

CRACKDOWN ON JOURNALISTS

(ARRESTS UNDER THE TINUBU ADMINISTRATION)

"Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy, it is democracy."
– Walter Cronkite



The Constitution charges the media with the right to hold the government accountable to its citizens (Section 22, Chapter II). It also protects the freedom of expression in our democracy (Section 39, Chapter IV).

However, security agencies, intelligence services, law enforcement, and other government officials continue to harass, intimidate, and suppress media professionals and organisations trying to fulfil their duty.

According to Media Rights Agenda (MRA), there have been at least 45 cases of attacks against journalists and media houses within one year of the Tinubu administration.

SOME VICTIMS

<div><div>1</div><div></div><div>MADU ONUORAH Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, Global Upfront Newspaper</div></div>	<div>ABUJA</div> <div><div></div> Nigeria Police Force</div> <div><div></div> Defamation of character</div> <div><div></div> May 22, 2024<div><div></div> May 23, 2024</div></div>
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SECURITY AGENCY RESPONSIBLE



REASON FOR ARREST



DATE OF ARREST



DATE RELEASED

The rights of journalists and other media professionals to carry out their duties in a safe and conducive environment should be respected and promoted by the government. The Press should be allowed to function free from harassment, intimidation and all other forms of attacks. #EnoughisEnough!

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