

Press Freedom in Turkey

Monthly Briefing: July 2024



13 journalists are currently in jail in Turkey

8 Kurdish journalists were sentenced to 6 years in prison.



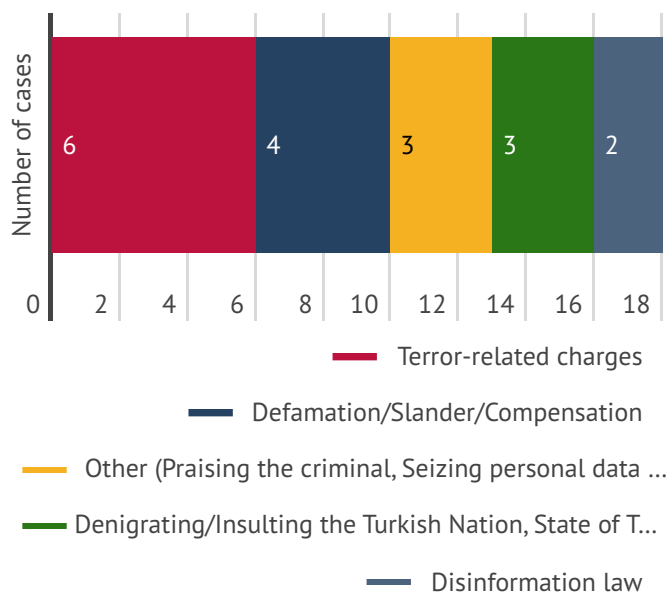
Behind Bars

Trial Monitoring

In July, at least **39** journalists stood trial. **12** of the hearings were adjourned. **9** journalists were sentenced to prison, while **7** journalists were acquitted. In these trials, most journalists were charged with terrorism-related crimes.



● Adjourned ● Verdict
● Acquittal ● Dismissed



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Journalists sentenced to prison, arrested, threatened. An independent radio station's license revoked.

9 journalists were sentenced to prison.

1 journalist was arrested.

8 Kurdish journalists were sentenced to over 6 years in prison with baseless terrorism charges.

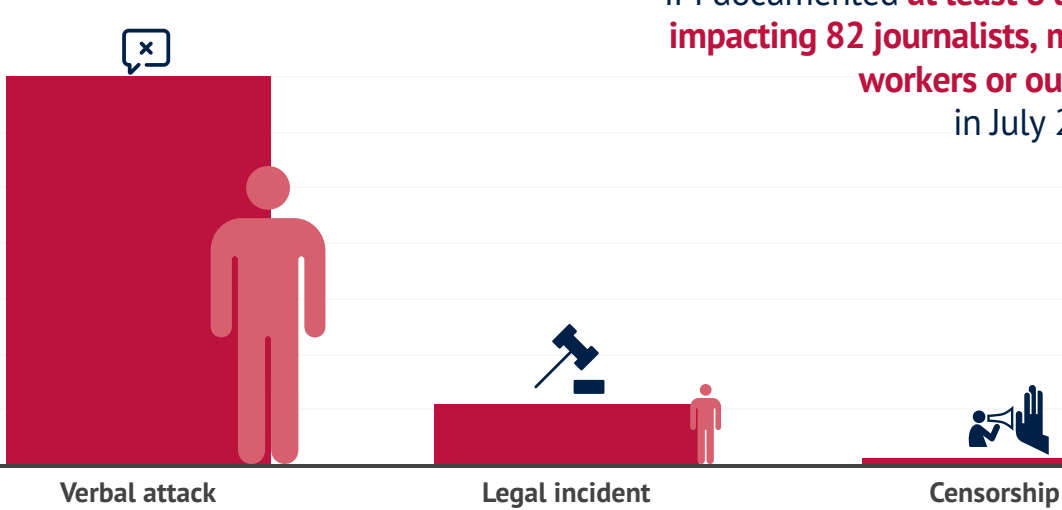
Journalist Sadık Topaloğlu was arrested on the charge of "membership in a terrorist organization."

The far-right party MHP targeted 63 prominent journalists and accused them of "slandering the party." [Read IPI's statement for more.](#)

Turkey's broadcast regulator decided to revoke the license of independent radio station Açık Radyo. [Read IPI's joint statement.](#)

Top Violations

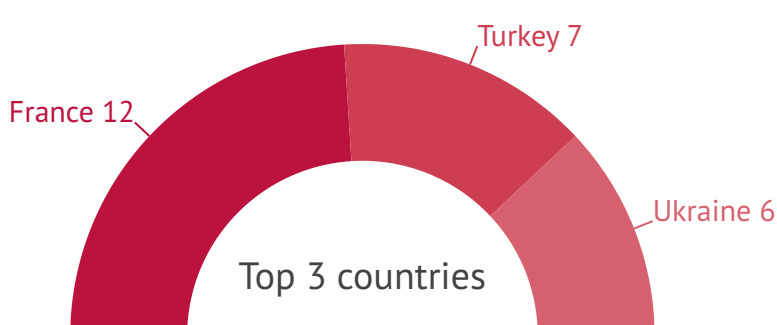
IPI documented at least 8 alerts impacting 82 journalists, media workers or outlets in July 2024.



Turkey Ranks Second in Europe

Most Violations Recorded in July

Among the 10 countries where MFRR recorded different types of violations, Turkey came in second after France with the most cases during the month.



Penalties Imposed by Press Ad Agency (BİK)

28

newspapers/websites banned (subjected to sanctions for official announcements and advertisements)

124

days in total (newspapers/websites banned)