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Comparative for Violations for The Years 2013_2014

Conclusion of Violations in 2014

From 01/01/2014 Till 31/12/2014

No.	Type	Number of Cases	Numbers of People Affected
1	Assassination	1	1
2	Assassination Attempts	2	2
3	Media Organizations' Closure	1	2
4	Beaten	11	21
5	Arrest	2	2
6	Deatin	3	11
7	Prevent	5	9
8	Abuse	1	1
9	Threat	7	9
Total		33	58 Journalists

Conclusion of Violations in 2013

From 01/01/2013 Till 31/12/2013

No.	Type	Number of Cases	Numbers of People Affected
1	Assassination	1	1
2	Assassination Attempts	1	1
3	Beaten	14	35
4	Prevent	14	19
5	Threat	12	12
6	Abuse	2	2
7	Detain	5	5
Total		49	75 Journalists

Conclusion:

Defence Committee of Press Freedom in KRG and Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate are reporting all violation and abuse acts happened against Journalist in Kurdistan Region Government. However, there is some violation acts happened outside of Kurdistan region to Kurdish Journalists from KRG media organizations. Thus, it's necessary to mention them here, which are the following.

1. On 14th of July, 2014, in the city of Baghdad, "Altaakhi" newspaper attacked by unknown group masked gunmen using police cars. They took newspaper archives, management files and three cars. In addition of that, they threatened newspaper's Journalists and required from them to leave work in the "Altaakhi" newspaper.
2. On 30th of October, 2014, in "Peros" city located in northern Kurdistan in Turkey, Kurdistan TV correspondent (Mohammed Aran) attacked by the Turkish policemen, and he abused by Turkish police.
3. On 17th of December, 2014, ISIS militants arrest two journalists called Massoud Aqeel and Farhad Hemo) from Rudaw media network in a way Qamshlo, Til Kocher.
4. ISIS militants seized a branch of the Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate in Mosul.

Conclusion of Violations Report No. 14

From 01/07/2014 Till 31/12/2014

No.	Type	Number of Cases	Numbers of People Affected
1	Assassination	1	1
2	Beaten	4	7
3	Arres	2	2
4	Detain	2	3
5	Prevent	2	3
6	Abuse	1	1
7	Threat	2	3
Total		14	20 Journalists

Abuse | (1) Case

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Honar Ahmad	Reporter	Rudaw Media Network	31/8/2014	kirkuk	During the coverage of a press conference of Kirkuk Governor, he abused then he expelled from the conference.

Threat | (2) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Kawes Mala Parwez	TV Manager	Baba Gor Gor TV	23/7/2014	Kirkuk	Was threatened by mobile with throwing a bomb at his home.
2	Ibrahim Ali Sartip Qishkay	Director Manager Member of the Editorial Board	Liveen Magazine	22/12/2014	Erbil	Threatened.

Arrest | (2) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Niyaz Ali Mahmud	Editor-in-Chief	Control Magazine	23/7/2014	Sulimanya	Arrested by Security forces in Sarchinar about four hours.
2	Dileer Abdulah Muhamad	Editor-in-Chief	Bizaf Magazine	11/12/2014	Sulimanya	Arrested by security forces for 5 days, because he published an article in Bizaf Magazine.

Detain | (2) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Karwan Rahman	Editing Manager	Bzaf Magazine	29/12/2014	Erbil	According to complain of Jaffar Emenky, the Vice-President of Kurdistan Parliament, he arrested by Security forces about 3 hours.
2	Akram Golli Abdullah Ahmed	Correspondent Camera Man	KNN	17/12/2014	Zumar	Arrested by Zumar's security forces for 4 hours.

Prevent | (2) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Rizgar Kocher Sami Sadiq	Correspondent Camera Man	Kurdistan Tv	8/10/2014	Erbil	While covering demonstration of 30 parties in Kurdistan in front of UN headquarters in Erbil, some of demonstrators were attack them and do not allow to do their journalistic work.
2	Shaima Abdullah Jaff	Correspondent	NRT	13/10/2014	Erbil	Were prevented by security of the Prime Minister from covering the meeting.

Assassination | (1) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Dines Furat	Correspondent	Ronahi	8/8/2014	Erbil- Maxmor	Martyred by ISIS militants terrorist in Maxmor near Erbil.

Beaten | (4) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Ayhan Saeed	Correspondent	Payam tv	28/7/2014	Duhok	Beaten and attacked by youths in Duhok City.
2	Hajar Argoshy Muhammed Azadeen Zaradasht xan	Correspondent Correspondent Correspondent	Rudaw Media Network	8/10/2014	Erbil	While covering demonstration of 30 parties in Kurdistan in front of UN headquarters in Erbil, some of demonstrators were attack them and beat them.
3	Raad Omer Sagvan Badee	Correspondent Cameraman	Kurdsat News Satellite	17/12/2014	Zumar	Detained them for hours by Zumar security forces, then abused them, and hit them.
4	Rokan Jaff	Correspondent	NRT	20/12/2014	Sulimanya	Arrested by unknown militants they hit and required from him to leave work with NRT.

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From 01/07/2014 Till 31/12/2014

Assassination | (1) Cases

Beaten | (4) Cases

Arrest | (2) Cases

Detain | (2) Cases

Prevent | (2) Cases

Abuse | (1) Case

Threat | (2) Cases



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Conclusion of Violations Report No. 13

From 01/01/2014 Till 30/06/2014

No.	Type	Number of Cases	Numbers of People Affected
1	Assassination's Attempts	2	2
2	Institution Closure	1	2
3	Beaten	7	14
4	Arrest	1	8
5	Prevent	3	6
6	Threat	5	6
Total		19	38 Journalists

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Beaten | (7) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Herish Qadir Aram thman	Correspondent Camera Man	NRT	12/3/2014	Erbil	During a conference held in "Rotana", the General Director office of the interior Ministry threatened NRT Journalists with directing abusive words to them. Then the NRT journalists recorded a complaint at police station against the Interior Minister and its director office. However, the Interior Minister defends on them self front of Court, and said we are innocent, and all complaints reported about NRT are not true.
2	Hammed Mustafa	Office Manager	Dija Agency	19/4/2014	Soran	Threatened by Security forces and told him to not register News agency in his name. called Dija
3	Kameran Muhamed	Correspondent	Awina Magazine	21/ 4/2014	Erbil	While preparing a report on the process of citizens statistical, one of security forces called "Hewa" directing him abusive words and abuse him. Then that Journalist complained him.
4	Issa Ramadan	Correspondent	Freelancer	٢٠١٤/٤/٣٠	Qasrok	While reporting about the Voting Process for the Election of the Representatives of Iraqi Council, one of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan's members direct him abusive words and abuse him.
5	Hemin Mamand	Correspondent	Awina Magazine	10/6/2014	Erbil	After news was published in number (432) of "Awina" newspaper entitled «Culture Minister and Minister of Justice are treating the corruption of one of the Kurdistan Democratic Party officials in a (legal way). The President of the General Commission in the Kurdistan Parliament replied to him with abusive words.

Arrest | (1) Case

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Ameer Star Shakir Mustafa Khalid Abdulrahman Ahmed Hassan Salih Jeen Mustafa Omer Muhamed Orhan Sardar Issa Wahbi Dmeer	Journalist	Roji Wellat Mag. Roji Wellat Mag. Roji Wellat Mag. Roji Wellat Mag. Roji Wellat Mag. Dijla News Agency Dijla News Agency Dijla News Agency Dijla News Agency	19/5/2014	Erbil Duhok Zaxo	They were arrested hours by security forces in all Erbil, Duhok, and Zaxo. They prevent them to do their journalistic work.

Preventing | (3) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Farman Muhamad Borhan Muhamed	Correspondent Camera Man	NRT	3/7/2014	Erbil	Preventing them to practice its Journalistic work and threatened by security forces in an area called "Kasnazan", While covering about an accident.
2	Ari Sabir Payman Abdulrahman	Correspondent Camera Man	KNN	30/4/2014	Koya	They were beaten and prevent them to report news about the Voting Process for the Elections of the Iraqi Council.
3	Ari Sabir Dilshad Mam Taha	Correspondent Camera Man	KNN	17/5/2014	Koya	Prevent them by Patriotic Union of Kurdistan while reporting about excesses.

Beaten | (7) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Nichervan Hussain Kaween Jihad	Correspondent	Rwdau War TV	24/2/2014	Duhok	They were beaten by police while covering a match in Duhok Stadium.
2	Rebeen Abdullah Xalis Fekri	Correspondent Camera Man	KNN	6/3/2014	Soran	They were beaten and prevented them to performing their journalistic work during a ceremony of remains of 93 Anfal victims in the Barzan's area.
3	Shawkat Qadir Lawee Xaleed Paraw Wahab	Correspondent Camera Man Correspondent	GK TV GK TV Kirkuk TV	10/4/2014	Erbil	During the coverage of election propaganda of Youth Patriotic Kurdistan Union of the Iraqi representative Council of Elections. They were beaten by supporters of the Kurdistan Democratic Party.
4	Nichervan Ba Baker	Correspondent	Badinan Sat	26/4/2014	Moqubli- Duhok	He was Beaten by the police while preparing a report related to that place.
5	Novar Faris Xalis Fikre	Correspondent Camera Man	KNN	28/4/2014	Soran	Beaten by guards of a centre called Troska school while reporting about the Voting Process for the Election of the Iraqi Council.
6	Rebeen Abdullah Xalis Fikre	Correspondent Camera Man	KNN	30/4/2014	Soran	Beaten by guards of a centre called "Sahand" school while reporting about the Voting Process for the Election of the Iraqi Council.
7	Rebeen Abdullah Xalis Fikre	Correspondent Camera Man	KNN	30/6/2014	Soran	Were beaten while reporting about Petrol Crisis, then damaged their Camera by security forces, and both of them jailed about an hour.

Assassination Attempt's Cases | (2) Cases

No	Journalist Name	Job Title	Media Org.	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Hoshang Yaseen Hassan	Correspondent	Zagros TV	3/6/2014	Erbil	During the news coverage about the case of fraud in the car. There were 4 people, one of them shot him. He was seriously injured, and the case is currently in the Court.
2	Fowad Outhman	Writer and journalist	Alltihad Magazine	3/6/2014	Erbil	While return back home near Ankawa, two people shot him. But the good thing his car were been shot.

Media Organizations' Closure | (1) Case

No	Journalist Name	Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	(Roje Wellat) Magazine, Dijla office News Agency	19/5/2014	Erbil Duhok Zaxo	Closure of (Roji Wellat, magazine the Dijla News Agency by Security forces in Erbil, Duhok, Zaxo, and Soran

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Assassination Attempt's Cases | (2) Cases

Media Organizations' Closure | (1) Case

Beaten | (7) Cases

Arrest | (1) Case

Preventing | (3) Cases

Beaten | (7) Cases

3. Lack of legal contracts between journalists and media institutions that guarantee journalists rights. However, this kind of illegal contracts leads to the marginalizing of the rights of journalists in media organizations. According to the Kurdistan Region Press Law, this kind of contracts is a breach of a media law in KRG.

4. The lack of understanding of the importance of media outlets for communities development by authorities, administrators and so on.

5. Despite there is an agreement as a protocol concluded between the Judicial Council and the Journalism Syndicate, but sometimes in the Courts they don't deal with journalists, according to the Press Law No. (35).

6. Police officer repeatedly reporting to Journalists Syndicate about journalists, which is contrary according to the press law KRG in 2007 No. (35) Article 8 in the first paragraph stated "The Journalists Syndicate shall be informed of any legal actions against Journalist if it were related to his practice provision". This means informing Syndicate rather than reporting by Police Offices.

7. In term of Profession:

A. Lack of journalists and media organization's expediencies and irresponsibility of journalistic work. In the other words, some journalists are not conscious about the coverage of news, reports, and events. For example, during the battles between Peshmerga forces of Kurdistan Region and ISIS terrorist some journalists published news

and reports that impacted negatively on national security; stated Journalistic Syndicate on 16th of June 2014.

B. Broadcast some programs particularly on radio and Television channels. Those programs were instead spreading equality, peace building, and tolerance among people, they became roots of discord, conflicts and negatively impacted on the region of Kurdistan.

C. Broadcast some of the scenes and video footages that negatively affect on audiences' psychology.

D. Lack of justice of providing information by government institutions among journalists that is considered infringements of journalists rights and illegal according of the press law of KRG.

8. Lack of justice among journalists, and there is no professional standard of journalists by the government while sending them to foreign countries with government delegations.

In conclusion, it's important to mention that all violation and abuse actions acted against journalists that reported by Defence Committee of Press Freedom, Journalists Syndicate have been investigated. Hope the year of 2015, become a beginner of the reducing of violation rates against journalists.

**Defence Committee of Press Freedom and
the Rights of Journalists in Kurdistan Region
31/12/2014**

the Committee for the solidarity with the Freedom of the press regarding the situation of journalism in Kurdistan

From 01/01/2014
Till 31/12/2014

Introduction:

The expand freedom of expression, freedom speech, and the press freedom, in general, is a key factor for the development of the democratic process. In addition, to build a civil society in which human rights are alive in it.

However, Defence Committee of Press Freedom in KRG, and Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate (KJS) report every six month about the violations and abuses action that practiced against journalists in KRG. The reasons for these reports are to ensure Journalists rights.

However, it will be fourteen reports presenting to the public opinion about the violations that acted against journalists while practicing their journalistic work in Kurdistan Region in Iraq. Regarding this reports, these are reports of both number 13 and 14. The report number 13 has already published which is for the first six month in 2014, but it has not published as a printed copy.

According to statistics of violation cases against journalist for the last six month, have dramatically decreased comparing with the previous years.

In the other words, the percentage of violations practiced against journalists in 2014 compared with 2013 in terms of statistics and the type of cases have been notably improved. For example, the number of violation cases in 2014 were (33) against 58 journalists while in 2013, the number of violation and abuse cases were (49) against (75) journalists. In addition, in 2014, it's gratifying that there was not any case of assassination, except the death of a journalist called (Denise Furat) by terrorists militants (ISIS).



However, it's necessary to point out some observations about the current situation of media in Kurdistan Region (KRG):

1. The Court is taking long time for investigation of assassination cases that acted against journalists.
2. Although the concerned authorities put for their consideration the Defence Committee reports about violation cases and investigate about this issue, but, unfortunately, they don't take the required procedures to those who break down the law.



Violence Reports

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