

Turkey's use of the disinformation law against journalists in 2026

Detentions and arrests of journalists for publicly spreading disinformation (PSD) until September 4, 2026.

January 23, 2026: Furkan Karabay was put under house arrest on suspicion of PSD.

February 19, 2026: Alican Uludağ was arrested on suspicion of PSD, among other charges.

March 23, 2026: İsmail Arı was arrested on suspicion of PSD.

April 18, 2026: Mehmet Yetim was arrested on suspicion of PSD.

May 15, 2026: Yelis Ayaz was arrested on suspicion of PSD.

June 25, 2026: Doğa Baskan was arrested on suspicion of PSD.

June 27, 2026: Ali Çağatay was arrested on suspicion of PSD.

July 7, 2026: Kayhan Ayhan was taken from his house by the police and questioned on suspicion of PSD before being released from custody by a court.

July 1, 2026: Gülnur Saydam was taken from her house by the police and questioned on suspicion of PSD before being released from custody (without seeing a prosecutor or judge).

August 26, 2026: Journalists Emin Aydın, Yeşim Ülker, İslam Keleş, and İrem Delice were detained on suspicion of PSD.

July 21, 2026: Alican Uludağ was detained again on suspicion of PSD and released by a court the next day.

August 28, 2026: İrem Delice was detained again and arrested on suspicion of PSD.

September 4, 2026: Oya Lale Arslan was arrested on suspicion of PSD.