

CRACKDOWN ON JOURNALISTS MARCH 2021 - AUGUST 2022




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

The role of the media in a democratic country is indispensable!
It ensures free flow of information and shapes public opinion. *The right to freedom of the press* is also recognized in the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended).
However, threat and harassment by the law enforcement agencies and militant groups have consistently plagued press freedom in Nigeria.

SOME VICTIMS

ABUJA



JOHN ADENKAN, AMEEDAT ADEYEMI, GRACE OKE, SAMMY OGBU AND JUSTINA TAYANI
People Gazette Staff

 Nigeria Police Force

 Defamation of Character

 July 22, 2022

 July 22, 2022

ANAMBRA



ANAMBRA BROADCASTING SERVICE (ABS)
May 30, 2022 (attacked by gunmen)

LAGOS



AGBA JALINGO
Publisher, Cross River Watch

 Nigeria Police Force

 False Allegation

 August 19, 2022

 August 20, 2022



UMARU MARADUN
Correspondent of the Leadership Newspaper

 Nigeria Police Force

 There was a petition against him

 July 23, 2022

 July 24, 2022



YINKA ADENIRAN
The Nation Newspaper Reporter

 Nigeria Police Force

 There were too many journalist at the event (Peoples Democratic Party governorship primary)

 May 25, 2022 (harassed)

 May 27, 2022

OSUN



TOBA ADEDEJI
Osun State Correspondent, Nation Newspaper

 Nigeria Police Force

 Protest Coverage

 May 31, 2022 (Gunshot)

 N/A



FATAI AKANJI
Reporter, Osun Defender Newspaper



UTHMAN ISMAIL
Deputy Editor, Osun Defender Newspaper

 Nigeria Police Force

 Undisclosed

 May 31, 2022

 May 31, 2022

OGUN



AHMED OLAMILEKAN (LABASH)
Blogger

 Nigeria Police Force

 Published a report against Ogun State Governor (Dapo Abiodun)

 May 13, 2022

 Not yet released

OYO



ORİYOMI HAMZAT
Managing Director and Founder of Agidigbo 88.7FM, Ibadan, Oyo State

 Nigeria Police Force

 Cyberbullying

 May 26, 2022

 May 27, 2022

TARABA



AYODELE SAMUEL
Publisher of Taraba Truth and head of Rock FM Jalingo

 Nigeria Police Force

 Cyberstalking

 July 25, 2022

 July 26, 2022

 SECURITY AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	 REASON FOR ARREST
 DATE OF ARREST	 DATE RELEASED

EiE, PI and MRA have a case before the Supreme Court challenging Sections 24 and 38 of the Cybercrime Act, 2015 that is often used to arrest journalists and citizens.

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