

IPI and press freedom organisations condemn the access block on T24

The International Press Institute (IPI), together with 12 press freedom organisations and professional press associations, stands with the independent news outlet T24 following the access block imposed on it, and calls on the Istanbul 1st Criminal Court of Peace to reverse the decision.

As democracy, the rule of law, and press freedom in Turkey erode in increasingly difficult times, we condemn the decision to block access to T24, as a grave attack on the profession. T24 is among the country's most widely read and well-established independent news portals, and it employs dozens of media workers. The decision was taken on baseless grounds and is unlawful and unconstitutional.

The “My Family is Safe” operation, cited as the justification, has targeted press and freedom of expression from day one. Authorities have [arrested](#) a colleague, and [blocked](#) access to news sites and journalists' social media accounts. Beyond being a serious violation of press freedom and freedom of expression, the decision to block access to T24 directly obstructs the public's right to receive information.

This decision must be reversed immediately. In the face of these attacks, we, the undersigned organisations, will continue to defend our profession and our colleagues.

Signed by:

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Media and Law Studies Association (MLSA)
Media Communication and Postal Employees Union (HABER-SEN)
Progressive Journalists Association (ÇGD)
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