Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Factsheet: October 2026

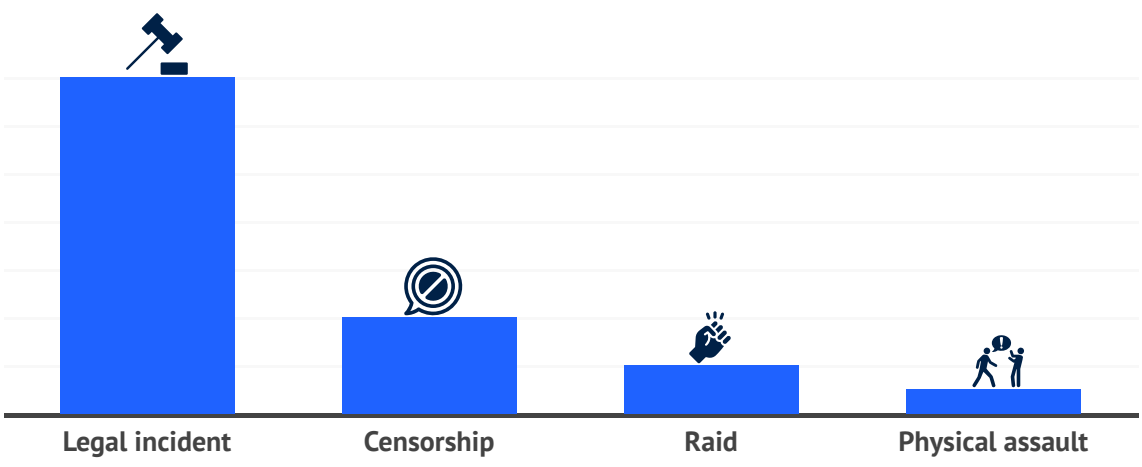
Behind Bars

19 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

6 journalists arrested.

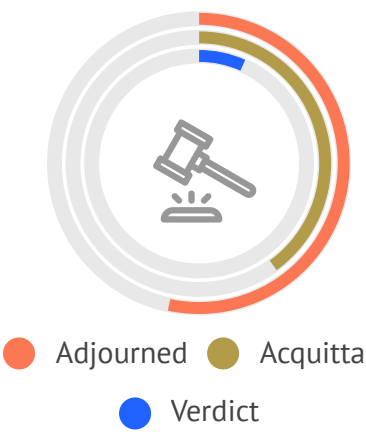
Top Violations

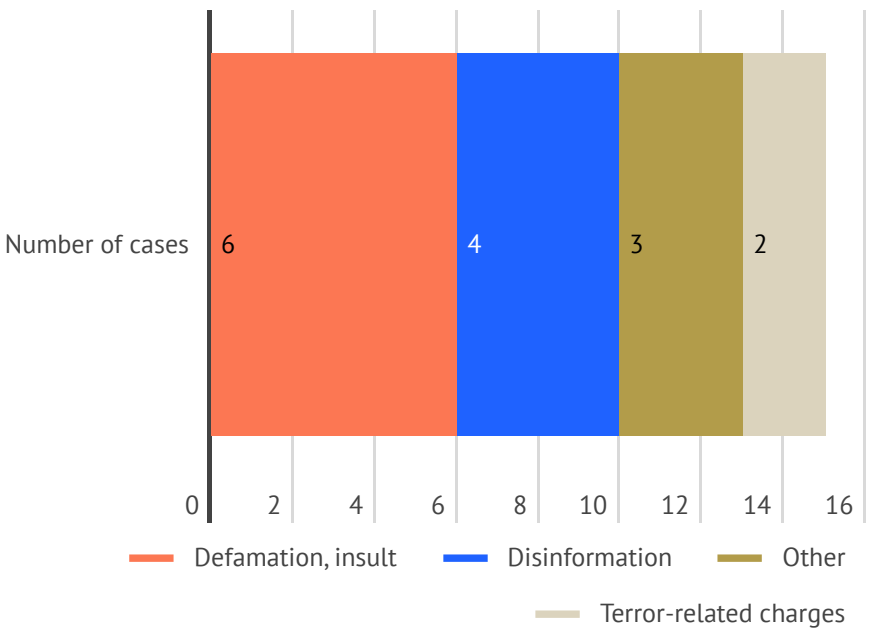
IPI documented **at least 21 violations impacting 37 journalists, media workers or outlets** in October 2026.



Trial Monitoring

In October, at least **31 journalists stood trial in 15 cases, eight of which were adjourned. 14 journalists were acquitted, whereas two were sentenced.** Most faced defamation and disinformation related charges.

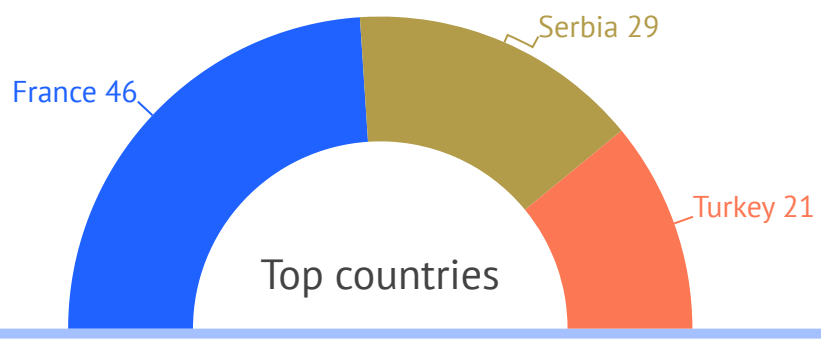




Turkey Ranks Third in Europe

Violations Recorded in October

Among the 22 countries where Mapping Media Freedom platform documented various types of violations, **Turkey ranked third with at least 21 cases this month.**



IPI's work in Turkey



IPI calls for restoring the editorial independence of Halk TV

Authorities should reverse the appointment of a trustee to Halk TV. A criminal investigation into the channel's owner cannot justify seizing control of a newsroom and silencing its coverage.
Read our statement.



IPI and partner organisations call on authorities to halt new restrictions, and on X and Meta to resist them

IPI joined human rights and media freedom organisations in raising serious concern over the escalation of internet censorship in Turkey.
Read our statement.



IPI condemns access block on independent news outlet T24

IPI stands with independent news portal T24 following an access block imposed by the Istanbul 1st Criminal Court of Peace, calling the measure unlawful and unconstitutional.
Read our statement.