

Reports No. 19 & 20 by the Committee for the defense of Press Freedom & Rights of Journalists On the state of Journalism in Kurdistan Region

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Intro

Council of Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate through the Committee for the defense of Press Freedom & Rights of Journalists prepared and accepted reports number 19 & 20 of year 2017. These reports reveal the picture of state of journalism, its freedom, and violations against it. The reports contain Data, comparisons, and classification of ways in which violations are committed against journalists and media organizations.

This year's reports and reports of the previous years prove a fact that the law number 35 of year 2007 of journalism is an important legislative foundation for ensuring freedom of press, journalists and media organizations' responsibility in their job regarding national and community causes, also it is an important measure that makes government and it's related institutions responsible for applying this law as it is, which unfortunately in some incidents they have not acted according to this law which is why anything done against journalists and media organizations' outside of this law is considered a violation.

One of the hard truths which this report shows is that as the intensity of the rivalry between political parties increases, incidence of violations against

journalists and media organizations also increases and they face revenge by the belligerents. The reason is that political parties and their other related institutions responsible for the political and administrative reality of Kurdistan concentrate on their rivalry through media. After Iraqy army and Popular Mobilization Units started their offensive on Karkuk, Xurmatu and other Kurdistani areas outside of Kurdistan region's administration, a new reality unfolded, many of the media organizations of political parties were forced out of these areas and blocked out from operating in these areas. Also Federal government in Baghdad through Iraqi media board ordered to shut down and takeover a number of Kurdistani channels which was regrettably, a decision lacking any legal and democratic custom. With the independence referendum by people of Kurdistan taking place on 25th Septemeber 2017, both Turkey and Iran decided to close down offices of some Kurdistani channels in their respective countries, also they shut their broadcast on satellites. All these resulted in violations against journalists and media organization to soar.

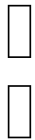
Council of syndicate In year 2017 shares its grief for the martyrdom and wounding of a number of journalists on the frontlines against ISIS, also to martyring and physically attacking Kurdistan's journalists, also shares its

discontent to the act of unlawfully taking over the offices of Kurdistan media organizations in areas under the control of Iraqy army and PMU, which in this report the details are recorded. With the advent of these events Kurdistan's journalists syndicate was hopeful of cooperating with IFJ and Iraqy Journalists Syndicate to put pressure on Iraqy government to top these violations, which in this case efforts are underway.

**Committee for the defense of Press Freedom & Rights of Journalists
Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate
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Report No. 19

from January 1st until June 30th of 2017



Assassinations						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Dr. Abdulqadr Qaysi	Editor	Freelance	5/1/2017	Dyala	Assassinated by unknown men in Baghdad. Later his corpse is found on Baghdad-Kirkuk road
2.	Baxtyar Haddad Stephan Phlinos	Reporter Reporter	France 24	20/6/2017	Mosul	While covering battle of Mosul, fleeing from the ISIS fire both of them enter a house, both are killed when the house explodes.

Suicide						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Soran Saqzi	Reporter	Kurdsat	10/5/2017	Erbil	Committed suicide while working at his café due to being indebted

Martyrdom						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Shifa Zikri Gardy	Reporter	Rudaw	25/2/2017	Mosul	Killed by a planted bomb while covering the battle of Mosul
2.	Nuzhyan Orhan	Reporter	Roj News	23/3/2017	Shangal - Mosul	Killed by an incoming bullet while covering battle events

Arrests/Detention						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Rebwar Kakayi Karzan Karim	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	11/1/2017	Xebat - Erbil	While covering a protest by the locals against a Turkish company, they were detained by a Zeravani force for half an hour
2.	Bahar Hussein Muhammad Sdqi	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	28/1/2017	Camp Shara - Duhok	They were detained by camp workers for 2 hours and their stuff seized.
3.	Sherzad Abdulla Muhammad Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	5/2/2017	Erbil	While investigating cases of theft from some Bangladeshi expatriates they were detained by a security force for 20 minutes.
4.	Ahmed Zebari Swara Mahmood	Reporter Reporter	VOA KURDISH ROJ NEWS	4/3/2017	Erbil	While covering a demonstration on Shangal, they are being detained in front of Divan Hotel and held for hours.

5.	Aram Baxtyar	Reporter	NRT	22/5/2017	Kalar - Slemani	After publishing a report, a complaint by Garmiyān court resulted in him being jailed for 15 days.
6.	Awat Ali	Director of NRT	NRT	4/6/2017	Kalar - Slemani	After publishing a report on the Court of Garmiyān, the judge of Garmiyān files a complaint against him and he is detained for one day.
7.	Masoud Abdulxalq	Editor	STANDARD	20/6/2017	Erbil	After appearing in court he is detained for 6 hours.
8.	Baxtyar Qadr	Reporter	RUDAW	12/6/2017	Soran - Erbil	In the village of Allana near Haji Omaran he is captured by PKK forces and they intend to take him but PDKI forces intervene and free him

Wounded						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Abdulhamid Zebari	Reporter	IRAQ HURR	17/1/2017	Mosul	While covering the battle of Mosul he is wounded by a bomb
2.	Younis Mustafa	Cameraman	RUDAW	25/2/2017	Mosul	While covering the battle of Mosul he is wounded by a planted bomb
3.	Razwan Bezar	Reporter	K24	1/6/2017	Raqqa - Syria	At the periphery of the city of Raqqa he is targeted by an ISIS drone and gets wounded

Physical Attacks						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Hevi Hiwa	Reporter	KTV	1/1/2017	Sleman	While covering New Year's eve celebrations at Salim street, several unknown men insult them, attack them with fireworks, and force them to stop the live broadcast
2.	Rizgar Jabbar Jalal Jabbari Rebin Muhammad	Reporter Reporter Cameraman	NRT Komall Media Network	2/1/2017	Chamchamall - Slemani	While the protestors were on their way to Chamchamall power station they (Journalists) are attacked by an armed force and their equipment and gears are seized
3.	Karwan Baadre	Reporter	EVRO Newspaper	10/1/2017	Duhok	Because of posting critiques on Facebook he is attacked, threatened, and tortured.
4.	Difaa Harki Rayyan Ahmed	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	15/1/2017	Bardarash - Duhok	While covering a protest by the locals against the economic hardships, they (journalists) are physically attacked by the security forces

5.	Adil Sndi Faisall Muhammad	Reporter Reporter	Iraqi sports website Muntada	17/2/2017	Zaxo - Duhok	During a match between Karkuk and Zaxo Football clubs, they (journalists) are attacked by fans from the both sides of the match.
6.	Nashmil Muhammad	Reporter	KTV	16/3/2017	Sleman	While covering the match between Newroz Club and Sherwana Club, she is attacked by Slemani's Civil activities forces as a result she hits a post with her head and spends the next three days unconscious
7.	Hadi Ahmed	Reporter	Kurdistani Nwe Newspaper	30/3/2017	Kalar - Slemani	During a match between Sherwana and Peshmergey Hawler clubs, he is attacked by the security forces there, after hurting him all of his camera and other stuff are broken.

8.	Hawkar Yasin Muhammad Amin	Reporter Reporter	RUDAW	19/5/2017	Slemani	While covering the news of Nawshirwan Mustafa's death in front of Farouq hospital, Gorran supporters insult and swear at them, then they proceed to attack them but they are rescued by security forces.
9.	Hawkar Yasin Muhammad Amin	Reporter Cameraman	RUDAW	20/5/2017	Slemani	While covering the burial of Nawshirwan Mustafa on Zargata Hill, Gorran supporters insult and swear at them, then proceed to attack them and break their microphone.
10.	Saman Basharati	Reporter	RUDAW	2/6/2017	Chamchamall - Slemani	While covering a protest by people of Chamchamall, he is attacked first by the protestors and then by Slemani Brigade force, all of his stuff are seized, after lots of attempts they send back his camera broken.

Restraining						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Hersh Qadr Alla Hoshyar Zana Sherzad	Reporter Reporter Cameraman	NRT	2/1/2017	Erbil	During a visit by French president Francois Hollande, both departments of Protocol and Foreign Relations of KRG did not allow them to carry out their journalistic work.
2.	Difaa Harki	Reporter	KNN	19/1/2017	Bardarash - Duhok	While doing his job he is blocked by the security forces.
3.	Xalls Fkri Ashqi Surchi	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	27/1/2017	Soran - Erbil	Intending to cover the shelling of border areas of Sidakan, they are blocked by Barbazen checkpoint, then threatened, their stuff seized and not allowed to do their job
4.	Ilham Hassan Xalaf Murad	Reporter Cameraman	BADINANSAT	3/2/2017	Sihella - Duhok	Intending to prepare a report on the current state of the Sinune – Shangal, their stuff were seized by Peshmerge forces and they were threatened.

5.	Wali Salim Mutalib Xoshawi	Reporter Cameraman	Komall Media Network	8/3/2017	Soran - Erbil	Retraining and kicking out the media team of Payam channel while covering the ceremony to celebrate women's day at Saad Abdulla hall.
6.	Xalls Fkri	Reporter	KNN	13/3/2017	Soran - Erbil	During the arrival of a joint Peshmerge and Turkish force, security forces do not allow them to carry out their journalistic duties.
7.	Difaa Harki	Reporter	KNN	14/3/2017	Bardarash - Duhok	Security forces of Bardarash didn't allow them to go to Bashik in order to cover American consulate's delegation visit to Bashik
8.	Xalls Fkri	Reporter	KNN	19/3/2017	Soran	At Bulbul Park they are stopped by the security forces from covering a protest by activists of Soran against violations by Turkish army.
9.	Aras Aziz Younis Abdulla	Reporter Cameraman	Komall Media Network	31/3/2017	Hassan Sham Camp - Mosul	They were restrained and forced out of the camp by the camp's security while covering a visit by UN delegate to the refugees at the camp

10.	Wali Salim Mutalib Xoshawi	Reporter Cameraman	Komall Media Network	4/4/2017	Hawler	Restraining and forcing out Payam channel's media team while covering the news of sacking of clergy men at Judi mosque and detaining the reporter, cameraman and their stuff
11.	Difaa Harki	Reporter	KNN	16/4/2017	Ibrahim Xalil - Duhok	Blocking him while covering a protest by drivers at Ibrahim Khalil border crossing due to alleged lack of permission
12.	Nzhyar Muhammad Niwar Abdulkarim	Reporter Cameraman	KURDSAT	23/4/2017	Duhok	They are restrained by Duhok police guards intending to get opinions and statements about Health system and citizens problems
13.	Renas Ali	Reporter	NRT	28/4/2017	Xazr Camp - Mosul	Was not allowed by the security forces to cover a Cultural activity organized for the refugees at the camp
14.	Sherzad Abdulla Muhamad Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	14/5/2017	Erbil	While covering protests by valedictorians and salutatorians of universities in front of council of ministers building, a Zeravani force took over their media gear and returned them back 20 minutes later, but they haven't returned the memory card yet.

15.	Abubakr Hussein Hallo Jabari	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	17/5/2017	Qaradax - Sleman	While covering protests in Qaradax they were restrained by the security forces
16.	Aras Aziz Mutalib Xoshawi	Reporter Cameraman	Komall Media Network	20/5/2017	Erbil	blocking and forcing out Payam channel's media team while covering International Commerce fair
17.	Hesh Qadr Muhammad Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	21/5/2017	Erbil	While covering a protest in front of PUK's headquarters in Erbil by veteran Peshmerges, they are blocked, threatened and not allowed to cover the protest
18.	Hersh Qadr Zana Sherzad	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	22/5/2017	Erbil	Intending to get a comment from Dr. Muhammad Shwani at college of Arts – Salahaddin University, they are threatened and forced out by the dean of the college, despite being permitted to enter by him(dean)

19.	Hersh Qadr Renas Ali Muhammad Idris	Reporter Reporter Cameraman	NRT	25/5/2017	Erbil	While covering the independence referendum underway at that day, at Barzani Namr school they were forced out by the station's security and not allowed to do their job despite having permission from election committee to do so.
20.	Xalid Muhammad	Reporter	NRT	9/6/2017	Koya - Erbil	Prevented from covering protests by Koya technical institute dormitory students, he is attacked by police, his stuff seized, and many of his video records are deleted.
21.	Abubakr Hussein Hallo Jabri	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	20/6/2017	Sayd Sadiq - Slemani	While covering Sayd Sadiq protests, they are restrained by the security forces
22.	Difaa Harki	Reporter	KNN	21/6/2017	Akre - Duhok	On 27 th of Ramadhan he wasn't allowed to cover Laylat AL Qadr ceremonies by Akre's Awqaf Directorate
23.	Abdo Rostayi	Reporter	NRT	27/6/2017	Soran	At Jundyan resort security forces didn't allow to do a live broadcast
24.	Azad Omerawayi	Reporter	PAYAM	30/6/2017	Soran	Intending to cover the transport of the body of a citizen who had drowned in Gali Ali Bag river, he prevented from entry to the Ashti Hospital for two hours by its guards

Threats						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Rebwar Kakayi Karzan Karim	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	24/1/2017	Erbil	While preparing a report on a student that was attacked by his teacher, two people who identify themselves as relatives of the teacher threaten to kill him and force him out of his residency
2.	Zhalla Muhammad Rebaz Ibrahim	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	18/2/2017	Piramaagroon - Sleman	While covering demonstrations and burning of PUK headquarters, some PUK armed men intend to attack them but they are protected by the demonstrators.
3.	Hemn Karim	Journalist	Freelance	11/3/2017	Sleman	Some unknown men threaten to kill him and bullets are fired at his house.

4.	Pavell Abdulrahman	Reporter	KNN	7/4/2017	Darbandixan - Slemani	Darbandixan's security department didn't allow him to cover the discovery of a young man's body who was a member of ISIS and he received a phone call threatening to kill him
5.	Aram Baxtyar	Reporter	NRT	15/5/2017	Kalar - Garmyan	A Garmyani family raid his home, threaten him and seize his media stuff
6.	Sartip Jawhar	Journalist	Kurdistani Nwe	22/6/2017	Erbil	Because of an article on Lvin press website alleged to have been written by him, as a reaction a force raid his home and arrest one of his brothers.

Report No. 19s Violations statistic

NO	Type of Violation	Number of Incidence	No. of Journalists encountered violations
1	Assassination	2	3
2	Suicide	1	1
3	Martyrdom	2	2
4	Arrest	8	12
5	Wounded	3	3
6	Physical attacks	10	16
7	Restraining	24	40
8	Threats	6	8
Total		56	85

Report Number 20

From July 1st until December 31st

Murder						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Arkan Sharif	Cameraman	KTV	29/10/2017	Daquq - Karkuk	In the aftermath of Iraqi army and PMU's invasion of the region, an unrecognized force monstrously stab him to death in front of his family

No	Name of Journalist			Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	KNN's office			19/9/2017	Koya – Erbil	Protestors in Koya attack their office and set the office on fire.
2.	Hawkar Hassan Amin	Reporter and Cameraman	Gali Kurdistan	17/10/2017	Duz Xurmatu	In the aftermath of chaos and incidents in Xurmatu, Turkmen Mobilization Units set his house on fire and then blow it up.
3.	NRT's office			30/10/2017	Erbil	Unknown men attack the office and set it on fire.

Stopping and Shutting Down Broadcast				
No	Name of Journalist	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	NRT	28/8/2017	All of Kurdistan	By an order numbered 619 issued on August 28 th 2017, Ministry of Culture – KRG shut their broadcast in Kurdistan on “DVBT/T2” networks for one week.
2.	BADINAN SAT	2/9/2017	Duhok	Some unknown party put interferences on their broadcast which resulted in stopping their broadcast for a short period of time.
3.	RUDAW K24	23/10/2017	Baghdad	After covering events of Karkuk and Xurmatu, Iraqy board of Media and Connection issued order number 7/4/9714 on 23 rd Oct 2017 to shut their broadcast.
4.	Nalia Media Network	19/12/2017	Slemani	A security force raid their office and shut their broadcast and put all of their employees under arrest at their building
5.	Bangawaz NRT2 NRT Arabic Radio NRT Rega Payam Speda Ishtar	19/12/2017	Slemani	The raid on NRT's building and shutting down NRT's broadcast resulted is their broadcasts being shut too due to their link to NRT's servers

Arrests/Detention						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Zeravan Bargari Jwan Ahmed Dlshad Hemo Bahez Akreyi	Reporter Cameraman Reporter Cameraman	KNN KNN NRT NRT	2/7/2017	Duhok	While covering a demonstration by prisoner's family and relatives in front of court of Duhok, both media teams were detained by police for one hour and their media stuff were seized too, after not allowing them to cover the demonstration there released.
2.	Abdo Rostayi	Reporter	NRT	17/10/2017	Soran - Erbil	Intending to cover a protest in Haji Omeran against closure of the border crossing, he was restricted, then detained with his stuff seized for two hours.
3.	Xalid Muhammad	Reporter	NRT	20/10/2017	Koya - Erbil	After an attack by Iraqy forces and PMU near Pirde, he was detained by Peshmerge for two hours and his stuff seized too

4.	Krifan Farman	Reporter	NRT	18/12/2017	Sleman	While covering Slemani protests, he was detained by the security forces for nearly 8 hours.
5.	Ali Qadr	Reporter	Roj News	19/12/2017	Qaladze – Slemani	While covering protests, he was detained by the security forces for half an hour at Qaladze's Emergency police directorate
6.	Sarkawt Shamsadin	Reporter	NRT	20/12/2017	Sleman	While speaking about the closure of NRT channel in front of Kurdistan Parliament's office in Slemani, he is summoned by a security force and gets arrested. He is NRT's reporter in USA and was on a visit back to Kurdistan
7.	Hersh Qadr	Reporter	NRT	21/12/2017	Sleman	While visiting his relatives in Slemani, security forces insult and physically attack him, then detain him for four hours

8.	Bahoz Nasraddin(Bahoz Kurda)	Reporter	NRT	23/12/2017	Sleman	He is arrested by Slemani's security department, reason for his arrest is still unknown
9.	Draw Mahdi	Reporter	Freelance	23/12/2017	Halabja	Charged with participation and calling for protests, he is arrested by Sharazur's security department for 8 hours, he is kept in solitary confinement, after investigation he is tortured
10.	Suhaib Ahmed Xabat Nawzad	Journalist Journalist	NRT	24/12/2017	Sleman	While on their way from Slemani Airport to Bahdad they are arrested by the airport security
11.	Ary Sabir Xalid Muhammad	Reporter Reporter	KNN NRT	24/12/2017	Koya - Erbil	Charged with covering Koya protests on December 19 th , security department issue arrest warrants for them
12.	Dler Abdulla Karwan Kaki	Reporter Reporter	Freelance Freelance	24/12/2017	Sleman	They are detained for 13 hours while protesting against arrest of journalists, closing down NRT, and Shaswar Abdulwahid's arrest in front of court of Slemani

Wounded						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Jonathan Rajisperet	Cameraman	France	17/11/2017	Pirde - Karkuk	While covering Iraqi army and PMU's attack on Pirde (Altun Kupri) he is wounded.
2.	Dana Omer	Reporter	Roj News	18/12/2017	Slemani	While covering protests on Mawlawi street, Civil Activities polic hit him with a plastic bullet results in him being wounded.

Physical Attack						
No.	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1.	Difaa Harki Rayan Ahmed	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	4/7/2017	Duhok	During live coverage of a protest against power shortages in Kalkchi near Shexan, some unidentified people attack them, forcing them to stop the live broadcast and also hit the reporter.
2.	Ibrahim Abbas	Journalist	Freelance	10/7/2017	Erbil	Some unknown gang of people attack in Erbil and he is wounded severely
3.	Hussein Hassan	Reporter	KNN	31/7/2017	Zaxo - Duhok	While covering a protest by the shop owners of central market of Zaxo, security forces attack them heavy-handedly, insult them and seize all of their media stuff. After two security forces return their stuff to them broken.
4.	Nihad Ismail Mustafa	Reporter	NRT	15/8/2017 16	Sarsing - Duhok	While covering protest in Qadishe – Sarsing, some unidentified people attack him and break apart all of his media gear.

5.	Rebwar Kakayi Karzan Karim	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	28/9/2017	Erbil	While covering people going back to Karkuk, three cars attack them, take all of their media gear and, images and video in their cameras are taken too. Also they fracture a cameraman's left hand finger.
6.	Jamal Ahmed Jamil Alan Muhammad	Reporter Cameraman	Rudaw	18/10/2017	Bani Maqan Checkpoint - Sleman	While covering people of Karkuk and Duz Xurmatu becoming refugees again, an unidentified armed force wearing traditional Kurdish outfit attack them and take their camera. Later after many attempts they get back their camera.
7.	Salih Muhammad Kazhi Harki Burhan Abdulla Rebwar Kakayi	Reporter Cameraman Reporter	KNN KNN NRT	$\frac{29}{30}$ /8/2017	Erbil	Because of ensuing chaos and attack on parliament some unidentified men attack and hurt them, after that they intentionally break apart their media stuff.

8.	Munir Salim	Reporter	K24	1/11/2017	Sleman	While covering protests in front Education directorate of west by "Mamostayani Narrazi"(Unapproving Teachers) group, he is attacked by some protestors and verbally insulted, Civil Activities forces rescue him from the protestors
9.	Abubaker Hussen	Reporter	KNN	18/12/2017	Sayd Sadiq - Slemani	While covering protests, a security force physically attack him and bar him from covering the protest, then he is detained for one and half hour.
10	Dana Sofi Braym	Reporter	Xendan	18/12/2017	Rania - Slemani	While covering protests, he asks the director of security in Rania for a comment, in return the director takes his phone and orders his guards to hit him(journalist), resulting in him being wounded and taken to hospital
11	Jalal Muhammad Nizar Ahmed	Reporter Cameraman	PAYAM	19/12/2017	Sleman	While covering protests in front of Bardarki Sara – Slemain, security forces attack him and take his camera.

12	Wrya Hamakarim Zhyar Kamil	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	19/12/2017	Halabja	While covering protests by citizens, guards of PUK HQ there physically attack them and break media stuff
13	Sabir Abdulla Awat Omar	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	19/12/2017	Qaladze - Sleman	While covering protests by citizens, security forces physically attack them and break their camera and take the broken camera with them
14	Salim Hamaxan	Reporter	ANADOLU AGENCY	19/12/2017	Halabja	While covering protests by citizens, a masked biker wear a military uniform physically attack him and attempts to take his camera, but he fails to take the camera and verbally insults him
15	Issasan Ahmed	Cameraman	KNN	20/12/2017	Halabja	While covering protests by citizens, security forces physically attack him, they hit him with wooden stick and hose, and they take all of his media stuff

Restraining/Blocking						
No	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1	Bazyan Barznji Hoshiyar Hussein	Reporter Cameraman	Speda	10/7/2017	Erbil	While on a visit to Dashti Bahasht project to meet Karkuk refugees, some citizens block them from carrying out their job, they get verbally abused and their mic and camera is forcefully taken from them.
2	Abdo Hussein Rostayi	Reporter	NRT	31/7/2017	Choman - Erbil	He was blocked from covering a press conference by mayor of Erbil
3	Zhalla Ahmed Aras Kaki Avar Hamid Mallband Salar	Reporter Cameraman Cameraman Cameraman	NRT	16/8/2017	Sleman	While covering the anniversary of foundation of Kurdistan Democratic Party (PDK), security forces restrain and verbally abuse them.
4	Zryan Sidiq Younis Abdulla	Reporter Cameraman	Komall Media Network	20/8/2017	Erbil	While covering the news of pilgrimages journey and at their farewell ceremony they were restrained by the security forces.

5	Abdo Hussein Rostayi	Reporter	NRT	21/8/2017	Choman - Erbil	While covering the visit of Kurdistan Region's vice president, he is restrained, and detained by Choman's security for two hours.
6	Hersh Qadr Muhammad Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	29/8/2017	Erbil	Staff of Ministry of Commerce and Industry didn't allow them to cover the minister's press conference despite being invited to do so by the ministry's staff
7	Zeravan Bargary Muhamad Sdqi	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	12/9/2017	Erbil	While festival of Grape was being held they were restrained at Family Mall's hall despite allowing most of the Kurdish, Iraqy even foreign channels to be present there.
8	Zryan Sdiq Younis Abdulla	Reporter Cameraman	Komall Media Network	15/9/2017	Erbil	While covering the news of pilgrimages journey back home, at the homecoming ceremony they were restrained and verbally abused
9	Azad Omaraway	Reporter	PAYAM	17/9/2017	Soran - Erbil	While covering the news of two Kolbars being wounded by Turkish shelling of the area, Soran emergency hospital police guards restrain them and delete all of their videos

10	Karzan Tariq	Reporter	NRT	20/9/2017	Sleman	During the independence referendum's campaign period, intending to cover Masoud Barzani's speech, Slemani's security restrain him and seize all of his stuff.
11	Shaxawan Muhammad Mufid Faisall	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	23/9/2017	Erbil	They were restrained while covering referendum's campaign activities
12	Rebwar Kakayi Karzan Karim	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	25/9/2017	Erbil	While covering the referendum process at Zhilwan School, they are not allowed to do their job and forced out of the polling station by the stations security despite having permission from election commission to do so.
13	Mahmood Rizgar Muhammad	Cameraman	KNN	25/9/2017	Maktab Xalid - Karkuk	A Peshmerge officer attacks him and restrains him
14	Hersh Qadr Muhammad Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	28/9/2017	Erbil	While covering international conference of Cancer at Hotel Shiraton, Dr. Bask Barzanji supervisor of the conference does not allow them to cover the conference despite being invited to do so by Erbil's Health directorate

15	Goran Abdulla	Reporter	KNN	1/10/2017	Sleman	Security forces seize two cameras while covering the protests by teachers.
16	Soran Muhammad	Journalist	Roj News	16/10/2017	Karkuk	Blocked from entering Karkuk Governorates building
17	Hazhar Rashid Ariwan	Reporter Cameraman	WAAR	16/10/2017	Karkuk	On the morning while covering the events unfolding in Karkuk, a Peshmerge force verbally abuse them, then break their camera.

18	Hazhar Rashid	Reporter	WAAR	17/10/2017	Karkuk	Karkuk's military ruler issues an order which forbids them from carry out media works and issues arrest warrant for them.
	Hemn Hassan Dalo	Reporter	K24			
	Soran Kamaran	Reporter	K24			
	Abas Jamil	Reporter	K24			
	Alla Wshyar	Reporter	Freelance			
	Abdullstar Jabbari	Member	KJS			
	Hallo Jabbari	Reporter	KTV			
	Hardi Muhammad	Reporter	Rudaw			
	Hallkawt Aziz	Reporter	Rudaw			
	Hiwa Hussamaldin	Reporter	Rudaw			
	Nawzad Muhammad Hassan	Cameraman	K24			
	Ahmed Aziz	Cameraman	WAAR			
	Dllshad Kairm Sharif	Cameraman	K24			
Eman Farman	Cameraman	K24				
19	Karzan Tariq	Reporter	NRT	19/10/2017	Slemani	During a meeting at Azadi park, security forces restrain him, seize his camera, delete all of his images and after half an hour he is set free

20	Hawkar Yasin Muhammad Amin	Reporter Cameraman	Rudaw	21/10/2017	Bani Maqan - Sleman	While covering the the news of the region, a Peshmerge force verbally insult them and do not allow them to do their work
21	Hunar Ahmed	Reporter	Rudaw	25/10/2017	Duz Xurmatu - Salahaddin	After publishing a report about the situation in Xurmatu, Turkmen PMU threaten and restrain him, and forbid him from doing journalistic work in Xurmatu

22	Azad Omarawayi	Reporter	Payam	29/10/2017	Soran - Erbil	Was not allowed to report on the commercial activities by the director of Haji Omaran compound
23	Aram Baxtyar Omar	Reporter	NRT	2/12/2017	Qaratapa front - Dyala	Was not allowed to report on the Qaratapa operation by the commander of the front
24	Xalls Fkri	Reporter	KNN	9/12/2017	Erbil	While reporting on an activity by Anti corruption Stop foundation he was restrained and attacked

25	Abdo Rostayi	Reporter	NRT	10/12/2017	Soran	Soran University did not permit him to report on the high cost of evening studying and was not allowed to enter the university
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26	Hogir Kamal	Reporter	Dwarozh	18/12/2017	Slemani	While covering protests by citizens, they are hit by tear gas used by security forces
	Hamasur	Cameraman	Dwarozh			
	Zmnako Ismail	Cameraman	Freelance			
	Peshkawt Abdulla	Reporter	Radio Nawa			
	Karzan Tariq	Reporter	NRT			
	Jamal Sargati	Reporter	TRTKurd			
	Muhammad Jalal	Reporter	Anadolu			
	Fariq Halabjayi	Cameraman	Anadolu			
	Ihasan Sabir	Reporter	Payam			
	Jalal Muhamad	Cameraman	NRT			
	Nzar Jaza	Reporter	Xelk Media Networj			
	Jamal Ahmed	Reporter	Rudaw			
Dana Omar	Cameraman	Freelance				
27	Sardar Jabar	Reporter	Rega	18/12/2017	Rwanduz	While covering protests in Rwanduz, security forces block them from doing their journalistic work
	Nariman Asaad	Cameraman	Rega			
	Abdo Rostayi	Reporter	NRT			

28	Jamal Ahmed Jamil Harem Burhan	Reporter Cameraman	Rudaw	18/12/2017	Slemani	While covering Slemani protests, security forces force them to stop their live broadcast and seize their stuff for a few hours then return them back
29	Choman Othman Mahroof	Reporter	KNN	19/12/2017	Halabja	Security forces restrain them from doing their journalistic work during protests
30	Suhaib	Reporter	Emirati Ghada	19/12/2017	Slemani	While covering protests and during live broadcast security forces take their camera and seize their other media stuff

Threats						
NO	Name of Journalist	Role	Employer	Date	Site	Type of Violation
1	Jamal Ahmed Jamil Alan Muhammad	Reporter Cameraman	Rudaw	16/10/2017	Chamchamall - Slemani	While reporting on the living condition of Karkuk and Xurmatu refugees, a police first lieutenant threatens to not allow them to report, some activists and other journalists shield them and allow them to continue on reporting but then security investigates those who helped them

2	Karwan Habib Muhammad	Reporter	Kurdsat News	16/10/2017	Xurmatu - Karkuk	Has been threatened by Asaab Ahl Haq, Turkmen PMU, and Hezbolla
3	Fuad Othman		KJS	26/10/2017	Karkuk	A phone call threatens him and asks him to not continue on working at Karkuk branch of Kurdistan Journalist Syndicate
4	Haidar Ahmed	Reporter	Gali Kurdistan	27/11/2017	Kfri - Slemani	Unidentified armed men fire at his house and cause damage to his house and car.
5	Hazhar Argushi	Reporter	Freelance	28/11/2017	Erbil	On 100m and 60m streets in the space of one week his life has been threatened twice by cars attempting to force him into an accident

6	Aram Najm Habibolla	Journalist	KNN	4/12/2017	Halabja	Several messages containing threatening language and threats to kill has been sent to him by this number (0750 168 3207), he has filed complaint at court
7	DLOVAN EMADALDEEN SILAHSHOR	Reporter	Freelance	6/12/2017	Erbil	After publishing a report on Kurdistan Students' Union on issue number 8 of Roj Article newspaper, he receives threats through phone calls and messages

8	Hemn Mamand	Reporter	Freelance	20/12/2017	Erbil	After asking for permission to protest in Erbil and in front of Council of Ministers, unidentified men threaten him
9	DLOVAN EMADALDEEN SILAHSHOR	Reporter	Freelance	21/12/2017	Erbil	After publishing a report on issue number 9 of Roj Article newspaper about tools and devices used for cheating during exams, businessmen selling these devices send threats to him through phone call and messages, also a car on Zanko street attempts to assassinate him

Plundering						
No	Name of Journalist			Date	Site	Type of Violation
1	Gali Kurdistan Office			16/10/2017	Karkuk	PMU plundered the office then destroyed it at Azadi compound in Karkuk
2	Sirwan Xurshid Rashid	Reporter	KNN	17/10/2017	Xurmatu - Salahaddin	After the chaos in Xurmatu, his house was plundered by Turkmen Mobilization Units
3	Aso Ahmed Saeed	Reporter	NRT	17/10/2017	Xurmatu - Salahaddin	After the chaos in Xurmatu, his house was hit by mortan fire, he currently wanted by TMU
4	Sala Ismail Samin	Reporter	Freelance	17/10/2017	Xurmatu - Salahaddin	After the chaos in Xurmatu, his house and shop was blown up by PMU
5	Wshyar Ramazan	Cameraman	Freelance	24/10/2017	Xurmatu - Salahaddin	After the chaos in Xurmatu, TMU raided his house and took all of his money and jewelry

Report No. 20s Violations statistic

No	Type of Violation	Number of Incidence	No. of Journalists encountered violations
1	Assassination	1	1
2	Burning Down	3	3 houses
3	Stopping or Shutting Down Broadcast	5	13 Channels
4	Arrest	12	18
5	Wounded	2	2
6	Physical attacks	15	23
7	Restraining	30	71
8	Threats	9	10
9	Plundering	5	5
Total		82	146

Violations statistics of 2017
From Jan 1st until Dec 31st

NO	Type of Violation	Number of Incidence	No. of Journalists encountered violations
1	Assassination	3	4
2	Suicide	1	1
3	Martyrdom	2	2
4	Shutting down Broadcast	5	13
5	Detention/Arrest	20	30
6	Wounded	5	5
7	Physical Attacks	25	39
8	Restraining	54	111
9	Threats	15	18
10	Burning Down	2	2
11	Plundering	5	5
Total		137	230