



# 28 Ways the Erdogan Regime is Crushing Democratic Dissent, Freedom of Expression, and the Media

## Journalists

### 1. Fired Journalists

Over 400 and increasing

Prominent examples: Nazli Ilıcak, Kadri Gursel, Amberin Zaman, Hasan Cemal, Yavuz Baydar, Nuray Mert, Emre Develi

### 2. Criminal prosecution

Murat Capan, Cevheri Guven, Gultekin Avci, Mohammed Rasool, Mehmet Baransu, Hidayet Karaca, Sedef Kabas, Ugur Dundar, Necati Dogru, Can Dundar

### 3. Physical attacks

Ahmet Hakan, Kamil Maman Canan Altintas, Serdar Sinar

### 4. Threats through media and social media

Too many to list

### 5. Foreign travel bans

Ekrem Dumanli, Bulent Kenes

### 6. Smear campaign through media and social media

Emre Uslu, Ekrem Dumanli, Ahmet Hakan, Amberin Zaman

### 7. Gag Orders

Ankara bombings, graft investigation, Reyhanli bombing, Uludere/Roboski airstrike, Some mine explosion  
More than 150 in the past five years

## Web and Social Media

### 19. Internet censorship via TIB (Telecommunications Directorate)

### 20. Blocking access to Twitter, Facebook, and Youtube

### 21. Twitter content removal

Ten times more requests than Russia

Accounted for 72% of removal requests worldwide in 2015

## Individual Citizens

### 22. Prosecution for slandering President

### 23. Police brutality against peaceful protestors

Gezi Park Protests, May Day marches, LGBT Parade

## Media Outlets

### 8. Use of regulatory fines for censorship

Through RTUK (Higher Council of Radio and Television)

### 9. Raids and harrasments

Nokta Magazine, Ipek Media, Hurriyet, Zaman

### 10. Hostile takeovers

2/3 of media either institutionally embedded with or submissive to AKP  
Bugun daily, Bugun TV, Millet Daily, Kanalurk, Show TV, Aksam Daily, Gunes, Milliyet, Sabah Daily, ATV

### 11. Intimidation of newspaper subscribers

### 12. Satellite and cable carriers forced to drop channels

Turksat, Digiturk, Turkcell TV, Tivibu and TNet dropped Bugün TV, Kanaltürk, Samanyolu channels, Mehtap TV, Irmak, TV, Yumurcak TV

### 13. Accreditation and denial of access to government events

Sozcu, Zaman, Cumhuriyet, Ipek Media, Samanyolu TV, Yenicag Halk TV, Aydinlik TV, Cihan News Agency, Birgun Daily

### 14. Grossly unfair allocation of public ads

Deprived papers: Sozcu, Guun, Zaman, Cumhuriyet

### 15. Cyber attacks against news agency websites

Cihan News Agency on election day

### 16. Slowing down internet access to Independent media outlets

### 17. Censorship by appointment of pro-govt editorial supervisors

Sabah, Milliyet, Haberturk, Aksam, Yeni Safak, Yeni Akit, Star, Takvim

### 18. Denial of air time to political candidates on public TV

## Media Owners

### 24. Aggressive audits and punitive taxation

Dogan Holding, Koza Ipek, Cukurova Holding

### 25. Defamation through pro-government media

Dogan Media, Ipek Media

### 26. Discrimination in public lending, bids, and contracts

Ipek Holding, Dogan Holdind

### 27. Financial pressure through state's lending institutions

### 28. Direct calls by Erdogan to media owners

Milliyet, Haberturk TV