

# Press Freedom in Turkey

## Monthly Factsheet: May 2026



**14** journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

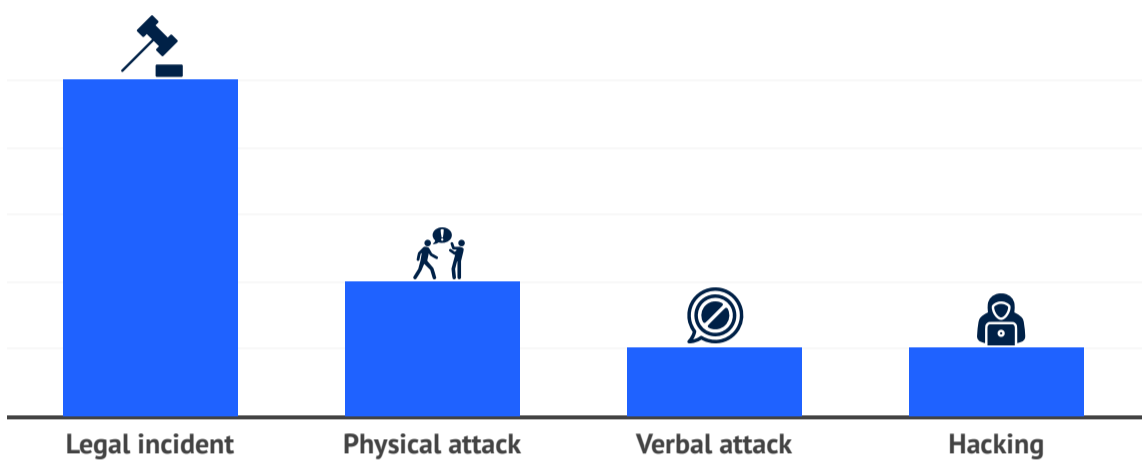


**20** journalists were publicly targeted.

### Behind Bars

### Top Violations

IPI documented **at least 9 alerts** impacting **29** journalists, media workers or outlets in May 2026.



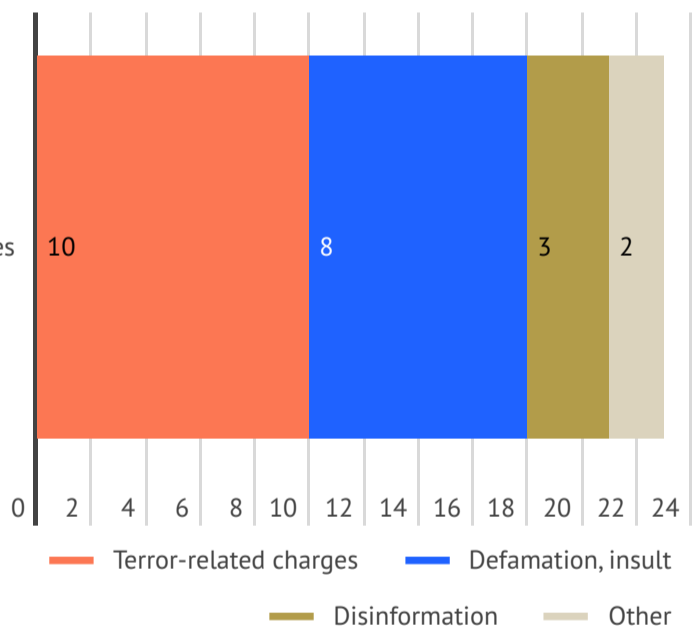
## Trial Monitoring

In May, at least **28** journalists stood trial in **15** cases, **13** of which were adjourned. **One** journalist was acquitted and **one** was sentenced. Most faced terrorism and defamation related charges.



● Adjourned ● Acquittal ● Verdict

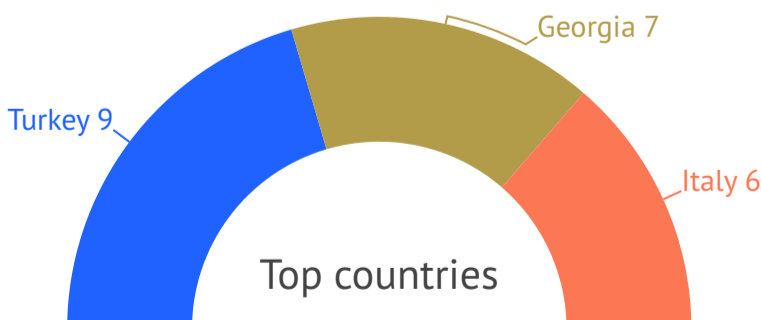
Number of cases



## Turkey Ranks First in Europe

### Violations Recorded in April

Among the 17 countries where MFRR documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked first with at least 9 cases this month.**



## IPI's work in Turkey



### IPI Turkey Journalism Summit

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