

## Fifth: Violations

Name of the journalist	Position and media Institute	Time and kind of violation
*Saman Salih	Independent	On 20.01.2012, according to a claim submitted to the (CDJR) , the journalist Saman Salih recorded a claim on both (Safin Lawchak, and Mustafa Osman) from Khwendkaran organization and University of humanitarian development whom they attacked and abused him due to a journalist work done by him that was publishing photos of a vehicle numbered 24 belongs to Finance public property and he was friend with both two students.
*a team of Speda Channel	Speda sky channel	On 12.02.2012, during the demonstrations of students in front of directorate of Education in Koya after covering the events and returning of the team, the team were stopped by Asaish forces, their camera was taken, they returned it back after 1 hour
*Speda Channel	Speda Channel	On 12.02.2012, during the demonstrations of students in front of directorate of Education in Koya, they were stopped by Asaish forces, their camera was taken.
*Zmnako Ismail	Sbey Website	On 19.03.2012, during the anniversary of February 17 <sup>th</sup> , he was stopped by Asaish forces at Sara in Suleimanyah city , also on 12.04.2012, during arresting of (Zana Hama Salih )Mayor of Suleimanyah, he was attacked and stopped by number of peshmarga forces, later on Civil Activities Police helped him.
*Darbaz Salih	Reporter and photographer of Khandan website	On 08.05.2012, during covering events of burning Aweza family club in Erbil, he was attacked by the security forces in Erbil city, all his journalist equipments were taken, according to his claim he was taken about 500m away from the place of the event, after one week his properties were returned back by attempt of the (CDJR).



Reporters of all media channels in Kurdistan Region during the press conference of the Committee of Defending Freedom of Journalism & Journalists Rights

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<p>*Abdo Husen</p>	<p>NRT Channel</p>	<p>On 11.05.2012, as per Abdo Husen speech, Asaish forces of Sherwani Mazn sub district stopped both teams of NRT and Speda Channel from filming and interviewing with people on the issue of Turkish artillery bombing the area excusing existence of PKK guerilla. On the same day, the team of NRT were stopped form working on a reportage on Sherwani Mazn hospital.</p>
<p>*Rebin Muhammad</p>	<p>Reporter of Payam channel</p>	<p>On 15.05.2012, a driver of Darbanikhan municipality insulted the mentioned journalist, later on the Mayor of Darbandikhan apologized to him in presence of Committee of Defence.</p>
<p>*Ranjdar Ibrahim *Mahmood Nuri *Abubakr husen</p>	<p>Reporter and photographer of Barin newspaper</p>	<p>On 30.05, 04.06, and 07.06, they were stopped, attacked and insulted by Said Sadiq Asaish, an official from Fire Extinguishing department and a policeman of the same center; most of their photos were deleted. It is worth saying that all of them belong to Barin newspaper in Saidaadiq city.</p>
<p>*Mawlood Afand</p>	<p>Chief Editor, Israel – Kurd Magazine</p>	<p>He was disappeared on 08.06.2012 on the road between Suleimanyah and Erbil. On 20.06.2012, Israel – Kurd institute who owns the magazine and Mawlood Afand is the Chief Editor of the magazine, announced that Mawlood is disappeared and his fate is unknown, the (CDJR) started following the issue in order to determine his fate, they met with security offices of Suleimanyah and Erbil also with Deputy Ministry of Interior and submitted an official letter to Ministry of Interior to form a committee and following up the fate of the mentioned. In spite of neither the institute not his relatives claimed to the (CDJR), but MOI and security of Kurdistan must investigate carefully on the news talking about kidnapping the above mentioned. Who, where, how, and why he was kidnapped. It is worth saying that Mawlood Afand is originally from Kurdistan of Iran and he is chief editor of the magazine, the institute was found in 2008 and credited by Journalists Association.</p>

<p>*Hadi Ameen</p>	<p>Chief editor of Chawi Khalk website in PDA organization</p>	<p>On 16.06.2012, according to claim submitted to the (CDJR) and a copy was sent, he expressed his disaffection on burning 800 copies from 1000 copies of studies of Independent Media in Kurdistan Region from journalists point of view, these studies were burnt in Tanjaro area. Within the claim of journalists, although they consider this as insult to his work and 8 other journalists, this was resulted economically losses of tens of thousands dollars to the organization. On the same time a member of executive committee told the above mentioned that they will fire him for claiming against the organization and his contract which was lasting for three years will be terminated. Loosing his job is profession violation by a civil society organization.</p>
<p>*Maroof Majeed</p>	<p>Payam TV</p>	<p>On 26.06.2012, their camera was taken from Maroof and Payam TV channel team at Takei Jabari sub district belongs to Chamchamal district by the security forces, they were attacked and the camera was taken by the guard of the officials.</p>



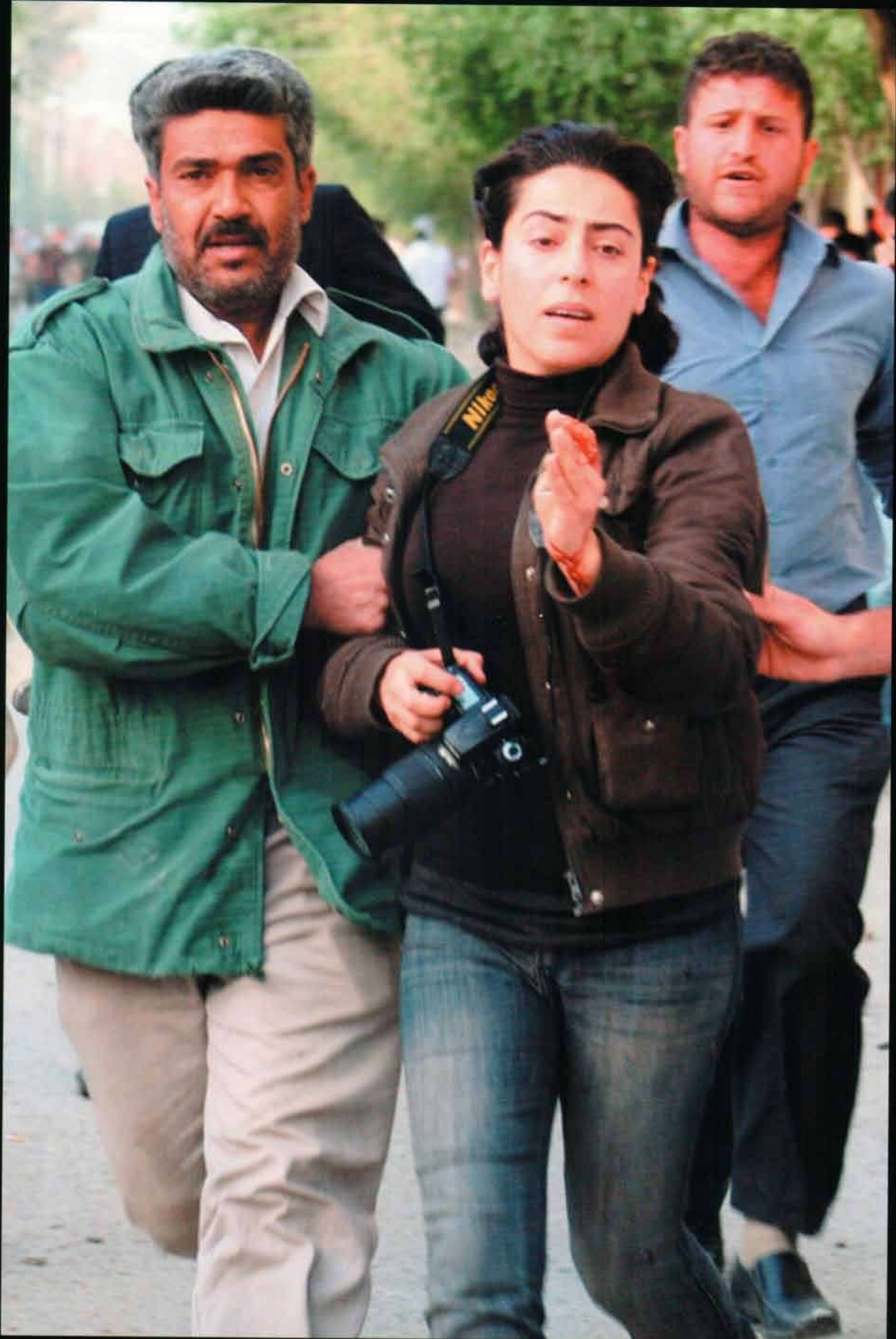


Chasing a reporter while performing his duty

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ایک رپورٹر کو  
ایک گروپ نے گولیاں  
چلائیں۔

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Assaulting a female reporter by the Security Forces

Photo: ZIMNAKO ISMAIL





## The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights condemns closing Rozh TV.

After so many times full of different pressures by Turkish Governorate for closing Rozh TV and putting pressure on Danish Governorate and recording claims accusing of supporting terror, finally under all these pressures the Channel was closed, but closing that Kurdish channel that is reflecting voice and color of most of people of Northern Kurdistan is by itself showing no respect for Turkish state, and that the Turkish state is not only does not intend to improve democracy as calling for, but doesn't respect letting freedom for Media and journalism and a channel to talk in Kurdish.

Therefore, we as the (CDJR) of press freedom and journalist's rights condemn this work, the European Union, liberals and intellectuals must not remain silent, but they have to support any wishes for Kurdish people wherever they were whom they want to show misfortunes of Kurdish people to whole the world throughout media, and to use media as an active weapon and dialogue away from violence and armed conflicts.

Thus closing Rozh TV and any other Kurdish channel anywhere in the world and for any reason is showing no respect for Kurdish people rights, and it means censorship and an obstacle in front of freedom of media and press. It is duty of every Kurdish individual and journalists to support freedom of press and Kurdish media anywhere in the world, no matter what idea and belief they have, it is important to serve the Kurdish legal case, freedom of press and humanitarian society. That is why we condemn seriously and protest this work.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom  
and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan  
22.01.2012

## The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights condemns attacks on journalists on February 17<sup>th</sup>

We announce with sorrow once more for the anniversary of February 17<sup>th</sup> during the clashes between MOI forces, security forces and journalists, so many journalists are arrested, beaten, their cameras and journalism properties are broken and confiscated.

This is continues repetition of these events were journalists become victims, their legal, profession and media rights are violated and not respected, at the time that all these behaviors and bad treatments of the security forces are against law of journalism and rights of journalists, due to journalists have the right to do their profession anytime and anywhere. Not only should not be subject for violation, but also they should be cooperated and facilitate their duty because their duty and profession is serving society, liberty and freedom of press.

Unfortunately on February 17<sup>th</sup> many journalists in Suleimanyah were arrested and beaten among them there were foreigners, the total of these violations have negative effects on democratic process and law in the region.

We hope that all arrested journalists will release free, stop repetition of all these events and violations, punishing those who attacked the journalists.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights in Journalists Association condemn seriously these violations and express it's deep sorrow for repetition these events, we hope that MOI will start investigations in these events immediately and release the arrested journalists and to forbid officially any arresting, attacking and confiscating their equipments forever.

Once more we support, profession and moral backup to those journalists who faced violation and all the journalists in any channel or institute, we ask them to inform us about any violation occurred or will occur in order to submitted to MOI and to be published in our 9<sup>th</sup> report of the Committee.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom  
and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan  
17.02.2012



## We condemn the attempts for closing Shafaq Radio

Within the attempts of Baghdad Government to narrow freedom of journalism in Iraq and specially the Kurdish media,

On April 15<sup>th</sup> Ministry of Environment in Baghdad Government had sent a formal letter to Shafaq Radio calling for closing the station within 10 days excusing that broadcasting the radio is risk on environment and health of people of Baghdad.

We in Committee of Defending Journalists seriously condemn this action of Baghdad Government; we consider it as a big risk to silent Kurdish media at the areas of their authority, because except Shafaq Radio there are tens of radios and TVs in Baghdad broadcasting their programs and they were not been informed by any party to stop their broadcast and at the same time there are tens of Arabic office channels and radios in Kurdistan and there was no attempt to narrow their duties not even close their stations.

This attempt of Iraqi government is within its policies to deepen the crises between Baghdad and Erbil and it is contrary to Iraqi constitution and law of journalism in Kurdistan and Iraq.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom  
and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan

17.04.2012

## Announcement from The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights in Journalists Association in Kurdistan

After publishing an article in issue 14 of Chipa magazine which is violation of law of journalism, standards and ethics of journalism

Today hundreds of people in Erbil city gathered to protest the article of Chrpa magazine in front of Parliament building. Unfortunately at the end resulted in violence, journalists and media in order to cover the event they were present to the protest, but unfortunately like every time number of journalists and media channels were attacked and insulted, by the security, police forces and the protests, their equipments were confiscated.

We in Committee of Defending Press Freedom in Kurdistan condemn all violations by anyone or any party against journalists which is direct violated to the law of journalism in Kurdistan and it its lack of respect to principles of democracy and public freedoms, at the same time we ask the president of parliament and prime minister to seriously follow up these violations and to punish the offenders according to law.

Also we ask journalists and media institutes to commit with laws and international standards of journalism profession and to deal with events and news responsibly and professionally.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom  
and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan  
08.05.2012



## Clarification on the issue of Chrpa Magazine from the Committee of Journalists Association in Kurdistan

After publishing an article in Chrpa magazine resulted in crises and injury of feeling for some people, later on the magazine staff optionally decided to close the magazine, it was suppose previously not to allow themselves to move away from law and ethics of press, but regarding mentioning name of Journalists Association for several times by the media that the Association agreed on closing the magazine in order to end these crises, we saw the necessity of this clarification which confirms the ideas of Kurdistan Journalist Associations.

First: Regarding press and media in Kurdistan, the Association considers law number 35 of journalism as a reference to rights and duties, punishment and reward, or every attitude, legal and media procedures.

We are against insulting beliefs of anyone as indicted in part five (immunity) to law of journalism article ninth which says: "journalist and chief editor will be fined by amount of money not less than 1 million dinars and not more than 5 million dinars " in the following cases:

(Insulting beliefs, special ceremonies, or insulting symbols and sanctities of any religion and distortion), we emphasize on this point that symbols and religions should not be insulted.

Second: on the other hand, everybody must commit to other points of journalism law, it says in the first part of article two fifth point "newspapers will not be prevented and controlled", it means that no newspaper or magazine or media channel will be prevented for any reason, in the same way that we don't agree with insulting symbols, religion, people's freedom and breaching laws and ethics of journalism, we are against closing any media and arresting any

journalists specially using old Iraqi punishment laws not law number 35.

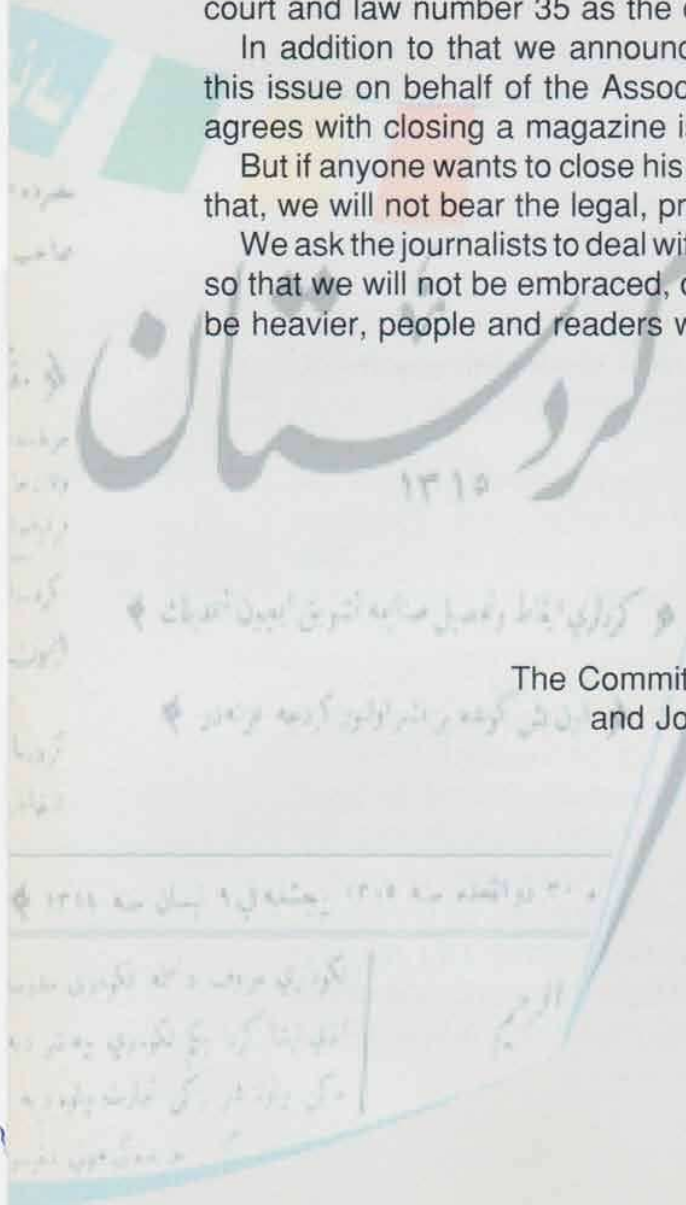
We announce that, for the Association, closing this magazine or any other channel is against law of journalism and we consider court and law number 35 as the only way to solve any problem.

In addition to that we announce that any announcement about this issue on behalf of the Association telling that the Association agrees with closing a magazine is not true.

But if anyone wants to close his institute by himself he is free to do that, we will not bear the legal, profession and moral responsibility.

We ask the journalists to deal with news and events more carefully, so that we will not be embraced, duties of media in Kurdistan won't be heavier, people and readers won't feel non creditability.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom  
and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan  
08.05.2012





## The international day of press freedom Day of respecting journalists and journalism

### Announcement of The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights in Journalists Associations on the international day of press freedom

Third of March is the international day of press freedom in the whole world in order to achieve rights and wishes of press freedom and removing all censors, threats and risks also to protest these actions that are followed by governments and political systems.

While every day scope and sides of freedom, press freedom, beliefs and political ideas is expanding, on the other hand those systems which made hell of their countries for the civilian and journalists, these system won't let brave voices or any media or free channels or organizations, especially events and changes of Arab states and Arabic spring are witnessing these facts.

Media and journalists were on top of those uprisings and changes in countries of Arab spring, still in spite of all achievements, developments and overcoming most of these risks, but in whole world specially in those countries of no democracy no parliament system and the country is one-party government, even they are putting censor and pressure on social networks and websites a large number of journalists are in jail and under threats and risk, but the liberal struggle of the journalists is the main factor of success.

In these days, relating to journalists of Kurdistan region and freedom of media, in spite of existence of democracy process, liberty and free laws of journalism numbered 35 of 2007, and hundreds of different free uncensored channels and active, professional and civilian struggle of the journalists but still there

are different violations against journalists in different places, they are arrested, attacked for different reasons, they don't get adequate information, law of journalism is not applied adequately and journalists are not treated according to this law.

Once more we declare that proofing our speech and concerns is based on publishing 8 reports of six months of Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights, which recorded hundreds of violations against journalists, but there was no follow up or questioning to the doers by the government and related parties.

On the international day of freedom of press freedom, the KRG must be responsible for the rights and liberty of journalists, must respect joy of their wishes, demands and duties, must prevent attacking journalists for any reason and excuse, must form a committee immediately to punish the offenders who violated against journalists, must ensure their rights, in the same way, as we see ourselves and all journalists responsible for responsibilities, media, ethic, moral profession and to deal with events, news, true information, authenticity, independency, reserving and respecting law and law of journalists because risk and threat on journalists means risk and threat on society.

Unfortunately while ahead of the International day of press freedom, the (CDJR) will publish the 9<sup>th</sup> report at end of next June, in which about 25-30 violations against journalists are recorded and last year there were 291 different violations.

On the same occasion we publish total of violations against journalists of last five years, and we declare once more, that it is our duty especially on this day to continue preserving the journalists, calling for their rights, recording and publishing reports and violations until all these cases are over and there will be no risk and concern facing journalists, because we consider journalists, media, liberty and press freedom as wealth and success of democracy, experience and development of the society.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom  
and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan  
3 May/ June 2012





The Committee of Defending during publishing its 8<sup>th</sup> report / Erbil  
.Jamal Hussein, Committee's decision maker  
.Azad Hama Amin, Chief of Journalists  
.Anwar Hussein, Committee's Secretary



## Let law of getting information be in benefit of Journalists and freedom of press

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights expresses dissatisfaction from delay of issuing law of (right of access to information) in Kurdistan parliament which is been delayed for many years and not voted on, while we agree with the law, but it should be in benefit of journalists, achieve wishes, demands, and freedom of press, not putting obstacles and become a source of concern. We wish that parliament of Kurdistan and related parties apply this law as soon as possible, the related parties participate in issuing this law, on top of them Journalists Association, journalists and media channels, issuing of the law should be in benefit of media, freedom of press not become a reason for censor, pressure and narrowing rights of journalists.

## The parliament should have more cooperation to the journalists

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights is against the decisions of Kurdistan Parliament that prevent journalists from working free, and as they declared they only allow publishing the photos, activities and news that are published via media of Parliament.

The (CDJR) considers that work as prevent and parliament should treat the journalists legally and professionally and to allow them to work as per law of journalism and they should have a special place to cover the news and events because these news are related to life of people and political status of the country.

As we consider this a violation against journalists, we wish that his excellence president of parliament revise this decision and the previous decision and journalistic work won't be prevented as previously many problems and obstacles faced journalistic work.

## We condemn the pressures on NRT channel



Sources from NRT declared that there are a lot of pressures on them from a particular party to sell or close the Channel, which particular party declared that if they don't chose one of these options; they will face more problems and threats.

Although the officials of the channel didn't announce the identity of that person and party, but The Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights is against these works and pressures and considers it as violations and risk on press freedom media and supports all legal and professional rights of NRT and any other channel, we know and it won't be anyone or party for any reason put pressure on media channel and we condemn any similar work.



The memo of the Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights to determine fate of the journalist (Mawlood Afand) to his Excellency Ministry of Interior

Your Excellency Ministry of Interior  
Subject / follow up

On 08.06.2012 the journalist (Mawlood Afand) chief editor of Israel – Kurd magazine was disappeared on the road between Erbil and Suleimanyah, we kindly ask you to investigate his case and feedback us on the results, it is worth saying that Israel-Kurd magazine was credited by issue number 359 by Kurdistan Journalist Association.

Best regards

Jamal Husen

Decision maker of the Committee of Defending  
Press Freedom and Journalists Rights  
in Kurdistan

Copy to:

- The (CDJR)
- Special file

## Violence against journalists is direct violation of law of journalism in Kurdistan

Today 01.07.2012 before noon, while covering gathering of staff of department of burns in west emergency hospital in Erbil, in spite of preventing journalists by Zeravani forces from covering the gathering, at the same time journalists were seriously insulted, their journalism equipments were broken and some journalists were attacked and injured.

We in the Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan condemn very seriously these attacks and insults against journalists; for sure it is direct violation against journalists, freedom of press and law of journalism in Kurdistan.

These actions by Zeravani forces for any reason are a step to narrow press freedom and violation of law in Kurdistan.

We ask president of parliament, the government and related parties to limit these violations as soon as possible, to follow up and to seriously investigate these actions against the journalists and to punish the offenders who are a reason to disturb the experience of Kurdistan according to law.

Finally we, the (CDJR) emphasize on expanding and fixing the freedom of press in Kurdistan which is the only guaranty to step forward to practicing democracy in Kurdistan.

The Committee of Defending Press Freedom  
and Journalists Rights in Kurdistan  
01.07.2012



## Some statistics

Total of violations against journalists in last six months

1. The (CDJR) had replied to court and related parties through 29 formal letters in which they asked about credit number of some of the newspapers, magazines and membership of journalists.
2. The (CDJR) had replied to court, Asaish (Security) and police forces through 48 formal letters, they have informed the Association according to section 1 of article 8 of law of journalists in 2007 in Kurdistan about claims on journalists and investigating with them.
3. Receiving more than 103 formal letters from courts of Kurdistan and directorates of police in the cities and districts by the (CDJR) about cases and special claims on journalists.
4. The (CDJR) announced 6 statements during last 6 months:
  - a. Condemn closing Rozh TV on 22.01.2012
  - b. Condemn attacks on journalists on 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2012
  - c. Attempts for closing Shafaq radio in Baghdad on 17.05.2012
  - d. Statement of the (CDJR) on Chirpa magazine on 08.05.2012
  - e. Statement of the Committee of Journalists Associations on Chirpa magazine on 08.05.2012
  - f. Statement on the International day of freedom of press on 03.06.2012



Kurdistan Journalists Association  
 Statistic of last 4 years of the Committee of Defending Press Freedom and Rights of Journalists in Kurdistan  
 region from 01.01.08 to

#	Terror	Injury	Kidnapping Attempt to kidnap	Beating	Attack	Attempt to terror	Threat	Report	Name place and time of killing or terror
1	3	/	/	/	/	/	7	1 <sup>st</sup> report 01.01.08 to 30.06.08	1. Abdul Star Tahir Sharif Kirkuk 05.03.08 2. Begard Qalati- Ranya 18.04.08 3. Srwa Abdulwahab – Musil 04.05.08
2	1	2	1	4	7	1	8	2 <sup>nd</sup> report 01.07.08 to 31.12.08	Soran Mama Hama – Kirkuk 21/21.07.08
3	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	3 <sup>rd</sup> report 01.01.09 to 30.06.09	Salam Arab Doski – Musil 05.02.09
4	/	/	/	2	/	/	4	4 <sup>th</sup> report 30.06.09 to 25.12.09	/
5	1	/	1	18	35	1	4	5 <sup>th</sup> report 01.01.010 to 30.06.010	Zardasht Osman – Erbil-Musil 04.05.010
6	/	/	/	/	/	/	13	6 <sup>th</sup> report 01.07.010 to 31.12.010	/
7	/	/	1	17	/	/	17	7 <sup>th</sup> report 01.01.011 to 30.06.011	/
8	/	/	/	9	/	/	1	8 <sup>th</sup> report 01.01.011 to 27.12.011	/
9	/	/	/	5	/	/	4	9 <sup>th</sup> report 01.01.2011 to 30.06.012	/
6	6	2	3	55	42	2	58	9	6



Kurdistan Journalist's Association  
Statistic of last 4 years of the (CDJR) about status of journalism in Kurdistan region from 01.01.2008 to 30.06.2012

#	Arresting	Different violations	Unknown fate	Legal Claim	Burning	Fine	Memo to government and related parties	File closed	Report	Special
1	11	15	Muhammad Hasan Ahmed 03.02.2007	32	/	/	10	/	First report 01.01.08 to 30.06.09	
2	8	/	/	20	/	/	15	/	Second report 01.07.08 to 31.12.09	
3	10	19	/	30	/	2	9	/	3 <sup>rd</sup> report 01.01.09 to 30.06.09	
4	3	21	/	35	/	4	5	1	4 <sup>th</sup> report 30.06.09 to 25.12.09	
5	3	35	/	56	/	5	35	2	5 <sup>th</sup> report 01.01.010 to 30.06.010	4
6	3	7	/	61	/	3	79	/	6 <sup>th</sup> report 01.07.010 to 31.12.012	
7	13	29	/	/	2	4	20	1	7 <sup>th</sup> report 01.01.011 to 30.06.011	
8	4	20	/	37	3	2	50	2	8 <sup>th</sup> report 01.07.011 to 27.12.011	
9	/	11	Mawlood Afand 08.06.2012	/	/	/	77	L	9 <sup>th</sup> report 01.01.012 to 30.06.012	
	55	157	2	271	5	23	300	6	9	4





Injuring a reporter during performing his duties

Photo: Sarteep Othman



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