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 ocials continue to harass, intimidate, and suppress media professionals and organisations trying to fulfil their duty.

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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



MADU ONUORAH

Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, Global **Upfront Newspaper**

- Nigeria Police Force
- **Defamation of character**
- May 22, 2024

May 23, 2024



DANIEL OJUKWU

Investigative Journalist, Foundation for Investigative Journalism (FIJ)

- Nigeria Police Force
- Violation of the Cybercrime Act of 2015.
- May 1, 2024

May 10, 2024



SEGUN OLATUNJI

Editor, FirstNews

- Operatives of the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- Publishing a story linking Femi Gbajabiamila, Chief of Staff (CoS) to the President of Nigeria, to a \$30 billion loot.
- March 15, 2024

March 28, 2024



DELE FASAN

South-South Bureau Chief, Galaxy Television

- **Nigerian Army**
- Recording a video of a protest over economic hardship in Uvwie, Warri, Delta State.
- February 23, 2024
- February 23, 2024



ABUJA KASARACHI ANIAGOLU

Journalist, The Whistler Newspaper

- Nigeria Police Force
- Covering a raid on Bureau de Change (BDC) operators by the EFCC in Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.
- February 21, 2024
- February 22, 2024



ADISA-JAJI AZEEZ

Managing Editor, Informant247



ALIHU AYATULLAHI

Editor-in-Chief, Informant247

- Nigeria Police Force
- Releasing a report linking the Rector of Kwara State Polytechnic, Engineer Abdul Jimoh Muhammed, to financial fraud.
- February 6, 2024
- February 7, 2024



SECURITY AGENCY RESPONSIBLE



REASON FOR ARREST



DATE OF ARREST



DATE RELEASED





GODWIN TSA

Journalist, Sun Newspaper

- Department of Development Control at Federal Capital (FCT) and the Nigeria Police Force.
- Covering a peaceful protest led by Apo Mechanic Village traders.
- December 19, 2023

December 19, 2023

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Publisher, Daily Ledger

Nigeria Police Force

Undisclosed

December 12, 2023 December 21, 2023

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KADUNA

BAYELSA

KWARA



MARCUS FATUNMOLE

News Editor, International Centre for Investigative Reporting (ICIR)

- Nigeria Police Force
- Investigating a viral video of luxury buses allegedly being renovated for mass transit in Abuja.
- December 4, 2023

December 4, 2023



ACHADU GABRIEL IDIBIA

Head, Daybreak Newspaper

Nigeria Police Force

Defamation of character, intimidation and incitement of contempt for religion.

- November 13, 2023

November 16, 2023



SAINT MIENPAMO ONITSHA

Founder, NAIJA Live TV

Nigeria Police Force

Violation of the Cybercrime Act of 2015.

October 10, 2023

February 2, 2024



OLUWATOYIN LUQMAN BOLAKALE

The Stacom Media



AIYELABEGAN BABATUNDE **ABDULRAZAQ**

Publisher, Just Event Online

Nigeria Police Force

September 11, 2023

Cyberstalking

September 20, 2023

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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