On 15 May 2019, Turkish journalist İdris Özyol was assaulted by unidentified men outside his newspaper's building, Akdeniz'de Yeni Yüzyıl, in Antalya, southwest Turkey. He was hospitalised due to injuries to his head, hands and chest. According to reports, Özyol previously received threats from a local politician, in retaliation to his journalistic work. In a letter addressed to the Turkish President, 20 international media freedom organisations urged him to openly condemn the attacks on journalists and to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

09 Dec 2019: On 2 December 2019, İdris Özyol was found unconscious in the street in Antalya and rushed to hospital where he was diagnosed with a brain haemorrhage.

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Joint letter by 20 media freedom organisations: 'Turkey: International organisations condemn recent attacks against journalists'

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unconscious on the street, OSCE Media Freedom Representative hopes that the investigation will determine the cause of the accident.

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