

THE 2022 REPORT ON THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS & DIMENSIONS OF PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATION

1.0. INTRODUCTION

The worrisome trend of the violation of the rights of journalists and the media in Nigeria continued in the year 2022, as there was an increase compared with 2021. In this regard, the Safety of Journalists Alert Desk of the International Press Centre (IPC), Lagos - Nigeria documented not less than sixty-six (66) incidents of attacks affecting journalists and other media professionals. The attacks range from unlawful arrests/detention, physical assaults, threat to life, abduction, invasion, threat to sanction, media shutdown, robbery, hacking of social media account, threat to disclose source and denial of access to information.

1.1. METHODOLOGY

The report on the state of attacks on journalists and media in Nigeria (2022) was generated through desk research and monitoring by IPC's Safety of Journalists Alert Desk complemented by the field reports of press freedom monitors engaged by IPC in each of the country's six geo-political zones. The collated information was then subjected to verification especially through the affected individual journalists and news mediums after which they were analysed to determine the location of the incident, the types of attacks, the alleged perpetrators, the gender of the victims, the type of media organisations affected, the injuries or losses suffered, and the remedies sought, if any. The report as being presented reflects the application of the outlined methodology above.

1.2. THE LOCATION OF ATTACKS

The attacks occurred in the six geo-political zones of the North West (NW), North Central (NC), North East (NE), South West (SW), South East (SE) and South South (SS). The states where they occurred, and the number of incidents include:

Zamfara, Jigawa and Kaduna (NW) – Four (4);

FCT Abuja and Kwara (NC) – Sixteen (16);

Gombe, Taraba, Adamawa and Bauchi (NE) - Six (6);

Lagos, Ondo, Osun, Ogun and Oyo (SW) – Twenty-six (26);

Enugu (SE) – Four (4); and

Bayelsa, Delta, Edo and Cross River (SS) – Ten (10)

1.3. THE TYPES OF ATTACKS

The types of attacks that occurred in the year under review were:

- Physical assault – Twenty-four (24)
- Abduction – Seven (7)
- Gun attack – One (1)

- Threats to life – Two (2)
- Threat to disclose source /intimidation – Two (2)
- Invasion – One (1)
- Media shutdown – One (1)
- Denial of access to information – One (1)
- Robbery – One (1)
- Harassment – Two (2)
- Unlawful arrest and detention – Twenty-one (21)
- Hacking of account – One (1)
- Threat to sanction/payment of fine – Two (2)

1.4. THE ALLEDGED PERPETRATORS

- * Nigeria Security & Civil Defence (NSCDC)
- * Security Operatives
- * National Intelligence Agency (NIA)
- * Department of State Security (DSS)
- * Hoodlums
- * Shooting Stars FC fans
- * Unknown persons & gunmen
- * Nigeria Police Force
- * Police Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB)
- * Political thugs
- * Armed robbers
- * Federal Ministry of Finance
- * Federal Ministry of Youths & Sports Development
- * Politician
- * LASTMA
- * ISWAP

1.5. DATELINES & TRENDS OF ATTACKS ON MEDIA OUTLETS

In July 2022, the Federal Government through its Minister of Information, Lai Mohammed threatened to sanction BBC, Trust TV for airing interviews with terrorists.

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/545568-nigerian-govt-threatens-to-sanction-bbc-trust-tv-for-airing-interviews-with-terrorists.html>

September 9, 2022, the Twitter handle of Premium Times Newspaper was taken over by a hacker identified as vitalik.eth. There were speculations that the account was hacked by someone trying to impersonate Vitalik Buterin, Canadian programmer and co-founder of Ethereum.

<https://fij.ng/article/premium-times-twitter-handle-hacked/>

October 16, 2022, Zamfara State Governor, Bello Matawalle ordered the immediate shutdown of some media organisations in the state for covering the political rally of opposition party, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). The affected media houses were Radio Nigeria, Pride FM Gusau, NTA Gusau, Gamji Television, Vision FM, and Al Umma TV.

<https://www.channelstv.com/2022/10/16/zamfara-govt-shuts-down-media-houses-for-breaking-journalism-laws/>

1.6. DATELINES & TRENDS OF ATTACKS ON JOURNALISTS

1. **Nelson Omonu** (male) reporter with Summit Post Newspaper was assaulted and unlawful arrested by security operatives believed to have been working on the orders of Katsina State Governor, Aminu Bello Masari. It was alleged that he defamed the Governor. (January 1, 2022).
[NUJ kicks as security operatives arrest Abuja journalist \(punchng.com\)](#)
2. **Samuel Ogundipe** (male) & **Hillary Essien** (male) journalists with Peoples Gazette were threatened by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) to disclose the names of their confidential sources who signed a letter that was central to a December 22, 2021 news report that alleged Ahmed Abubakar Rufai was not qualified to head the agency. (January 10, 2022).
[Nigerian intelligence agency demands sources from Peoples Gazette news site - Committee to Protect Journalists \(cpj.org\)](#)
3. **Lekan Sanusi** (male) driver with Channels Television was allegedly attacked and stabbed by hoodlums while the TV crew were recording the condition of gridlock on the Apapa-Oshodi Expressway, Lagos. (January 31, 2022).
[Channels driver stabbed, Arise crew attacked in Lagos | The Guardian Nigeria News - Nigeria and World News — Nigeria — The Guardian Nigeria News - Nigeria and World News](#)
4. **Godsgift Onyedinefu** (female) a journalist was denied access to information by the Federal Ministry of Finance, Federal Ministry of Youths, and Sports Development, FCT Abuja. (February 3, 2022).
[Nigerian Court Orders Ministries To Pay Journalist N2 Million For Denial Of Information | Sahara Reporters](#)
5. **Solomon Musa** (male) reporter with Metro Times was attacked by hoodlums in Isu Aniocha LGA of Anambra state during a trip to the community to deliver a documentary tape. (February 5, 2022).
[Gunmen attack journalist in Anambra \(thecable.ng\)](#)
6. **Nnamdi Akpan** (male) reporter with Guardian Newspaper was attacked and beaten up by thugs loyal to a high-ranking member of the Ebonyi State House of Assembly. Reports have it that Akpan was beaten simply because he was seen in the hallow chambers sending a message to a prominent politician in the state. (February 21, 2022).
[UPDATED: Thugs beat up NUJ Secretary in Ebonyi - Vanguard News \(vanguardngr.com\)](#)
7. **Fredrick Nnaji** (male) & **Chigozie Nwafor** (male) journalists with Enugu State Broadcasting Service (ESBS) were attacked and briefly abducted by four unidentified men, as they were driving to cover the local elections in Enugu state. (February 23, 2022).

[Two Enugu state broadcaster journalists abducted, beaten while covering Nigerian elections - Committee to Protect Journalists \(cpj.org\)](#)

8. **Omoyele Sowore** (male) publisher of Sahara Reporters alleged that there was an attempt to assassinate him and some of his associates by sponsored thugs while heading to the appeal court to attend the hearing of a suit challenging the declaration of Leonard Nzenwa as the acting chairman of the African Action Congress (AAC), in FCT Abuja. (February 24, 2022). <https://www.thecable.ng/sowore-how-i-escaped-assassination-attempt-on-way-to-appeal-court#:~:text=In%20January%202022%2C%20Sowore%20had%20alleged%20th>
 9. **Eunice Emayazi** (female), **Austin Ogbotor** (male) & **Eddy Akpati** (male) journalists with Delta Broadcasting Service were physically assaulted by police officers while monitoring long vehicular queues occasioned by the scarcity of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) at the Northwest Filling Station, Mariam Babangida Way, Asaba. (March 1, 2022). [Police brutality: IPC frowns at attack on DBS journalists; Sowore's repeated arrest - Fact Check News](#)
 10. **Amarachi Orjiude** (female) & **Solomon Odeniyi** (male) journalists with Punch Newspaper were abducted by kidnappers in Chika, Lugbe, while Odeniyi was also robbed in his Lugbe residence of Abuja. (March 13, 2022). [Crimes against journalists on the rise in Nigeria - IFEX](#)
 11. **Amos Matthew** (male) political editor with New Nigerian Newspaper lost his car and other valuable items like ATM card, office identity card, voter card, National Identity Card amongst others to political thugs at the Kaduna APC secretariat while covering the declaration of an APC gubernatorial aspirant. (March 22, 2022). <https://tribuneonlineng.com/journalists-car-stolen-at-kaduna-apc-secretariat/>
 12. **Emana Duke Ambrose- Amahwe** (female) reporter with Channels Television was physically assaulted by hoodlums alleged to be affiliated with Right Honourable (Apostle) Essien Ayi the incumbent Representative of Akpabio /Bakassi/Calabar South Federal Constituency, at Ikot Ekpri Ene PDP Akpabuyo Chapter Secretariat Cross-River State. (March 25, 2022) [Hoodlums attack former Channels TV broadcaster in C'River - Vanguard News \(vanguardngr.com\)](#)
 13. **Eniola Daniel** (male) & **Femi Adebessin-Kuti** (male) journalists with Guardian Newspaper were physically assaulted by armed robbers at Apakun bridge, along MMIA road, Lagos on their way home after their vehicle developed a fault. (March 28, 2022). [Robbers attack The Guardian reporter, photo editor in Lagos — Nigeria — The Guardian Nigeria News – Nigeria and World News](#)
 14. **Julius Osahon** (male) reporter with Guardian Newspaper was abducted by unknown gunmen at Ughelli, Delta State while travelling from Bayelsa. (March 29, 2022). [Gunmen abduct journalist, others in Delta | Premium Times Nigeria \(premiumtimesng.com\)](#)
 15. **Olu Phillips** (male) reporter with Channels Television was harassed by police officers at the Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge, Lagos on the orders of Yomi Omumuwasan, the Managing Director of the Lekki Concession Company. (April 1, 2022). <https://saharareporters.com/2022/04/01/police-harass-channels-tv-reporter-olu-phillips-orders-lekki-concession-company-md#:~:text=by%20SaharaReporters%2C%20Ne>
- Oludare Richards** (male) a reporter with **Guardian Newspaper** narrowly escaped abduction by unknown gunmen at New Karu Secretariat FCT, Abuja. (April 4, 2022). [Nigerian Journalist With](#)

16. **Aruga Joe Omokaro** (male) a reporter with Supreme Newspaper was physically assaulted at Ogba, Lagos by the Chairman of Ojodu Local Government, Ojodu, Lagos while raising issues with the police over the Chairman's decision to drive 'one way'. (May 4, 2022). [Ojodu LG Chairman Drives 'One Way,' Assaults Editor – Independent Newspaper Nigeria](#)
17. **Idris Haruna** (male) a reporter with Zamfara radio was abducted by unknown gunmen while on his way home after the close of work. (May 12, 2022). [Bandits abduct popular radio host in Zamfara | Premium Times Nigeria \(premiumtimesng.com\)](#)
18. **Anita Ogona** (female) & **Monica Ogwa** (female) journalists with Naija FM & Rhythm FM respectively were physically assaulted by armed operatives and barred from covering the trial of a federal lawmaker and Rivers State governorship aspirant of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Farah Dagogo, at the premises of the Rivers State High Court in Port Harcourt. (May 13, 2022). [Police Bar Journalists from Covering Court Proceedings, Assault Them | Media Rights Agenda](#)
19. **Olamilekan Hammed** (male) a reporter with Eagles Foresight was unlawfully detained by the Department of State Service (DSS) at its headquarters in Abeokuta, Ogun State after republishing an article about the Ogun State Governor. (May 13, 2022). [Nigerian journalist detained after republishing article about Ogun state governor - Committee to Protect Journalists \(cpj.org\)](#)
20. **Joshua Dada** (male), **Victor Adeoti** (male), **Sunday Oguntuyi** (male) & **Shina Abubakar** (male) journalists with Leadership Newspaper, News Agency of Nigeria, Hallmark Newspaper & Vanguard Newspaper respectively were physically assaulted by political thugs while covering the Osun Governorship rally at Gbongan LGA, Osun State. They obtained body injuries. (May 23, 2022). [Coalition demands probe of attack on journalists at Osun governorship rally \(thecable.ng\)](#)
21. **Deborah Coker** (female), **Sunny Ohioze** (male) & **Osamuyi Ogbomo** (male) journalists with News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) & Africa Independent Television (AIT) respectively were unlawfully arrested by a security team at the Event Centre in Benin City, Edo State, while covering parallel senatorial primaries election by members of a faction of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Edo State. (May 24, 2022). [Journalists Covering Primaries by Splinter Party Group Arrested, Detained | Media Rights Agenda](#)
22. **Yinka Adeniran** (male) reporter with The Nation Newspaper attached to the Governor's office in Ibadan was beaten up and had teargas sprayed directly into his eyes, nose and mouth by a police officer while he was covering the governorship primaries of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Ibadan. (May 25, 2022). [Nigeria Government accused of encouraging attacks against journalists - Media Career Services \(mediacareerng.org\)](#)
23. **Oriyomi Hamzat** (male) a journalist, Managing Director and founder of Agidigbo 88.7FM in Ibadan, Oyo State, was arrested by officers of the Force Intelligence Bureau of the Nigeria Police in Ibadan and taken to Abuja, after he honoured an invitation by the Oyo State Intelligence Bureau of the Nigeria Police over a complaint to the police by a suspect in a murder trial which the radio station had consistently covered. (May 26, 2022). [Radio Station Manager in Oyo State Arrested Over Continued Broadcast of Murder Trial, Accused of Cyberbullying | Media Rights Agenda](#)

24. **Toba Adedeji** (male) state correspondent with Nation Newspaper was shot by overzealous policemen who wanted to disperse a mourning crowd in Osun state. (May 31, 2022). [BREAKING: Nation Newspaper correspondent, Toba Adedeji Shot In Osun - AmiLoaded News](#)
25. **Fatai Akanji** (male) reporter with Osun Defender Newspaper was arrested by a policeman attached to the Osun State Command of the Nigeria Police for undisclosed reasons. (May 31, 2022). [OOMPA condemns police's arrest, shooting of Journalist in Osun - Osun Reporters \(osunreportersng.com\)](#)
26. **Samuel Oloye** (male) reporter with Taraba Truth & Fact Newspaper alleged that his life was being threatened for his critical reporting of politicians in Taraba state. The management of the newspaper said Samuel had learned of a plan to kidnap and assassinate him. (April 17, 2022). <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/524561-nigerian-newspaper-publisher-alleges-threat-to-life.html>
27. **Adewale Adetoyese** (male) reporter with Eyewitness Media Online lamented that he had been receiving strange telephone calls from unknown persons threatening to deal with him if he dared continued with an investigative report he was working on. (April 18, 2022). [Journalist Seeks Protection over Threat to Life | Media Rights Agenda](#)
28. **Tobi Adepoju** (male) a journalist was attacked while covering a football match by supporters of a football club (Shooting Stars FC) after their 1-1 draw with Remo Stars FC at the Lekan Salami Stadium, Ibadan, Oyo State. (June 1, 2022). [3SC apologise to journalist over attack from fans \(punchng.com\)](#)
29. **Wunmi Obabori** (female) a reporter with Africa Independent Television (AIT) was unlawfully detained by police officers at High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Maitama, Abuja on the orders of the High Court Judge. Photos and videos also taken by her during the court proceeding was deleted. (June 7, 2022). [Abuja High Court Judge arrests, detains six judiciary reporters, deletes news visuals, pictures - Daily Post Nigeria](#)
30. **Bara Ogidi** (male) a reporter with Track News was unlawfully detained by the Department of State Security (DSS) at the Federal High Court, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State for cyberstalking. (June 14, 2022). [DSS arraigns Bayelsa publisher Bara Ogidi for cyberstalking - P.M. News \(pmnewsnigeria.com\)](#)
31. **Adeola Ogunrinde** (female), **Omatseye Atsenewa** (male) & **Adedoja Salam** (male) journalists with Western Post, Smooth 98.1FM & Television Continental (TVC) respectively were heavily attacked by hoodlums, as the bus conveying them (press crew) covering Lagos State Governor's Office was attacked between Ebute-Ero and Adeniji, Iga-Iduganran axis on Lagos Island, Lagos State leaving them wounded and sustaining various scars on their bodies. (June 19, 2022). [Hoodlums attack Lagos Governor's Press Crew bus in Tinubu's convoy, two injured \(tribuneonlineng.com\)](#)
32. **Laurel Ojo** (female) a reporter with Radio Nigeria, Positive FM was harassed, and her resident invaded by police officers by 6a.m at Ijapo Estate, Akure, Ondo State. (June 23, 2022). <https://www.frcnpositivefm1025.com/2022/06/23/armed-policemen->
33. **Haruna Mohammed** (male) & **Idris Kamal** (male) journalists with Wikki Times Online Newspaper were unlawfully arrested, detained and arraigned before a magistrate court in Bauchi State for

offences of criminal conspiracy, defamation of character and cyber stalking with which it showed that the police were using bogus crimes to continue the harassment and intimidation of the journalists. (June 28, 2022). [IPI Nigeria seeks withdrawal of vexatious charges against WikkiTimes publisher, reporter | Dailytrust](#)

34. **Leftist Aimuaewonso** (male) a journalist was physically assaulted by a member of the Edo State House of Assembly, Ephraim Aluebhosele during an interview. He received slaps and punches from the lawmaker when he questioned him on action being taken to fix an abandoned road in his constituency. (July 4, 2022). <https://politicsnigeria.com/just-in-outrage-as-nigerian-lawmaker-beats-up-journalist-during-interview-video-pics/>
35. **Ikenna Ellis Ezenekwe** (male) the publisher of 247ureports.com was detained by the Nigerian police at the FCT-Abuja over an article published on the website. (July 6, 2022). [Release Journalist Ikenna Ellis Ezenekwe now, OPAN tells Police \(vanguardngr.com\)](#)
36. **Matthew Agbaje** (male) reporter with Punch Newspaper was physically assaulted by some bribe-seeking policemen on illegal duty at Berger Bus-Stop on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. (July 20, 2022). [Lagos policemen on illegal duty handcuff, brutalise PUNCHman \(punchng.com\)](#)
37. **John Adenekan** (male) Assistant Managing Editor with Peoples Gazette Newspaper was unlawfully arrested, and the office raided by police officers. The policemen refused to state the reason for the raid on the newspaper's offices but asked for the Managing Editor, Samuel Ogundipe, and a reporter, Adefemola Akintade. Upon being told that both journalists were away from the office, the policemen arrested John Adenekan, the newspaper's assistant managing editor. (July 23, 2022). [MRA Condemns Raid on Peoples Gazette Newspaper, Accuses Police of Being Used by Powerful Interests to Harass Media | Media Rights Agenda](#)
38. **Ayodele Samuel Oluloye** (male) publisher of Taraba Truth and Fact Newspaper & CEO of Rock FM Jalingo, Taraba State was unlawfully detained in FCT Abuja by the Force Criminal Investigation Department (FCID) over a petition by Emmanuel Bwacha, the lawmaker representing Taraba South Senatorial District and All Progressives Congress (APC) governorship candidate in Taraba State. (July 25, 2022). <https://fij.ng/article/police-detain-journalist-ayodele-oloye-in-abuja-on-orders-of-taraba-apc-gov-aspirant/>
39. **Rufus Oseni** (male) reporter with Arise TV was arrested by police officers for traffic infraction. (August 1, 2022). [Arise TV anchor apologises for driving in BRT lane The Nation Newspaper \(thenationonlineng.net\)](#)
40. **Agba Jalingo** (male) reporter with Cross- River Watch was arrested at his residence in Lagos before being taken to Abuja on the charges of terrorism, treasonable felony, and cybercrime charges against him. (August 18, 2022). [Police arrest journalist, Agba Jalingo - Breezy News Nigeria](#)
41. **Mohammed Baba** (male) reporter with NTA (Nigerian Television Authority) was physically assaulted by security operatives attached to the Minister of State for the Federal Capital Territory, Hajia Ramatu Tijani Aliyu for filming an altercation between policemen at the national secretariat of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) in Abuja. (August 18, 2022). [Minister's Security Aides Attack Journalist | Media Rights Agenda](#)
42. **Nafesah Vandi** (male) reporter with Adamawa Broadcasting Corporation was brutalized and inflicted various degrees of injuries on Vandi by her estranged husband (Mallam Ibrahim Aliyu).

(August 19, 2022). [NAWOJ demands justice for Nafesah Vandii 'brutalised' by husband - P.M. News \(pmnewsnigeria.com\)](#)

43. **Okodili Nddi** (male) reporter with The Nation Newspaper narrowly escaped assassination from armed men suspected to be members of the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) terror group, who invaded his home in Karishi, on the outskirts of Abuja. (August 19, 2022). [Journalist Escapes Assassination by Suspected ISWAP Members | Media Rights Agenda](#)
44. **Joseph Atabo** (male) & **Chika Udenkwo** (male) journalists with Blueprint Newspaper and Africa Independent Television (AIT) respectively who were invited by Gombe State Urban Planning Development Authority (GUPSUDA) to cover the demolition of the campaign office of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) governorship candidate, Mohammed Barde, were arrested by the Gombe State Police Command. They were arrested while attempting to film the location adjacent to the Presidential Lodge of the Government and taken to the Pantami Divisional Police Station in the state capital. (August 30, 2022). [Journalists Covering Planned Demolition of Party Office Arrested | Media Rights Agenda](#)
45. **Olukayode Thomas** (male) reporter with [234sportsng.com](#) a sports journalism platform operated by a Lagos-based multimedia company, SEEM Nigeria Limited, alleged a threat to his life by someone suspected to be an operative of the Department of State Services (DSS). (September 9, 2022). [Sports Publisher Alleges Threat to Life by Suspected 'DSS Operative' | Media Rights Agenda](#)
46. **Abubakar Tahir** (male) reporter with Manjaha Newspaper was attacked by an angry mob while covering the devastating floods in Ganuwar, Kuka village in Hadejia local government of Jigawa State. (September 23, 2022). [Nigeria: Angry mob attacks journalist - IFJ](#)
47. **Ayodeji Adebayo** (male) Publisher of Daily Metro NG, was unlawfully arrested in FCT Abuja, for allegedly publishing a news story exposing alleged fraudulent dealings involving one Mr. Akinlayo Davidson Kolawole. He was denied access to his lawyer and members of his family. (September 29, 2022). [Detained Journalist: Police IG, Falana, CSOs Urged To Wade In | Precision \(theprecisionng.com\)](#)
48. **Casmir Ozuruigbo** (male) reporter with Lagos Television (LTV) was unlawfully arrested and detained by officers of the Lagos State Police Command for 'moving at night' at Bolade, Oshodi, Lagos. He sustained body injuries. (October 3, 2022). [Lagos Police Arrest, Torture Journalist For Allegedly "Moving At Night" | Sahara Reporters](#)
49. **Dare Akogun** (male) & **Abdulrasheed Akogun** (male) journalists with Fresh Insight TV and Sobi FM Radio respectively were unlawfully arrested and detained by the Kwara State Police Command to coerce them to retract an allegation of corruption they reportedly made against an official of the State Government. (October 13, 2022). [MRA Condemns Arrest and Detention of 2 Journalists by Police in Ilorin | Media Rights Agenda](#)

1.7. THE SUMMARY OF ATTACKS ACCORDING TO MEDIA TYPE

a. Broadcast = Twenty-Six (26)

b. Print = Thirteen (13)

c. Online =Twenty-Four (24)

d. Others = Three (3)

1.8. THE SUMMARY OF ATTACKS ACCORDING TO GENDER

a. Male = Fifty-six (56)

b. Female = Ten (10)

Conclusion

It is imperative for journalists to demonstrate greater sense of solidarity in dealing with attacks on the media and the abuse of the rights of colleagues in the profession. Sharing information relating to similar experiences and circumstances of attacks by journalists and victims could be useful for interrogating and overcoming the predisposing factors that make journalists vulnerable to victimization.

In most cases, available information provided to the help desk by victims, particularly as it pertains to identities of attackers or perpetrators of abuse may not be adequate considering the spontaneity of the incidents. It would therefore be helpful if colleagues who were on the same beat or at the scene of the incidents could also volunteer further credible information to assist in apprehending and prosecuting abusers of journalists and attackers of the media.

It is however noted that abuse by security agents, especially the Police Force still features as a dominant challenge despite decades of advocacy aimed at demanding change from relevant authorities of security agencies. There is indeed the need for relevant authorities to prioritise sensitization and reorientation of security agents on the rights and privileges of journalists during crisis situations.

It is therefore imperative for media professional bodies especially the unions and associations as well as relevant stakeholders in the civil society to demand accountability on safety of journalists and media through renewed engagements at institutional and legislative levels.

Recommendations:

The following are recommended as follow-up to existing efforts at mitigating attacks on journalists and the media:

- Greater networking, partnership and collaboration by stakeholders on safety of journalists
- Using institutional and legal mechanisms to challenge the violation of the rights of journalists and the media.