

Mesopotamia Women Journalists Platform Report on Violations of Rights Against Women Journalists in 2021 Press Summary

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Working Journalists' Day, January 10, is not a day for us as journalists to celebrate, but a day when we organize and step up our struggle. As journalists, we welcome January 10, which we see as a ground to expand our struggle for freedom of expression and press, with pressure, violation, arrest, censorship, obstruction and unemployment.

As a result of the investigations and lawsuits, many journalists in Turkey have been faced with judicial control measures, traveling ban , and house arrest. 62 journalists, 6 of whom are women, are still in prison due to their professional activities. We will continue to fight for the freedom of all our colleagues, especially women journalists, who are imprisoned for their news and opinions. Journalists should be at work, doing their jobs, not behind bars.

Despite everything and despite the masculine mentality, we women journalists will never let go of the truth;

According to the monthly data compiled by our platform, the violations of rights faced by women journalists in 2021 are as follows:

- o 6 female journalists are imprisoned (Ayşenur Parıldak, Elif Ersoy, Hatice Duman, Sibel Mustafaoğlu, Tülay Canpolat, Özlem Seyhan).
- o 19 women journalist were detained.
- o 49 women journalists were blocked by the security forces while they were reporting.
- o 19 women journalists were subjected to assault and ill-treatment.
- o 7 women journalists were threatened.
- o 2 women journalists were subjected to ill-treatment in prison.
- o An investigation was launched against women journalists on the grounds of their news and social media posts
- o 13 women journalists were prosecuted.
- o 12 women journalists were sentenced to 17 years, 8 months and 11 days in prison and 1 woman journalist was fined 7 thousand 80 TL.
- o There were 197 hearings in which women journalists were stood trial. 18 women were acquitted and a decision of non-prosecution was given for one woman journalist.

- o The houses of 2 journalist women were raided by the police who said there was a anonymous tip against them. The journalists were not detained after the raid.
- o 1 woman journalist was given house arrest.
- o 3 female press workers were dismissed.
- o Press card of 1 journalist was cancelled.
- o The internet address of JINNEWS women's agency was blocked 21 times.
- o Access to bianet's violence tally has been blocked.