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Two Journalists, Müyesser Yıldız and İsmail Dükel, Detained by Police for “Military Espionage”; Yıldız Arrested

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

📍 1 Journalist in detention

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and imprisonment of journalists

NO STATE REPLY YET

PARTNER: IPI

On 8 June 2020, two journalists – Müyesser Yıldız, Odatv Ankara bureau news editor and İsmail Dükel, Ankara correspondent of TELE1 – were taken into police custody during early morning raids on their homes. Yıldız was reported to be detained on allegations of “military espionage” while the initial charges against Dükel was unclear. Local news reported that Yıldız was detained as part of an ongoing military espionage investigation by Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office. Their lawyers reported that their requests to access documents and further information on the charges were rejected because of a constraint order on the file. On 12 June, journalist Yıldız was formally arrested while Dükel was released after giving his statement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

📍 IPI Statement: "Turkey: IPI demands release of two journalists detained for 'military espionage'"

FOLLOW-UPS

OSCE 12 Jun 2020 | OSCE Media Freedom Representative concerned by prison sentences against two journalists in Turkey, urges authorities to respect freedom of expression

📍 Statement by Harlem Désir

JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION

Currently in detention (1):

Müyesser Yıldız