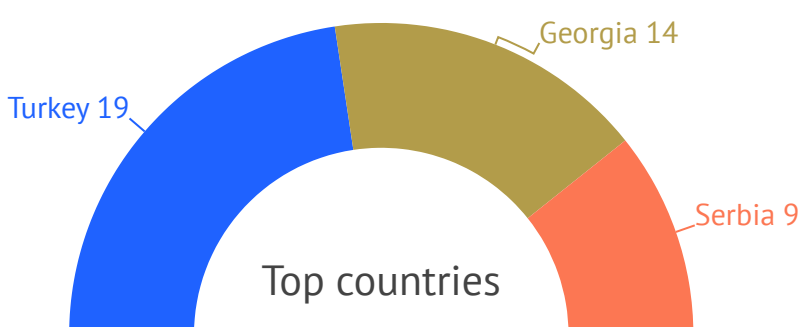
We strongly condemn the intensifying use of Article 217/A of the Turkish Penal Code and call on the government to repeal the provision immediately and release all journalists imprisoned under it.

[Read our statement for details.](#)

Turkey Ranks First in Europe

Violations Recorded in April

Among the 19 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, Turkey ranked first with at least 19 cases this month.



IPI's work in Turkey

IPI Turkey Journalism Summit

IPI is organizing a two-day symposium on May 21–22, focusing on press freedom and the right to access information, as part of our 75th anniversary.

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