

DOCUMENTATION OF ATTACKS ON JOURNALISTS IN NIGERIA - 2023

This documentation includes quarterly reports: (January – April), (May - August)

Name of journalists attacked/ assaulted	Media organization	Gender	Location of attack	Nature/ Description of attack	Persons/ groups allegedly responsible	Losses/Injuries suffered	Date of incidence	Sources of the information (Print/broadcast Online reports or Offline account) Date reported	Follow up actions taken
Saviour Imukudo	Premium Times	Male	FCT Abuja	Threat to life	Andrew Okure (Supervisor of a poorly executed federal project in Akwa Ibom State)	None	January 6, 2023	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/topnews/574303man-threatens-to-kill-premiumtimesjournalist-overreports-onpoorlyexecutedproject.html	IPC issued a press statement to call on the government and security agencies to ensure his safety.
Abdulwahab Babankanti	Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)	Male	Bauchi – Jos highway	Abduction	Kidnappers	None	January 31, 2023	https://thisnigeria.com/ntareporter-3otherskidnappedalong-bauchijos-highway/	Nil

Two (2) broadcast journalists (names not mentioned)	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	Ogun State	Physical Assault	Security operatives attached to OOUTH	Body bruises and damaged equipments	February 3, 2023	https://thedailycrucible.com.ng/2023/02/03/og-un-journalistsbattered-over-	Nil
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N/A	TVC & Arise Television	N/A	N/A	Imposition of fine	NBC (National Broadcasting Commission)	N/A	February 3, 2023	https://l.kphx.net/s?d=1783550626381791970&extra=Q1RSWT1ORyZMTkc9ZW4tVVM=&g=f9f8378cb897a6b04447640bb6ce33f9	Nil

N/A	Wish FM 99.5 & Atlantic Television Network	N/A	N/A	Sporadic gunshot & Explosion	Alleged gunmen	N/A	February 21, 2023	https://completewoman.com.ng/attack-onjournalists-ipccalls-for-immediate-investigation/ https://theabujainquirer.com/2023/02/23/ipcdemands-investigationinto-attacks-ontvradio-stationsin-rivers/ https://newsdotafrica.com/ipcondemns-attack-on-tvand-radiostation-in-rivers-	IPC issued a press statement to call for immediate investigation into the incident
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Gbenga Oloniniran	Punch Newspaper	Male	Rivers State	Physical assault	Police officers	Nil	February 25, 2023	https://punchng.com/nigeria-elections2023-rivers-police-assault-arrest-punchman-on-election-duty/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations

Crew members	News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)	N/A	Oyo State	Damage of vehicle	Angry youths	Nil	February 25, 2023	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/southwest/584219angry-youthattackjournalistsvoters-inibadan.html	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Dayo Aiyetan	Executive Director, International Centre for Investigative Reporting (ICIR)	Male	FCT, Abuja	Physical assault	Political thugs	Loss of personal items	February 25, 2023	Twitter @dayoaiyetan	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations

Akam James	Daily Post	Male	Bayelsa State	Physical assault	Political thugs	Nil	February 25, 2023	https://cpj.org/2023/02/atleast-14journalistsdetainedattacked-orharassedcoveringnigeriaselection/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
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Princewill Sede	Upfront news magazine	Male	Bayelsa State	Physical assault	Political thugs	Body bruises	February 25, 2023	https://dailypost.ng/2023/02/25/2023electionjournalistsassaultedcamerasbroken-asvoting-beginsin-bayelsa/	IPC issued press report and details for immediate and professional investigation
Jeany Metta		Male							
Joe Kunde	Television Continental (TVC)	Male	Bayelsa State	Physical assault	Political thugs	Body bruises	February 25, 2023	https://cpj.org/2023/02/atleast-14journalistsdetainedattacked-orharassedcoveringnigeriaselection/	IPC issued press report and details for immediate and professional investigation
Miebi Bina		Male							
Isaac Afolabi	Radio Nigeria	Male	Ondo State	Harassment	Army Personnel	Nil	February 25, 2023	https://cpj.org/2023/02/atleast-14journalistsdetainedattacked-orharassed-coveringnigeriaselection/	IPC issued press report and details for immediate and professional investigation

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Team of journalists led by Michael Odumefune (News Editor of Odenigbo FM)	N/A	N/A	Anambra State	Intimidation & Harassment	Army Personnel	Nil	February 25, 2023	https://cpj.org/2023/02/atleast-14journalistsdetainedattacked-orharassedcoveringnigeriaselection/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Adebola Ajayi	Peoples Gazette	Female	Lagos State	Physical assault	Political thugs	Body bruises	February 25, 2023	https://cpj.org/2023/02/atleast-14journalistsdetainedattacked-orharassedcoveringnigeriaselection/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Haruna Salihu Mohammed	Wikki Times	Male	Bauchi State	Unlawful arrest/detention	Police personnel	Nil	February 25, 2023	https://solacebase.com/wikkitimespublisherharunamohammed-arrestedallegedly-onorder-ofbauchigovernor/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations

Henrietta Oke Amarachi Amushie Nkiru Nwokedi Cameraman	Africa Independent Television (AIT)	Female Female Female Male	Lagos State	Molestation & denial of access to cover electoral process at some polling units	Political thugs	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://franktalknow.com/breaking-inec-bars-party-agents-journalists-from-collation-centre-in-lagos/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Oba Adeoye Opeyemi Adenihun Yusuf Hassan	Arise Television	Male Male Male	Lagos State	Physical assault & equipments seized	Political thugs	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://www.arise.tv/elections-arise-crew-attacked-at-egushipalace-lekki/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Adejoke Adeleye & team of journalists	News Agency of Nigeria & other mediums	Not Specified	Ogun State	Molestation	Political thugs	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://leadership.ng/thugs-chase-journalists-in-ec-officials-with-axes-destroy-ballot-boxes-in-ogun/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations

Team of journalists	N/A	N/A	Rivers State	Denial of access to polling unit to cover electoral process	Police officers	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://solacebase.com/28journalistsharassedbeaten-deniedaccess-whilecoveringnigerian-stateelections/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
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Nonso Isiguzo	Nigeria Info Radio Station	Male	Rivers State	Harassment	Army Officers	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://solacebase.com/28journalistsharassedbeaten-deniedaccess-whilecoveringnigerian-stateelections/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report for immediate and proper investigations
Edwin Phillip	Breeze FM	Male	Nasarawa State	Physical assault	Operatives of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://realtimesmagazine.net/govship-pollnscdcpersonnelbrutalisejournalistcoveringelection-innasarawa/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report for immediate and proper investigations

Ashiru Umar	Premier Radio	Male	Kano State	Physical assault	Political thugs	Gadgets destroyed	March 18, 2023	https://solacebase.com/28journalistsharassedbeaten-deniedaccess-whilecoveringnigerian-stateelections/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report for immediate and proper investigations
Musa Mingyi	Blueprint Newspaper	Male	Yobe State	Unlawful detention	Military Officers	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://solacebase.com/28journalistsharassedbeaten-deniedaccess-whilecovering-	IPC issued a press release and detailed report for immediate and proper investigations
Hamisu Kabir Matazu	Daily Trust Newspaper	Male							

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Collins Ossai	Channels Television	Male	Edo State	Intimidation & denial of access to polling unit to cover electoral process	Political thugs	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://solacebase.com/28journalistsharassedbeaten-deniedaccess-whilecoveringnigerian-stateelections/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Cameraman		Male							

Kunle Sanni	Premium Times	Male	Plateau State	Harassment & deleting of pictures	Persons identified as 'farmers'	Nil	March 18, 2023	https://solacebase.com/28journalistsharassedbeaten-deniedaccess-whilecoveringnigerian-stateelections/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Shinzong Bala	Radio Nigeria station	Male	Kaduna State	Physical assault	Political thugs	Loss of personal items	March 18, 2023	https://solacebase.com/28journalistsharassedbeaten-deniedaccess-whilecoveringnigerian-stateelections/	IPC issued a press release and detailed report to call for immediate and proper investigations
Amos Tauna	Daily Post Newspaper	Male							

N/A	Channels Television	N/A	Lagos State	Imposition of 5 million naira fine	National Broadcasting Commission	N/A	March 31, 2023	https://faithwamajiblog.com/index.php/2023/04/04/nbcn5m-fine-onchannels-tvarbitrarinesstaken-too-farmra-ipc/	IPC issued a joint statement with MRA condemning the action of NBC
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MAY - AUGUST 2023

Name of journalists attacked/ assaulted	Media organization	Gender	Location of attack	Nature/ Description of attack	Persons/ groups allegedly responsible	Losses/Injuries suffered	Date of incidence	Sources of the information (Print/broadcast Online reports or Offline account) Date reported	Follow up actions taken
Rukayyah Jibia	Tambarin Hausa Television	Female	Katsina	Threat to life	Katsina State Police Command	None	May 21, 2023	http://globaltruckerng.com/2023/05/28/ipc-decriesthreats-onjournalistrukayyah-jibias-life/	IPC issued a press statement to call on the government and security agencies to ensure her safety. The Katsina Police spokesman was removed after harassing the journalist https://daily

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NIL	Amuludun 99.1 FM	NIL	Ibadan, Oyo State	Invasion/Hijacking	Alleged members of Yoruba Nation	None	May 28, 2023	https://dailypost.ng/2023/05/28/suspected-yoruba-nation-agitators-in-vade-hijack-radio-station-in-ibadan/	Nil
NIL	Radio Kogi	NIL	Dekina LGA, Kogi State	Vandalization	Suspected vandals	Property destroyed/loss of valuable equipment	June 5, 2023	https://thedailycrucible.com.ng/2023/02/03/og-un-journalists-battered-over-missing-corpse-at-ooth/	IPC statement at station pro
Saawua Terzungwe	Daily Trust Newspaper	Male	Mararaba axis, Nasarawa State	Assassination attempt	Unknown gunmen	Loss of personal items (phone, wallet, etc.)	June 27, 2023	https://franktalknow.com/just-in-prominent-abuja-journalist escapes assassination attempt/	Nil

Priestba Anthony Nwokocha	Rivers State Broadcasting Corporation (RSBC)	Female	Slaughter/YKC road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State	Abduction	Unknown gunmen	N/A	July 21, 2023	https://pmnewsigeria.com/2023/07/22/female-journalist-kidnapped-in-rivers/	IPC issued a press statement tasking security agency to ensure her safe release
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Karen James	N/A	Female	Anambra State	Threat to life	Anambra State Government	Nil	August 10, 2023	https://newsdotafrica.com/i-decriesthreats-cspj-onjournalistkaren-james-life/	IPC issued a press statement to call on the state government and security agencies to ensure her safety.
Joseph Kunde	Television Continental (TVC)	Male	Opu Nembe, Bayelsa State	Physical Assault	Hoodlums	Body injuries, damaged equipment & loss of personal items	August 15, 2023	https://pacesetnews.com.ng/bayelsaattackedjournalistsrecount-ordealas-ipcreiteratesneed-forjournalistssafety/ https://tracereporters.com/2023/08/21/bayelsa-attackedjournalistsrecount-ordeal-	IPC issued a press statement condemning the attack and calling for a thorough investigation
Bina Miebi	Television Continental (TVC)	Male							
Iniyekenime Doctor Bruce	Africa Independent Television (AIT)	Female							
Femi Folaranmi	Sun Newspaper	Male							

Awe Baratuepre	Nigeria Television Authority (NTA)	Male						as-ipcreiteratesneed-forjournalistssafety/	
Ayebakuro Egein	Africa Independent Television (AIT)	Male							

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SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

Name of journalists attacked/assaulted	Media organization	Gender	Location of attack	Nature/Description of attack	Persons/groups allegedly responsible	Losses/Injuries suffered	Date of incidence	Sources of the information (Print/broadcast Online reports or Offline account) Date reported	Follow up actions taken
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NIL	Africa Independent Television (AIT) & Raypower FM	NIL	PortHarcourt, Rivers State	Closure of operations	Rivers State Government	NIL	September 3, 2023	https://bayelsaparrot.news/2023/09/04/ipc-condemns-shutting-down-of-ait-operations-by-rivers-govt/ https://nigeria-dailyinfo.com/i-cspj-condemns-closure-of-media-organizations-in-portharcourt/	IPC issued a press statement calling for the immediate restoration of operations in the stations.
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Salim Umar Ibrahim	Daily Trust Newspaper	Male	Kano State	Physical assault	Police Officers	Damaged phone	September 20, 2023	https://nigeria-dailyinfo.com/kanogovernorshipelectionpetitiontribunal-i-cspj-frowns-at-police-attack-on-journalists/ https://dailytrust.com/breaking-ipcc-condemns-police-attack-on-journalists-covering-kanotribunal/	IPC issued a press statement condemning the attack.
Zahraddeen Lawal	BBC Hausa	Male							

Clifford Ejenavi	Online Editor, Education Writers Association of Nigeria	Male	Ogun State	Physical assault	Police officers	Body injuries	November 9, 2023	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0HTKJoStpPRLSJS61v8BakiqnGEdZNMnibUWxqwTLfiCpL6v5o3osETnckRkjGBCTI&id=100000641715775&mibextid=Nif5oz	IPC issued a statement condemning the assault on the journalists and calling for thorough investigation
Hamisu Danjibga	Voice of Nigeria (VON)	Male	Zamfara State	Murder	Unknown	Loss of life	September 20, 2023	https://www.premiuntimesng.com/regional/nwest/627275-journalistfound-deadthree-daysafter-declaredmissing.html	IPC issued a statement condemning the alleged killing and calling for thorough investigation
Not mentioned	News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)	Female	FCT, Abuja	Abduction	Unknown gunmen	Loss of valuable materials	November 15, 2023	https://www.politicaeconomistng.com/158032-2/	Nil

Summary outcome of January – December 2023 monitoring report as stated below:

- In the months of January – December 2023, thirty-three (33) cases of attacks, involving forty-four (44) journalists were reported and six (6) cases on media organisations;
- Broadcast medium – twenty-two (22), Print medium – six (6), Online medium – eleven (11), Not specified – five (5);
- Male – Thirty-five (35), Female – Nine (9);
- N.C – Eight (8), N.W – seven (7), N.E – four (4), S.W – eleven (11), S.S – eleven (11), S.E – three (3);
- Affected states – Lagos, Kaduna, Plateau, Edo, Yobe, Kano, Nasarawa, Rivers, Ogun, Bauchi, Anambra, Ondo, Bayelsa, FCT Abuja, Oyo, Kogi, Katsina & Zamfara;

- Nature of attacks include – Imposition of fine, physical assault, harassment & deleting of pictures, unlawful arrest & detention, intimidation & denial of access to polling unit to cover electoral process, molestation, threat to life, abduction, damage to vehicle, murder, sporadic gunshot & explosion;
- The nature/ injuries suffered include – Body bruises, loss of personal items, gadgets destroyed, damaged equipments, loss of life;
- Persons/groups allegedly responsible are – NBC, political thugs, military officers, police officers, angry youths, alleged/unknown gunmen, security operatives attached to OOOUTH, kidnappers, duty bearer, hoodlums, Anambra State Government, Rivers State Government.

Kindly note that persons/information 'not available' 'not mentioned' or 'nil' are anonymous from our report/database.