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REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST JOURNALISTS

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-Data may vary. The figures obtained from our association's research represent the minimum number; the actual numbers may be higher.

-The "number of detained journalists" listed in the report does not necessarily mean that these journalists are still in prison; they may have been detained and subsequently released.

ASSESSMENT

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The detention, arrest, and investigation of journalists for their news reports, journalistic activities, and digital media posts, as well as raids on media organizations, publication suspension orders, and access restrictions, continued intensively throughout October.

In the October human rights violations report prepared by the Dicle Fırat Journalists' Association (DFG), it was determined that 20 journalists were detained, 6 were arrested, investigations were conducted against 8 journalists, and lawsuits were filed against 3 journalists. A raid was conducted on the premises of a media outlet, one journalist was subjected to ill-treatment, and in two incidents, journalists were prevented from covering news stories. The total prison sentences handed down to journalists amounted to 3 years, 2 months, and 20 days. Two journalists were placed under house arrest. As of November 3, 2026, there are 33 journalists in prison.

These figures demonstrate that the pressure on journalists is not limited to isolated incidents; rather, they paint a picture that directly affects the practice of journalism, the dissemination of news to the public, and the public's right to information.

As part of the "Fund" investigation, journalists İsmail Saymaz, Murat Ağırel, Şaban Sevinç, and Mustafa Balcı were taken into custody; Şaban Sevinç and Mustafa Balcı were detained, while Murat Ağırel was initially placed under house arrest but was later re-arrested and detained.

The arrest of BirGün reporter İsmail Arı following a complaint by former RTÜK Chairman Ebubekir Şahin, as well as the arrest of local news website owner Hasan Güraksu, also demonstrate that judicial pressure against journalists continues in various spheres.

JINNEWS News Editor Öznur Değer was sentenced to 1 year and 6 months in prison, while Osman Akın, the former editor of the Yeni Yaşam newspaper, was sentenced to 10 months. An investigation was launched against Mezopotamya Agency reporter Rabia Önver on the grounds of her social media posts.

In October, pressure on media organizations escalated to the point of suspending broadcast operations and blocking access to digital platforms. On October 14, a raid was conducted on Halk TV's Istanbul headquarters; a trustee was appointed to the channel, and its broadcasts were suspended. Access to the channel's YouTube, X, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Telegram accounts was blocked; the platforms made these accounts inaccessible from Turkey.

Media outlets such as Mezopotamya Agency, Yeni Yaşam, Azadiya Welat, T24, bianet, BirGün, Kısa Dalga, Cumhuriyet, and Medyascope have also faced access restrictions and platform interventions regarding their websites or digital media accounts. The restrictions imposed on the Mezopotamya Agency's website and X account, the limitations placed on Yeni Yaşam's digital media accounts ( ), and the blocking of the newspaper's website on October 31 demonstrate that the digital activities of independent media organizations, in particular, are being targeted.

In October, access to 231 pieces of digital media content and 22 news stories was blocked, and 4 websites were taken offline. These measures demonstrate that censorship is not limited to the removal of specific news stories from publication; the channels through which journalists and media organizations deliver their news to the public are also being targeted.

Sanctions imposed by the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) on broadcasters also continued in October. SZC TV and Koza TV were fined for news reports and analyses related to a funding investigation, and sanctions were also imposed on Sözcü TV for its commentary on the arrest of Murat Ağırel. A total of seven broadcast bans were issued in October.

Violations of press freedom are not limited to detention, arrest, prosecution, and censorship. Economic difficulties and layoffs in the media sector also directly affect journalists' job security and their ability to practice independent journalism.

The October report noted that at least 162 journalists lost their jobs. TELE2 Haber ceased broadcasting because it was unable to pay its RTÜK broadcasting license fee, while Cem TV also ceased operations. At Manşetiz, 12 journalists were laid off after their salaries were delayed, their meal cards were not credited, and their system access was blocked. Approximately 100 people were laid off at Yeni Şafak, GZT, and TVNET, while 50 employees were laid off at Sözcü.

Data from October 2026 reveals that journalists have faced detention and arrest due to their professional activities, news organizations have had their broadcasts suspended, digital platforms have been blocked, and the economic security of media workers has steadily eroded. When judicial proceedings, administrative sanctions, digital censorship, and economic pressures are considered together, it becomes evident that the scope of journalism is being restricted in multiple ways.
A significant development in October was the protests organized by journalists in 10 provinces on October 24 in response to all these attacks. The marches held by journalists in 10 provinces on October 24 demonstrated the shared determination of professional organizations and journalists to fight against the pressures on press freedom. Journalists coming together in different cities to raise their voices has once again highlighted the importance of solidarity against arrests, censorship, and the obstruction of professional activities. These marches underscore that the struggle for press freedom is a shared responsibility not only of journalists but of everyone who defends the public's right to information.

As the DFG, we emphasize once again: Journalism is not a crime. Targeting journalists because of their reporting and professional activities constitutes a direct interference with the public's right to information . The suspension of media outlets' broadcasts and the blocking of access to websites and digital media accounts restrict the right to public debate and access to information.

In this context, we demand an end to the detentions, arrests, and judicial proceedings targeting journalists; the release of journalists currently imprisoned for their journalistic activities; the lifting of access restrictions on news websites and digital media accounts; and the guarantee of media organizations' freedom of publication.

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1-) VIOLATIONS OF JOURNALISTS' RIGHT TO LIFE AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Attacked	Journalist	-
	Media Outlet	-
Journalists Targeted		-
Raids on Media Outlets		1
Journalists Detained		20
Journalists Arrested		6
Journalists Subjected to Ill-Treatment		1
Journalists Who Were Threatened		-
Journalists Whose Reporting Was Blocked		2 incidents
Violations Against Journalists in Prisons		1

2-) VIOLATIONS OF FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AGAINST JOURNALISTS

Journalists Under Investigation		8
Journalists Against Whom Lawsuits Were Filed		3
Journalists Who Were Punished	Number of People	
	Prison Sentence	3 years, 2 months, 20 days
	House Arrest	2
	Fine	-
Journalists Whose Trials Are Ongoing	Number of Cases	24
	Number of People	45
Number of Journalists in Custody (as of November 3, 2026)		33

3-) VIOLATIONS OF JOURNALISTS' ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

Journalists Who Lost Their Jobs	162

4-) RESTRICTIONS AND CENSORSHIP TARGETING PRESS AND MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS

RTÜK Fines	Number of Broadcasts		9
	Number of Penalties 4	Fines	2 3% administrative fines, 2 administrative fines
Newspapers Fined for Advertisements			1
Media Outlet That Closed			2
Press Organizations That Were Shut Down			1

5-) ACCESS BLOCK ON INTERNET AND DIGITAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Shut-Down Website	4
News Articles Subject to Access Restrictions	22
Social Media Content Subject to Access Restrictions	231

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DETAILED DATA

1-) VIOLATIONS OF JOURNALISTS' RIGHT TO LIFE AND SAFETY

October 2, 2026 – Journalist and member of the Press-Labor Disciplinary Committee of the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions (DİSK), Derya Okatan, was taken into custody from her home in Ankara. After being taken into custody and brought to Istanbul, Derya Okatan was arrested by the judge who heard her case.

October 2, 2026 – A decision was issued dismissing the criminal complaint filed by journalist Rabia Önver against gendarme M.D.Ö., alleging that he had harassed her with phone calls and messages, on the grounds that there were no grounds for prosecution. The ruling stated that in order for legal action to be taken against M.D.Ö., "it is necessary to persistently call a person, make noise, or engage in another unlawful act with the sole intent of disturbing their peace and quiet." The ruling also noted that "some of the messages were exchanged mutually, and no evidence was found to suggest that the caller made the calls solely to disturb the peace and quiet." It was decided that there were "insufficient grounds for prosecution" because "no concrete and sufficient evidence was obtained to warrant a public prosecution, aside from allegations that remained at the level of abstract claims regarding the commission of the crime."

October 6, 2026 — Hasan Güraksu, the owner of a local online news site based in Burdur, became the subject of an investigation due to a news article titled "Is Rotten Meat Being Fed to Patients at State Hospitals?" published on his website. As part of the investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for Güraksu. After the necessary procedures, Güraksu was transferred to the Burdur Courthouse, where he was arrested by the court on charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information."

October 8, 2026 — As part of investigations conducted by the Istanbul Chief Prosecutor's Office, detention warrants were issued for Şaban Sevinç and Mustafa Balcı on the grounds that they made statements regarding AKP Deputy Chairman and Party Spokesperson Ömer Çelik. Sevinç and Balcı were detained on the charge of "publicly disseminating misleading information."

October 9, 2026 — In an investigation into capital market transactions, journalists İsmail Saymaz and Murat Ağırel were referred to the magistrate's court following their statements to the prosecutor's office, with a request that they be subject to a signature requirement and a travel ban. The court ruled that the journalists— —be released under judicial supervision. The

travel ban imposed on Ağırel and Saymaz was converted to house arrest following an objection by the chief prosecutor's office.

October 9, 2026 — Journalists Şaban Sevinç and Mustafa Balcı, who were detained for posts and news reports related to the "Fon" investigation, were arrested. It was reported that the Magistrate's Court ruled to arrest Sevinç and Balcı on charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information to the public."

October 14, 2026 - In a statement issued by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, it was reported that an investigation was being conducted against Cafer Mahiroğlu, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Halk TV, on charges of "bribery, bid-rigging, and laundering assets derived from crime." The Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced that, as part of the investigation into Cafer Mahiroğlu, detention warrants were issued for 17 individuals, and 11 of them were taken into custody. Those taken into custody were Harika Akkaya, Hasan Özdemir, İbrahim Özdemir, Armağan Küçük, Mustafa Özdemir, Halit Akın, Ali Turan, Mediha Burumoğlu, Murat Koçak, Erkan Yağcı, and Süleyman Özen.

October 14, 2026 — At the hearing in the case involving "sexual abuse" against Fatmanur Çelik and her daughter Hifa İkra Şengüler, journalists and women's organizations were barred from entering the courtroom on the grounds of a confidentiality order.

October 15, 2026 — Bahadır Özgür, a writer and program host for Halk TV, was taken into custody. Özgür, who was detained on allegations of violating the confidentiality of the fund investigation, was taken to the Vatan Police Department. On October 16, Özgür was released under judicial supervision, which included reporting to authorities twice a week and a ban on traveling abroad.

October 16, 2026 – Journalist Murat Ağırel, who was under house arrest on charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information" due to his reports on the fund crisis, was taken into custody.

October 19, 2026 — In an operation conducted as part of an investigation launched by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office based on allegations that two German citizens "carried out transactions aimed at laundering large sums of money of unknown origin through companies established both domestically and abroad," journalist Murat Ağırel, who was under house arrest due to his reporting on the fund crisis, was arrested.

October 20, 2026 – BirGün reporter İsmail Arı was taken into custody at the Ankara Police Department while there to give a statement as part of an investigation launched following a complaint by former RTÜK Chairman Ebubekir Şahin. Arı was charged with "insulting a public official in connection with their duties" and "publicly disseminating misleading information."

October 21, 2026 — Following the CHP's weekly group meeting held at the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (TBMM), it was reported that Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu's security detail intervened against Bala Ateş Irmak, a Sözcü TV reporter and a member of the Ankara branch of the Journalists' Association of Turkey (ÇGD), who was attempting to ask a question.

Irmak, who was seen being pushed by bodyguards as Kılıçdaroğlu was leaving the meeting hall, reacted to the incident.

October 21, 2026 — BirGün reporter İsmail Arı was arrested on charges of publicly disseminating misleading information to the public, following a complaint filed by former RTÜK Chairman Ebubekir Şahin.

October 26, 2026 – Utku Çakırözer, Deputy Chair of the New Party, met with BirGün reporter İsmail Arı, who had been arrested on October 21, at Sincan Prison. Çakırözer stated, "There are 62 people living in a 28-person cell. İsmail is still sleeping on the floor."

October 27, 2026 — Ercüment İşleyen, Editor-in-Chief of sozcu.com.tr, and Tuğba Nur Çelik, Managing Editor of sozcu.com.tr, were taken into custody. The two journalists were released after giving their statements.

October 31, 2026 – Yiğit Uzun, a writer for Diriliş Postası, was taken into custody at his home in the Bornova district of İzmir under Article 217/A of the Turkish Penal Code (TCK), which criminalizes "publicly disseminating misleading information to the public."

2-) VIOLATIONS OF FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION TARGETING JOURNALISTS

October 1, 2026 — Journalist Ali Çağatay, who had been detained for approximately three months due to a social media post regarding the abduction and torture of Erhan Karaal, Deputy General Manager of İBB Kültür A.Ş., stood trial on two separate charges at the Istanbul 5th Criminal Court of First Instance. In announcing its decision, the court acquitted Çağatay of the charge of "publicly disseminating misleading information," ruling that his post did not constitute an act likely to disrupt public peace, that no incidents of a nature likely to cause unrest or disturbances in society occurred as a result of the post, and that no such findings were established. The court also acquitted him of the charge of "insulting state institutions and organs," ruling that the statements in the post did not constitute an insult. The court further stated that the defendant was entitled to compensation due to his detention and subsequent acquittal.

October 1, 2026 — The fourth hearing in the case against Swedish journalist Joakim Medin, who was charged with "membership in an organization" (TCK 314/2) and "organization propaganda" on the grounds of his journalistic activities, was held at the Istanbul 13th High Criminal Court. The court ruled that the necessary procedures be carried out to take Medin's defense testimony in Sweden. It was ruled that the new request must clearly state that Medin's extradition to Turkey is not being sought, and that only his defense testimony is being requested. The trial was adjourned until January 5, 2027.

October 2, 2026 — Ramazan Yurttapan, the former managing editor of the journal of thought and theory *Democratic Modernity*, along with editor Haydar Ergül, Cihan Doğan, Kadir Atılgan, Fermanlı Fırat, and Nazan Üstündağ—were held at the 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance at the Istanbul Courthouse in Çağlayan. In announcing its decision, the court ruled to await the execution of the arrest warrants issued for magazine writers Cihan Doğan, Kadir

Atılgan, Fermanlı Fırat, and Nazan Üstündağ. The hearing was postponed until March 1, 2027.

October 5, 2026 — An investigation was launched against Cumhuriyet newspaper columnist Mehmet Ali Güller and reporter Batuhan Serim over news reports and social media posts they had made. Güller and Serim gave statements at the Şişli District Police Department as part of the investigations against them.

October 5, **2026** – An investigation was launched against Jinnews reporter Rabia Önver on the grounds of "spreading organization propaganda," citing her news posts on digital media. Rabia Önver gave a statement at the Yüksekova District Police Department's Counter-Terrorism (TEM) Branch, accompanied by her attorney.

October 6, 2026 — The 34th hearing in the trial of journalist Abdullah Kaya, who is being prosecuted on charges of "knowingly and willingly aiding an organization," was held at the Ağrı 2nd High Criminal Court. In announcing its decision, the court panel ruled to await the outcome of the case at the Court of Cassation and adjourned the hearing until December 17.

October 6, 2026 — The fifth hearing in the trial of Doğan Pehlevan, a cartoonist for LeMan magazine, who is being tried on charges of "insulting the President" due to a post made from an X account that was reportedly not his own and that he did not make, was held at the Istanbul 36th Criminal Court of First Instance. The court concluded that the elements of the crime were present and sentenced Pehlevan to 11 months and 20 days in prison for "insulting the President." Since the sentence was less than two years, the court decided to suspend the pronouncement of the sentence.

October 6, 2026 — Hüseyin Aykan, publisher and editor-in-chief of Bolu Gündem Newspaper, was released 24 days after being arrested on September 11 in connection with a news story he published. The first hearing in Aykan's case is scheduled for February 18, 2027.

October 6, **2026** — The final hearing was held in the case filed against JİNNEWS News Director Öznur Değer and former Editor-in-Chief of Yeni Yaşam Newspaper Osman Akın regarding a news report they published alleging that torture occurred during a raid on a home in the rural Eskihisar neighborhood of Nusaybin district on July 16, 2024. At the hearing held at the Mardin 2nd High Criminal Court, the panel of judges announced its decision regarding Öznur Değer and Akın. Osman Akın was sentenced to 10 months in prison on the grounds that he committed the crime of "Targeting Individuals Who Have Served in the Fight Against Terrorism," while Öznur Değer was sentenced to 1 year and 6 months on the same grounds. Meanwhile, while the court panel issued a "suspension of sentence" ruling for Osman Akın, this measure was not applied to Öznur Değer.

October 7, **2026** – The trial regarding the murder of journalist, documentary filmmaker, and environmental activist Hakan Tosun in Esenyurt, Istanbul, was heard at the Bakırköy 17th High Criminal Court. In the trial, Abdurrahman Murat and Adnan Şahin were sentenced to life in prison for the crime of "intentional homicide."

October 8, 2026 — An investigation has been launched against Gülnur Saydam of the Cumhuriyet newspaper, who reported on Esenler Municipality's official proceedings

regarding the sale of a public road, on charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information" and "slander." In the investigation, Saydam was charged with "publicly disseminating misleading information" and "slander."

October 8, **2026 -** Trade Minister Ömer Bolat filed a criminal complaint against journalists İsmail Saymaz and Murat Ağırel over statements made about him and social media posts as part of a fund investigation.

October 8, 2026 — The 11th hearing in the "insulting the President" case filed against journalist Sedef Kabaş over a total of 25 social media posts was held at the Istanbul Anatolia 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance. At the previous hearing, the court determined that Article 43/1 of the Turkish Penal Code could be applied in the event that the act attributed to Kabaş was proven, and decided to recommend that the case be consolidated with another case pending before the Istanbul 36th Criminal Court of First Instance. However, the relevant court at the Istanbul Courthouse ( ), namely the Istanbul 36th Criminal Court of First Instance, did not accept the proposal to consolidate the cases. Consequently, the judge of the 2nd Anatolian Criminal Court of First Instance referred the case to the Court of Appeals due to the disagreement regarding the consolidation.

October 9, **2026 —** The Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued an order summoning journalists İsmail Saymaz, Murat Ağırel, and Şaban Sevinç to give statements as suspects in connection with news reports and analyses regarding a fund investigation targeting seven financial institutions.

October 9, **2026 —** An indictment was prepared against journalist Ali Tarakcı on charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information" in connection with a post stating, "A very important minister will resign on Friday." The prosecution argued that the post, which was viewed approximately 5.2 million times, negatively impacted the foreign exchange market and sought a prison sentence of one to three years for Tarakcı.

October 9, 2026 - The second hearing in the trial of İsmail Arı, who is facing charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information" (TCK 217/A) and "violation of confidentiality" (TCK 285) for a news report he published in BirGün Newspaper and on BirGün TV, was held at the Ankara 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance. The court issued an interim ruling to await the requested document and decided to exempt İsmail Arı—whose defense statement had been taken at the previous hearing—from attending further hearings, postponing the next hearing to December 25 at 2:00 p.m.

October 9, 2026 — The detention status of journalists Selahattin Günday, Emre Atmaca, and Özlem Uslu—who are being held in connection with the investigation into the suspicious death of former National Intelligence Organization (MİT) member Kaşif Kozinoğlu at Silivri Prison—was reviewed. Upon the request of the Silivri Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, the Silivri Criminal Court of First Instance reviewed the case and ruled that the detention of all three individuals should continue separately. Journalist Selahattin Günday was charged under Article 27/3-1 of Law No. 2937 on State Intelligence Services and the National Intelligence Organization "disclosing information and documents related to intelligence activities," under Article 220/1 of the Turkish Penal Code (TCK) for "forming an organization with the intent to

commit a crime," and under Article 136/1 of the TCK for "unlawfully obtaining or disseminating personal data."

October 13, 2026—The retrial of journalist, author, and editor of the Eylül Art and Literature Magazine, Erdal Süsem, was held at the Istanbul 12th High Criminal Court. Süsem, who has been in custody for 25 years on charges of "membership in an organization," was brought from Tekirdağ Prison to attend the hearing. The court rejected the defense's requests for further investigation and evidence collection. It ruled to uphold the April 20, 2009, conviction and to continue the sentence as is.

October 13, **2026** — The AKP filed a 600,000-lira damages lawsuit against BirGün TV and Timur Soykan, citing statements and broadcasts targeting the party. The lawsuit, filed over statements regarding a fund embezzlement scandal, cited broadcasts by Timur Soykan and BirGün TV on September 26, October 3, and October 10 as grounds.

October 13, 2026 — Zafer Aknar, Aslan Özdemir, Cebrail Okçu, Ali Yavuz, Doğan Pehlevan, and Mehmet Tuncay Akgün were tried on charges of "publicly inciting the public to hatred and hostility through the press." The third hearing of the case took place at the Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance. The court ruled that deficiencies in the subpoena documents must be rectified and that the subpoena proceedings should then continue. Ruling that the motion for a separate trial regarding Akgün would be evaluated at the next hearing, the court adjourned the hearing to February 2, 2027, at 1:30 p.m.

October 13, 2026 – An investigation was launched against Sözcü TV anchor Serap Belovacıklı on charges of inciting the public to hatred and hostility. The investigation, initiated ex officio by the Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office on charges of "inciting the public to hatred, hostility, or humiliation," cited Belovacıklı's social media posts as grounds for the case.

October 15, **2026** — The October 15, 2026, hearing in the retrial of journalist Hatice Duman, who faces charges of "leading an organization" (TCK 314/1) and "membership in an organization" (TCK 314/2), was held at the Istanbul 12th High Criminal Court. The trial was adjourned until December 15, 2026.

October 15, 2026 — A decision was issued to release journalist and YouTube content creator Oya Lale Arslan, who had been in custody for 40 days.

October 16, 2026 – The Mardin 2nd High Criminal Court announced the reasoning behind the sentence of 1 year and 6 months in prison imposed on JINNEWS News Director Öznur Değer on the charge of "targeting a person involved in the fight against terrorism." The reasoning stated that "the news report in question did not fall within the scope of the press's functions of providing information, criticizing, and commenting, which are essential elements of a democratic society." Furthermore, the ruling noted that there was no basis for a reduced sentence because Öznur Değer, who authored the report, "showed no remorse."

October 19, **2026** — Fatih Ergin was taken into custody and subsequently detained on September 28 for a social media post he made regarding the discovery of the body of Turgay Tamer, a former campus doctor who had been detained in connection with the investigation into Kaşif Kozinoğlu, a former MİT agent. An indictment has been filed against detained

journalist Fatih Ergin. Ergin, who faces charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information," is facing a prison sentence ranging from 1.5 to 4.5 years. The indictment states, based on a letter from the Silivri District Health Directorate, that Tamer did not work as a "forensic medicine employee" during his tenure. The prosecution therefore determined that the statement in question in Ergin's post constituted false information. Ergin's first hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2026.

October 19, 2026 — The third hearing in the case against journalist Metin Oflaz, who was charged with "violating the confidentiality of an investigation" (TCK 285) based on a news report he wrote regarding allegations of "wheat theft," was held at the Konya 27th Criminal Court of First Instance. The court ordered that the criminal case files related to the wheat theft be submitted. The trial was adjourned until December 7, 2026. Oflaz is on trial following a complaint filed by the governor over a news story he wrote while working for the Cumhuriyet newspaper titled "7,500 Metric Tons of Grain Stolen from TMO: Supreme Court Ruling on Konya Governor Vahdettin Özkan."

October 20, 2026 — The second hearing in the case against journalist Bircan Değirmenci, who faces charges of "repeatedly spreading organization propaganda" due to posts she made on X in 2015, was held at the Diyarbakır 4th High Criminal Court. At the first hearing, the court had presented its opinion on the merits of the case and requested that Değirmenci be punished. The hearing was postponed to January 26 at 9:30 a.m. to allow for the completion of missing documents in the case file.

October 20, **2026 —** The first hearing in the case filed against journalists Gözde Şeker and İbrahim Kahveci for remarks made about MHP Chairman Devlet Bahçeli on the "Kırmızı Çizgi" program aired on Halk TV took place at the Ankara 52nd Criminal Court of First Instance. After the public prosecutor requested additional time to prepare a legal opinion, the court postponed the hearing to November 4 at 10:50 a.m.

October 20, 2026 — The fourth hearing in the case against JINNEWS News Director Öznur Değer—who is on trial for her reaction to sexist remarks made by police while covering a women's march in Midyat held in memory of the murdered journalist Cihan Bilgin—was held at the Midyat 1st Criminal Court of First Instance. The court decided to issue a formal request to the Midyat District Police Department, demanding not only footage from the moment of the incident but also any body camera, security camera, and other recordings from the entire day of the incident, if available. After the recordings are submitted, the court ruled that the case file would be referred to an expert witness and postponed the next hearing to December 8 at 10:55 a.m.

October 20, **2026 —** The third hearing in the case against journalist Tuğçe Yılmaz, charged with "publicly insulting the Republic of Turkey," was held at the Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance. The court determined that the case had not been filed within the four-month statutory period provided for in the Press Law and ruled to dismiss the case.

October 21, 2026 — A hearing was held at the Istanbul 9th Criminal Court of First Instance in the case against 20 individuals—including journalist Fatoş Erdoğan, who had been covering protests held in front of the CHP Istanbul Provincial Headquarters following the appointment of a trustee to the party—charged with "publicly inciting others to commit a crime." Since

defendant Ebru Oruç—who conducts street interviews on YouTube under the pseudonym "Sokak Kedisi"—did not attend the hearing and her defense could not be heard, the court adjourned the hearing until December 23 at 9:30 a.m.

October 22, **2026 —** The AKP filed a lawsuit seeking 600,000 TL in moral damages against the BirGün newspaper and writer Zafer Arapkirli, claiming that the party's reputation was targeted in publications related to funding investigations. The lawsuit cited remarks made by Arapkirli on three separate programs as grounds for the claim.

October 22, 2026 - The first hearing in the trial of journalist Canan Coşkun, documentary filmmaker Kazım Kızıl, and Rabia Naz Vatan's father, Şaban Vatan—who are being tried for investigating the 2018 suspicious death of 11-year-old Rabia Naz Vatan in the Eynesil district of Giresun—took place on October 22 at the Görele 1st Criminal Court of First Instance. Kazım Kızıl participated in the hearing via the Audio and Video Information System (SEGBİS) from the 63rd Criminal Court of First Instance in İzmir with his attorney, Mevlüde Sena Yazıbağlı, while Canan Coşkun participated from the 52nd Criminal Court of First Instance in Istanbul with her attorney, Abbas Yalçın. The hearing was postponed to January 28, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.

October 22, 2026 — In the trial of journalist Fatma Sibel Gürcihan, who was charged based on a social media post regarding former Finance Minister Berat Albayrak, the panel of judges at the Istanbul Anatolia 78th Criminal Court of First Instance announced its final decision regarding the charges of "publicly disseminating misleading information" (TCK 217/A) and "threats" (TCK 106)—charges that had been consolidated with her case—at the final hearing held at the Istanbul Anatolia 78th Criminal Court of First Instance. Following the trial, the court ruled that the elements of both alleged crimes were not established and acquitted Gürcihan of both charges separately. With this ruling, all judicial control measures imposed on the journalist—including the ban on leaving the country—were lifted. The court also reminded Gürcihan, who had been held at the Marmara Closed Prison for approximately one month during the investigation phase, that she has the right to file a lawsuit against the Treasury for material and moral damages for the period she was wrongfully detained.

October 22, 2026 — The second hearing in the retrial of journalist Levent Gültekin, who is facing charges of "insulting the President" (TCK 299). The second hearing in the case took place on October 22, 2026, at the Bakırköy 44th Criminal Court of First Instance. The Bakırköy 44th Criminal Court of First Instance, which had sentenced him to 11 months and 20 days in prison, had decided to defer the announcement of the verdict. The retrial had begun following the Constitutional Court's (AYM) ruling on a human rights violation. The court decided to postpone the case until December 10, 2026, after ordering that the case file be sent to the prosecution for the preparation of the opinion on the merits.

October 22, 2026 — The Mehmet Baransu case, initiated following a complaint by retired Colonel Dursun Çiçek, was heard at the 2nd Anatolia Criminal Court of First Instance. During the hearing, in which Baransu denied the charges while Çiçek's side reiterated the allegations of defamation, the court decided to adjourn the hearing until February 11 to allow the prosecution to prepare its opinion.

October 23, 2026 — The fifth hearing in the case against journalist Can Öztürk and 14 students—who were detained while covering a protest at Boğaziçi University in May 2025 sparked by a speech by Nurettin Yıldız—on charges of "resisting the performance of official duties" and "participating unarmed in unlawful assemblies and marches" The fifth hearing of the case took place at the Istanbul 69th Criminal Court of First Instance. The court ruled to grant the defendants' attorneys time until the next hearing to submit their statements in response to the prosecution's closing argument and scheduled the next hearing for January 11, 2027, at 9:30 a.m.

October 25, 2026 — The Bakırköy Chief Prosecutor's Office launched an ex officio investigation into journalist Ardan Zentürk based on his social media posts. As part of the investigation, Zentürk was charged with "insulting the President."

October 27, 2026 – Detained journalist Murat Ağırel appeared before a judge in a case filed against him on charges of "slander" stemming from a news article titled "Drugs Seized in YÖK Vehicle" published in the Cumhuriyet newspaper. Ağırel participated in the hearing at the Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance via SEGBIS from Kandıra No. 2 F-Type Prison. The Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance acquitted Ağırel.

October 27, 2026 — Journalists Barış Terkoğlu, Barış Pehlivan, Can Bursalı, Nevzat Çiçek, Doğan Akın, Gökmen Karadağ, Ayşenur Arslan, Fatih Portakal, Can Özçelik, and one other defendant—the 12th hearing of the case filed on charges of "insult" and "slander" following a complaint by Mustafa Doğan İnal, former attorney to President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan—took place on October 27, 2026, at the Istanbul 2nd Criminal Court of First Instance. In the case, in which Mustafa Doğan İnal withdrew his complaint, the court ruled to acquit all defendants.

October 30, 2026 – İsmail Arı, a reporter for the BirGün newspaper, who was arrested on October 21 following a complaint by Ebubekir Şahin, the former chairman of the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK), and taken to Sincan Prison, will stand trial on November 19 at the Ankara 32nd Criminal Court of First Instance. The hearing will begin at 11:45 a.m.

3-) VIOLATIONS OF THE JOURNALIST'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

October 3, 2026 – Following the arrest of Merdan Yanardağ, General Manager of TELE1 TV, and the appointment of a trustee to the channel, TELE2 Haber—established by TELE1 employees and broadcasting via the website —ceased operations. TELE2 producer Murat Taylan stated that the fee demanded by the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) for the two licenses amounted to 2 million lira, adding, "Since we cannot afford the requested license fee, we have decided to end our broadcasts under the name TELE2 News."

October 5, 2026 — Erol Işık, Broadcast Coordinator at Cem TV, announced the decision to cease broadcasts. Cem TV, which began broadcasting in 2005, had previously suspended its broadcasts on December 1, 2023. It was reported that the channel had ceased its satellite broadcasts because it was unable to meet its accumulated satellite and other financial obligations at that time. The channel resumed broadcasting on March 11, 2026, after a hiatus of approximately 2.5 years.

October 6, 2026 — A decision was made not to pursue charges regarding a criminal complaint filed by Mezopotamya Agency (MA) reporter Sema Bingöl, who was beaten and detained while covering a memorial service for Ethem Sarısülük in Ankara and later released, after she was targeted by Akit, Ensonhaber, and Diriliş Postası.

October 16, 2026 — Twelve journalists working for the website "Manşetiz," where salary and meal card payments had long been delayed, were laid off. The journalists stated that their access to the news submission system was blocked on Sunday, October 11, and that despite being on standby and ready to work for three days, they were fired on the grounds of "absenteeism" (Code 48).

October 16, 2026 - In a ruling dated September 30, the Bakırköy 7th Criminal Court of Peace ordered that access to approximately 200 accounts be blocked. While the ruling called for the majority of accounts to be blocked solely based on their usernames, the accounts of Esra Tokat (two separate accounts), İrfan Değirmenci, Sarya Toprak, and Şirin Payzın were also blocked based on the unique identification numbers assigned to each account by X, in addition to their usernames.

October 17, 2026 — Sertuğ Çiçek, General Coordinator of T24—which had been blocked approximately three weeks earlier by court order—stated that BİK advertisements were suspended immediately following the imposition of the access block.

October 22, 2026 — Nearly 100 employees at Yeni Şafak, GZT, and TVNET—all part of the Albayrak Media Group—were laid off. The terminations of nearly 100 employees were justified on the grounds of "budget cuts" and "downsizing."

October 30, 2026 – It was reported that 50 people were laid off at Sözcü on the grounds of downsizing as part of a restructuring decision.

4-) RESTRICTIONS AND CENSORSHIP TARGETING PRESS AND MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS

October 6, 2026 - Following a knife attack at the Kayaşehir Şeyh Şamil Imam Hatip Middle School in Başakşehir, Istanbul, which resulted in injuries to eight students, the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) announced that a broadcast ban had been imposed in accordance with a court order issued by the Istanbul 3rd Criminal Court of Peace.

October 14, 2026 – Police raided the Istanbul headquarters of Halk TV. The police conducted a search inside the building. Employees were barred from entering the building during the search. A trustee was appointed to Halk TV, and its broadcasts were suspended.

October 16, 2026 — The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) stated that, in the "Journalists' Table" program on SZC TV—which covered an investigation into embezzlement of public funds—Ismail Saymaz and Murat Ağırel made statements regarding Trade Minister Ömer Bolat that constituted allegations; and in the "One Hour" program, the phrase "intricate relationships" used while questioning footage of Osman Nacar—who is alleged to have fled abroad with 20 billion TL—at a concert in Bodrum alongside politicians and bureaucrats—imposed a fine of 3 percent of the maximum limit, citing violations of impartiality and the principle that "news cannot be broadcast without verifying its accuracy."

October 16, **2026 —** The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) fined Koza TV for remarks made by Evren Özalkuş on the "Gün İzi" program regarding a funding investigation: "It never ends—what names, what names we haven't even heard of yet. Who knows who else is among them…" and journalist Fırat Fıstık's statement in the "Günün Sonunda" program, "…among all the names in the ruling party…," on the grounds that they violated the principles of impartiality and "news cannot be broadcast without being certain of its accuracy," imposing a 3 percent administrative fine at the upper limit.
October 28, 2026 — The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK), imposed an administrative fine on the channel after determining that host Simge Fıstıkoğlu's comments regarding the arrest of Murat Ağırel on the program "Thank Goodness It's the Weekend with Simge Fıstıkoğlu," aired on October 25 on Sözcü TV, created the impression that Ağırel had been arrested due to his journalistic activities.

October 28, 2026 — The Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK) has issued a statement regarding the episodes of the program "Doğrusunu İstersen," regarding a funding investigation, the host failed to correct the claims made by guests Yüksel Selçuk Türkoğlu, a Bursa MP from the İYİ Party, and Özgür Karabat, an Istanbul MP from the YENİ Party, and instead endorsed the guests' statements.

October 2026 – Throughout October, courts across Turkey imposed broadcast bans on various news stories on 7 occasions. ***(Note: Data sourced from RTÜK)***

5-) ACCESS BLOCKADES TARGETING INTERNET AND DIGITAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

October 1, 2026 – The X account of EngelliWeb, a project by the Freedom of Expression Association (İFÖD) that monitors and documents access blocks, was blocked.

October 1, 2026 – On October 1, the accounts of bianet editor Hikmet Adal, Halk TV editor Dinçer Gökçe, and journalists Tuğçe Yılmaz, Onur Dalar, and Furkan Karabay were blocked. Tokat's new account was also blocked on the same day.

October 2, 2026 - T24's X account, which has 1.9 million followers and was blocked by a decision of the Istanbul 1st Criminal Court of Peace dated September 29, 2026, and numbered 2026/8894, had not been made invisible in Turkey by X, and the account's username had been changed from @t24comtr to @t24comtr_. The account's new username, @t24comtr_, was also blocked on the grounds of preventing the commission of a crime and protecting public order.

October 3, 2026 — At least 31 X accounts, including those of journalist and writer Akın Olgun, former Boğaziçi University faculty member Prof. Dr. Tuna Tuğcu, and Ayhan Dadaloğlu, who posts about the stock market and the economy, were blocked on the grounds of protecting national security and public order . A large portion of these accounts have been made invisible in Turkey by X.

October 4, 2026 — Along with at least 88 other X accounts, the X account of the Freedom of Expression Association (@ifadeorgtr) was also blocked on the grounds of protecting national security and public order and made invisible in Turkey by X. Among the 88 blocked accounts are those of former YARSAV President and retired judge Ömer Faruk Eminağaoğlu, software developer Fatih Kadir Akın, clinical psychologist Kıvılcım Kıran, journalists Hamdi Çelikbaş

and Yiğit Uzun, the Women's Party, and painter Onur Bolat, known as "Hikmeti Tabiyeci." Many of the accounts have been made invisible from Turkey by X.

October 4, 2026 — Journalist Alican Uludağ's new X account, created with the same username following the blocking and hiding of his previously blocked @alicanuludag account in Turkey, was also blocked and hidden from view in Turkey by X.

October 4, 2026 — As part of an "obscenity" investigation, the X account (@AlexCrawfordSky) of Sky News correspondent Alex Crawford, which was among the accounts blocked by the Bakırköy 4th Criminal Court of Peace's decision dated September 13, 2026, and numbered 2026/9112, was made invisible in Turkey by X on October 5, 2026.

October 4, 2026 — At least 70 additional X accounts were blocked on the grounds of protecting national security and public order, and many of them were made invisible in Turkey by X; those blocked include the accounts of financial and investment advisor Emre Şirin, journalist Yiğit Uzun, Whisper Haber owner Ümit Karaca, writer Nur Betül Aras, politician and columnist Levent Özeren, political economy and finance analyst Faruk Bakaç, political scientist Kağan Sarıkaya, and digital publisher Bircan Yıldırım.

October 4, **2026 —** Economics writer Erdal Sağlam's X account was blocked in Turkey following the enforcement of an access restriction order issued against him.

October 6, **2026 —** A court order issued by the Ankara 1st Criminal Court of Peace imposed an access ban on the domain name http://mezopotamyaajansi44.com, where the Mesopotamia Agency (MA) publishes its content.

October 7, **2026—**Along with EngelliWeb's X account, the X accounts of İrfan Değirmenci, Şirin Payzın, bianet – Independent Communication Network, Burak Acerakis, Erdal Sağlam, Dinçer Gökçe, Sarya Toprak, Esra Tokat, and Furkan Karabay were blocked on the grounds of protecting national security and public order, and their content was ordered to be removed from publication. Some of the accounts were made invisible in Turkey by X.

October 8, 2026 — At least 39 X accounts, including those of writer, historian, and journalist Dilek Zaptçıoğlu; Ayhan Dadaloğlu, who posts about the stock market and the economy; attorney Lale Demirkazan; journalist Ayça Yılmaz; and Arşiv Saka, who shares news and commentary on current events, were blocked. Most of these accounts have been made invisible from Turkey by X. Mehmet Murat Yıldırım, editor of Siyasi Haber, was also among those blocked. X informed Yıldırım that his account had been restricted from access in Turkey due to an 8/A decision communicated by the Cyber Security Directorate.

October 8, 2026 — The Instagram accounts of journalists Adnan Bilen and Zana Deniz, as well as Ozan Demir's X account, were shut down.

October 9, 2026 – Access to Siyasi Haber editor Mehmet Murat Yıldırım's X account, with the username @HAYYAMMURAT1, was blocked.

October 10, 2026 - News stories published by 12Punto, İlke TV, Medyascope, Birgün, Bianet, Gazete Pencere, 10Haber, Cumhuriyet, and Sol—have been blocked under Article 8/A of Law

No. 5651, pursuant to the decision of the Bakırköy 1st Criminal Court of Peace dated October 10, 2026, and numbered 2026/10177.

October 11, 2026 — On October 11, the Bakırköy 1st Criminal Court of Peace also blocked access to three news articles by Bianet regarding the fund crisis that has affected hundreds of thousands of investors since September and is the subject of a criminal investigation. Two of the news articles covered questions posed by opposition MP and journalist Ahmet Şık to Treasury and Finance Minister Mehmet Şimşek; the third covered the lawsuit filed against Şık by Justice Minister Akın Gürlek. Authorities demanded that the articles be removed within four hours; no reasoned decision was issued.

October 12, 2026 — Access was blocked to a story published in BirGün that reported on the questions Ahmet Şık posed to Treasury and Finance Minister Mehmet Şimşek regarding the fund crisis. The court also blocked access to three news articles published on Kısa Dalga. These articles addressed Özgür Özel's allegation regarding Gürlek and two parliamentary questions posed by Şık to Şimşek. Both blocking decisions were announced on October 12. The decision numbers were not disclosed.

October 14, 2026 — The Mezopotamya Agency's X social media account was blocked following a complaint filed by the "Cyber Security Directorate," an agency affiliated with the Presidency.

October 14, 2026 – Journalist Ahmet Nesin announced that his Instagram account, which had 233,000 followers, had been blocked in Turkey.

October 14, 2026 – Access was blocked to Halk TV's YouTube, X, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Telegram accounts, which collectively have more than 8,550,000 followers.

October 14, 2026 — The Turkish Workers' Party's X account (@tipgenelmerkez), which has 582,000 followers, was blocked under Article 8/A of Law No. 5651. The account has not yet been made invisible from Turkey by X.

October 15, 2026 - Journalist Bahadır Özgür's X account (@bahadir_ozgr), which has 163,000 followers, was blocked. The account has not yet been made invisible from Turkey by X.

October 16, 2026 — The Instagram account of the Yeni Yaşam newspaper was suspended and its TikTok account was closed, citing a "community guidelines compliance" review.

October 17, 2026 - The Instagram account of the Azadiya Welat newspaper was blocked.

October 21, 2026 — The Yeni Yaşam newspaper's X account was blocked by the Cyber Security Directorate.

October 21, 2026 - X enforced the October 14 access restriction decision one week later, blocking Halk TV's account for users in Turkey. The decision also covers the channel's YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Telegram accounts. The platform enforced the October 14 access blocking decision—based on Article 8/A of Law No. 5651—one week later.

October 21, 2026 – Access to the personal social media account of Cafer Mahiroğlu, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Halk TV, was blocked. The decision was justified by the allegation that Mahiroğlu had "made inflammatory calls to the public."

October 22, 2026 — Businessman Selman Reşitoğlu, who had made headlines for securing billions of liras in government contracts and for photos taken with Treasury and Finance Minister Mehmet Şimşek, was arrested as part of an investigation into prostitution and drug trafficking. Reports by Gazete Pencere, Sol, Diken, Sözcü, Yurtsever, and 10 Haber—regarding his arrest in connection with a prostitution and drug investigation, the photos taken with Şimşek, and the Minister's statements on the matter—were blocked from access pursuant to Article 8/A of Law No. 5651, by decision No. 2026/15427 of the Ankara 1st Criminal Court of Peace dated October 21, 2026.

October 22, 2026 — The X account @AhmetBeyefendi, which has 137,000 followers and shares news, commentary, and criticism regarding the economy, capital markets, and political developments, was blocked from access pursuant to the decision of the Ankara 1st Criminal Peace Court dated October 21, 2026, and numbered 2026/15325, and was made inaccessible in Turkey by X.

October 22, 2026 — Nezir Asaroğlu, owner of the Bursa-based Şehir Gazetesi and sehirmedya.com, asked on social media why the older brother of an AKP member of parliament had not been arrested in connection with an investigation into the Bursa Metropolitan Municipality. Following these developments, access to the newspaper and Asaroğlu's social media accounts was blocked based on a complaint filed by this individual. The court that issued the ruling and the case number were not disclosed.

October 23, 2026 – On October 14, 2026, Halk TV's YouTube channel, which has 2.6 million subscribers and was previously blocked via the @Halktvkanali username, was also blocked via the URL based on the channel ID (UCf_ResXZzE-o18zACUEmyvQ). The channel's username had been changed to @Halktv-eu, and the channel has not yet been made invisible from Turkey by YouTube. Following the blocking of Halk TV's social media accounts under Article 8/A of Law No. 5651, its X account with 3 million followers and its TikTok account with 256,000 followers were made invisible from Turkey by the respective platforms.

October 23, 2026 — The Cybersecurity Presidency, through its decision dated October 23 and numbered 490.05.01.2026.-1186645, blocked access to the i0.wp.com subdomain, which provides image hosting services to websites using the WordPress platform. The decision is likely to affect the uploading of images on numerous websites that use the WordPress platform.

October 26, 2026 – At least 31 X accounts, including those of journalists Birsen Altuntaş and Erk Acarer, were blocked under Article 8/A of Law No. 5651. The accounts have not yet been made invisible from Turkey by X.

October 26, 2026 — The Instagram accounts of the Socialist Reconstruction Party (SYKP) and the SYKP Istanbul Provincial Organization were blocked under Article 8/A of Law No. 5651 and made invisible from Turkey by Instagram.

October 31, 2026 - Access to the Yeni Yaşam Newspaper's website was blocked.

LIST OF DETAINED JOURNALISTS

1. Ahmet Polad – Özgür TV host and ETHA writer
2. Ahmet Uzan – News Director of Sabah Egeli Newspaper
3. Ali Tarakcı – Journalist
4. Ali Ünal – Columnist for Zaman Newspaper
5. Derya Okatan – Journalist
6. Devrim Ayık – Staff Member at Özgür Halk Magazine
7. Erdal Süsem – Editor of Eylül Magazine
8. Erol Zavar – Owner and Editor-in-Chief of Odak Magazine
9. Fatih Ergin – Journalist
10. Hasan Güraksu – Owner of a Local Online News Site
11. Hatice Duman – Owner and Editor-in-Chief of Atılım Newspaper
12. İrem Delice – Journalist
13. İsmail Arı – Reporter for BirGün Newspaper
14. Kadir Koç – Publisher of Hüryol
15. Mehmet Baransu – Writer for Taraf Newspaper
16. Merdan Yanardağ – Journalist
17. Miktat Algül – Editor-in-Chief of Mezitli FM
18. Murat Ağırel – Journalist
19. Murat Çapan – Managing Editor of Nokta Magazine
20. Mustafa Balcı – Journalist
21. Mustafa Gök – Ankara Correspondent for Ekmek ve Adalet Magazine
22. Nadiye Gürbüz – Editor, Etkin News Agency (ETHA)
23. Osman Arslan – Journalist
24. Osman Çalık – Program Director, Samanyolu News Radio
25. Özden Kınık – TRT Employee
26. Recai Morkoç – Editor, Cihan News Agency Antalya Regional Office
27. Sami Tunca – Managing Editor of Mücadele Birliği Magazine
28. Selahattin Günday – Journalist
29. Semih Elitaş – Staff Member at Azadiya Welat Newspaper
30. Songül Yücel – Editor-in-Chief of Önsöz Magazine
31. Şaban Sevinç – Journalist
32. Tuğba Tekerek – Journalist
33. Ziya Ataman – Reporter for the Dicle News Agency (DİHA)

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