

CRACKDOWN ON JOURNALISTS APRIL 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021




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


The continued spate of arrests and detention of journalists shows how the Nigerian government is determined to crush dissent and suffocate freedom of expression enshrined in the Nigerian 1999 Constitution (as amended).


SOME VICTIMS

ABUJA





ABDULLAHI DANJUMA
Reporter, PRESS TV

 Nigeria Police Force


 Covering Shiite protest


 July 22, 2020

 N/A





OGA TOM UHIA
Publisher, Power Steering Magazine

 Nigeria Police Force


 Defamation


 October 13, 2020


 November 10, 2020




OLUWATOSIN ADENIJI
Freelance Journalist


 Nigeria Police Force

 Covering #EndSARS protest


 November 6, 2020


 November 12, 2020


AKWA IBOM




KUFRE CARTER
Journalist/Presenter, XL 106.9 FM

 The Department of State Services (DSS)

 Conspiracy and defamation


 April 27, 2020


 May 27, 2020 on bail


BAYELSA




SAINT MEINPAMO ONITSHA
Founder/Reporter, Naija Live TV news website


 The Department of State Services (DSS)

 Violating Nigeria's Cybercrime Act, 2015


 May 9, 2020


 June 19, 2020 on bail


EBONYI





CHIJOKE AGWU
Correspondent, The Sun Newspaper

 Nigeria Police Force


 False and damaging information


 April 18, 2020


 April 18, 2020




PETER OKUTU
Correspondent, Vanguard


 Nigeria Police Force

 False reporting


 April 21, 2020


 April 21, 2020


KWARA




ROTIMI JOLAYEMI
Freelance broadcaster, Osun State Broadcasting Service/Radio Kwara


 Nigeria Police Force

 Violating Nigeria's Cybercrime Act, 2015


 May 5, 2020


 June 19, 2020


LAGOS





BENJAMIN ANAJA
The Guild News


 Lagos State Environmental Sanitation Corps


 Covering the confrontation between the officers and citizens


 February 3, 2021

 February 3, 2021

 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.

Source: EiE Research