

**The Reports 17 and 18 of Defense Committee of Journal Freedom
and the Journalists' Rights of Journalism in Kurdistan Region
From 1/1/2016 to 31/12/2016**

- **Terror** (2)
- **Terror and explosive attempts** (1)
- **killing** (1)
- **Burning** (1)
- **Capturing** (2)
- **Injuring** (1)
- **Beating** (10)
- **Prohibiting** (23)
- **Threatening** (4)

Towards a Wider Scope of Freedom

One of the most important tasks of Defense Committee of Journal Freedom and the Journalists' Rights on Journalism in Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate is that every six months publicizes a report to General opinion on the Journalists' circumstances in Kurdish, Arabic and English languages, including data of all violations done against Journalists in Kurdistan Region. The report number 17 is about the first six months of the year 2016, although this report has been publicized in its time with the report number 18 of the second six months of 2016 as annual general report and comparing with violations of the year 2015 with the year 2016 in a table and publicized to general opinion. The total violations done against the journalists in the year 2016 are 45 violations. The violations are various. The violations done against the journalists were 80 while the violations done against the journalists in the year 2015 were 32; the cases were various done against 72 journalists.

Here we would like to show the opinions of Defense Committee of Journal Freedom and the Journalists' Rights and the cause of continual and increasing violations against the journalists in Kurdistan Region; we want to illustrate all these in the following points:

- Continual terror and killing the journalists and postponing and neglecting the cases of the journalists killers for long time and not capturing the killers of journalists are pieces of evidence that the Kurdistan is going to be a peaceful place to the killers of journalists, all these are to be puzzles, and the political authority, the trial policy in Kurdistan Region in front of the Defense organizations of Human Rights and opinion and Journal freedoms, are under serious questions.
- When there are conflicts and disputes among the political parties in Kurdistan, the most dangerous situations happen to the journalists and the journal establishments, this will be opposite when the conflicts go down among the political parties, as well as the rate of violations will be lesser and lesser, this circumstance is obviously seen and felt in the reports of the Defense committees.
- One of the causes of violations of the journalists by the media establishments are lack of working contracts among some of journal and informing establishments or not declaring the contents of the contracts or not certifying in Journalists Syndicate which is in the item 7 of the article 7 in the journal law in the number 37 for the year 2007.
- Not implementing of the law of right to obtain information and unfairly giving information to the journalists and media.

- Lacking of experience of some journalists and media establishments in covering forwarding and victories of Peshmarga Force in the border of battle against the ISIS Terrorists which sometimes will have negative effects on military, logistic even psychological aspects.
- Because of continual crisis of economy, tens of broadcasters, information establishments stopped from work and many media men are jobless. This case being to be away from the task will have negative effects on the journalists' rights and life.
- Having lack of trust among the journalists and some of courts have made the journalists when the violations are done against them, they will not register legal compliance in the courts.
- Not implementing the journal law number 35 for the year 2007 in Kurdistan Region in some of the courts, although this case has now become rare.
- Some of media in Kurdistan especially in radios and TVs via their programs instead they leave positive roles on principles of peace in society and coexistence they oppositely cause to separate the pillars and principles of society.
- Lack of experience of some journalists about professional measurements and lack of information about law rules especially of Journal Law in Kurdistan, this of lack has made the journalists not to be familiar of their duties and rights.
- Not being aware of media tasks and effects and not understanding of them by some government and party officials.

Finally we ask political parties and governmental officials to respect journal law and journal professions especially journal freedom and journalists' rights, this is because the journalists and information establishments have effective role in developing nation and nationality issues and stepping to democracy installation in Kurdistan region, we also ask the journalists to depend on the frame of law to Journalism ethics and standards and they implement their tasks of journalism in the case of any violations done against them by any people or any party and under any justifications, after that as soon as possible they inform the Defense Committee and register legal compliance in the courts.

For the sake of freedom installation of journal freedom and obtain the journalists' rights with opinions difference even they are not members of syndicate, Defense Committee keep defense on their rights.

We hope that the year 2017 will become widening for journal freedom and obtain the journalists' rights and bettering the journalists' livings in Kurdistan Region.

**Defense Committee of Journal Freedom and the
Journalists' Rights of Journalism in Kurdistan
Region at Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate**

31/12/2016

Notice

- 1- Various violations were done against many journalists and Kurdistan Region Media out of Kurdistan border; this was not registered in Defense Committee. But the report of Defense Committee is about publicizing the statistics of violations done against the journalists of inside of the Kurdistan border, so any violations done out of the Kurdistan border are not publicized in this report.
- 2- Concerning the case of the journalist's death, Shukri Zainadin, after following up the case by the Defense Committee, it has become clear that the journalist's death was not the result of the journal work but the case and the happening of the death was of another unwanted matter.
- 3- In the report of Defense Committee of the journalists' rights, all violations done and followed up have been certified and they have been publicized in two chapters of this report.

The Report No. 17

From 1/1/2016 to 30/6/2016

- **Terror and explosive attempts** (1)
- **Capturing** (2)
- **Beating** (5)
- **Prohibiting** (10)
- **Burning** (1)
- **Threatening** (1)

Terror and Explosive Attempts

No.	Publishing House Name	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Rudaw Media, Head Office	25/5/2016	Hawler	By attempting of some people to explode the head office of Rudaw Media through setting a bomb, as a result from this, a journalist and number of guardians were injured.

Capturing

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Ayaz Karam	Reporter	Frialanss	10/5/2016	Duhok-Shelan	The reporter was captured by Duhok Security for 10 days and the equipment and tools of journalism were seized
2	Ghazal Avesa called (Ayasal Avesa)	A Program Preparer & Presentar	STERK tv	19/2016	Duhok	For the purpose of preparing a program on Lalsh (the Program Preparer & Presenter was captured by Security Force and she was freed in 26/5/2016

Beating

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Fakharadin Omer Brwa Muhammed Muhammed Abdulla Abubakir Husain Halo Jabari	Cameraman Reporter Cameraman Reporter Cameraman	GK K24 KNN	20/1/2016	Sulamani Said-Sadiq Town	In the time of their covering citizens' protesting they were made fun of and beaten
2	Muhammed Samad Omeid Faisal	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	16/2/2016	Hawler	In the time of their covering the teachers' boycotts, they were not allowed to do the task of journalism and they were beaten.
3	Ayaz Abdulla Karzan Aziz Amanj Ahmed Warti Karzan Kakarash Wali Saleem Mutaib Khoshawi	Reporter Cameraman Reporter Cameraman Reporter Cameraman	NRT KNN Payam	30/4/2016	Hawler	In the mosque JUDI, they were disallowed and beaten by the Security and not allowed to perform their task as journalists.
4	Zhyar Muhammed	Reporter	VOA Radio	13/5/2016	Sulamani	Near to the mosque Bahasht, on the covering of protesters against of Dr Abdul-Latif Salafi, they were beaten by the Security.
5	Chia Blizani	Reporter	REGA TV	16/5/2016	Duhok	While covering protesting against Sykes–Picot past 100 years on it s/he was beaten by the security

Prohibiting

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Hersh Qader Haval Jamal	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	10/2/2016	Hawler	In the time of their covering Doctors (Physicians) Employees Hospitals Khanzad they were prohibited by two people to cover.
2	Khaled Muhammed	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	15/2/2016	Hawler /Koya	The Gas and Oil Polices of Shewashok prohibited him cover and all his recorded was deleted by them
3	Hazhar Anwar Karzan Kakarash	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	16/2/2016	Hawler	In the time of their covering the teachers' boycotts of Karookh School, they were stopped to cover the event by the Security Force, and their tools were seized and after 6 hours they received the tools.
4	Muhammed Samad Karzan Kakarash	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	16/2/2016	Hawler	When there were Chaos and trouble among people and Employees hospitals and doctors in Rapareen Hospital for Kids, the journalists were prohibited to do their tasks and their tools were seized by the security of Kwestan Quarter.
5	Muhammed Samad Mufeed Faisal	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	2/4/2016	Hawler	In the time of exhibiting culture matters in the schools of Hawler, the journalists were prohibited to the task by the force of Anti-crime
6	Hersh Qader Dlshad Aziz	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	3/4/2016	Hawler	In the time of covering of protesting of students of Lebanese French University, the journalists were warned and prohibited by some people with civil clothes but have guns with them
7	Hersh Qader Haval Jamal	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	12/4/2016	Hawler	The first students Graduation for the year 2014-2015, the journalists were prevented from live by the guardians of Governorate building

8	Saleh Harki Shakhawan Hamadamin	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	27/4/2016	Hawler	In the time of MERI Center covering the journalist was prevented and prohibited by a person in civil clothes
9	Rovan Muhammed Rasheed	Reporter	Rojnews	14/5/2016	Hawler	Meanwhile there was protesting to free Abdulla Ojalan, the journalist was prohibited by a person in civil clothes and he was not allowed to do the task of journalism.
10	Azad Omarawi	Reporter	Rojnews	26/6/2016	Ha. Soran	In the time of bombing by the Force of Iran Islamic Republic in Soran area in the check point the journal was not allowed to do the task of journalism.

Burning

No.	Journalist' Name	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Babylon Company	20/5/2016	Sulamani	By those people who attended the Newroz festival in Chavi Land in Sulamani, attack was done to the tools of Journalism like camera, voice, and light with other developed equipment, then this caused to all tools of Babylon Company burnt.

Threatening

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Latif Noman Toma	writer	Neutral Writer	19/5/2016	Hawler/ Ankawa	He was warned by the head of Ankawa Security because of his writing on corruption

The Report statistics of violations no. 17

From 1/1/2016 to 30/6/2016

No.	Violation Type	Total cases	Number of the Journalists, violations were done against them
1	Terror and explosive attempts	1	1
2	Capturing	2	2
3	Beating	5	15
4	Prohibiting	10	17
5	Burning	1	1
6	Threatening	1	1
	Total	20	37

The Report No. 18

From 1/7/2016 to 31/12/2016

- **Terror** (2)
- **killing** (1)
- **Beating** (5)
- **Prohibiting** (13)
- **Threatening** (3)
- **Injuring** (1)

The Report No. 18

From 1/7/2016 to 31/12/2016

Terror

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Wedat Husai Ali	Repórter	Rojnews	13/8/2016	Duhok	He was kidnapped by some people, then he was tortured and punished in a non-human being way, after that he was found dead on the main road of Duhok-Semel, so far the journalist killers have not been found and were not directed to the courts.
2	Muhammed Thabit Shahatha	Director of Babagorgor Radio	Iraqi Information Newspaper	6/12/2016	Kirkuk	He was fired by bullets by some unknown people and he was assassinated.

Killing

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Mustafa Saaid Fasal	Cameraman	KTV	14/8/2016	Ghazr /Mosul	He was martyred while he was covering the battle in Ghazr between Peshmarga force and ISIS terrorists.

Prohibiting

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Dana Kamal Jamal Muhamed	Reporter Cameraman	Zagros TV- Sulaimani	8/8/2016	Sulaimani	In the time of their covering the protesting of the owners of Chavi land shares, apart from that they were not allowed to their tasks, they were jailed for an hour and their tools of journalism were taken.
2	Hawkar Abdulrahman Hiwa Hakeem	Reporter Cameraman	Kurdsat News	9/7/2016	Hawler	In the of explosion of a gas bottle in Tooraq Area, they were prohibited to cover the happening by Hawler Security.
3	Hawkar Abdulrahman Farman Abdulqader	Reporter Cameraman	Kurdsat News	14/8/2016	Gwer-Hawler	When they wanted to do their task of journalism they were disallowed by check point force in Gwer Area.
4	Khaleed Muhammed	Reporter	NRT	21/9/2016	Koya-Hawler	They were prevented from his work of journalism by the guardians of Vice present of KRG.
5	Qaraman Jawher Hemin Muhama	Reporter Cameraman	Kurdsat News	23/9/2016	Hawler	When it was going to press conference done in Ministry of Peshmerga, but they were not allowed to participate in the press conference.
6	Hersh Qader Muhammed Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	27/9/2016	Hawler	In the time of covering of information part news, they were prohibited from doing the task of journalism by a force wearing civil cloths
7	Hersh Qader Karzan Kareem	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	1/11/2016	Hawler	For the purpose of covering protests of School students (Ahmed Majid) they were not allowed to do their job of journalism by a person introduced himself as a member of Student Union.

8	Hersh Qader Muhammed Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	8/11/2016	Hawler	For the purpose of covering Religious Conference in the Saad Abdulla Hall which was organized by Ministry of Religious affairs, the journalists were not allowed to perform their task of journalism by the guardians of President of Kurdistan Region Government
9	Renaz Ali Muhammed Idris	Reporter Cameraman	NRT	15/11/2016	Hawler	For the purpose of covering of protesting of shop owners of Down Town, the journalists were prevented by some people introduced as security Guardians.
10	Hersh Qader Haval Salam Sabih Sain	Reporter Cameraman Cameraman	NRT Rojnews	16/11/2016	Hawler	For the purpose of covering of gathering of students of the Kurdistan north for asking hostel in Salahaddin University, they were prevented to do journal tasks.
11	Jwanro Muhammed Talan Kosrat	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	4/12/2016	Sulaimani	In the time of protesting of the teacher on salary system, they were not allowed to do their tasks and their tools were seized by the security side.
12	Saleh Harki Karzan Kakarash	Reporter Cameraman	KNN	13/12/2016	Hawler	In the time of workshop of pardoning and coexistence in Saad Abdulla Hall, they were not allowed to enter to cover the conference.
13	Hevi Hiwa Shwan Ghedan Daban Sarwar	Reporter Cameraman Cameraman	KTV	31/12/2016	Hawler	In the of live TV covering of the Christmas Festivals, the journalists were prevented and made fun of by some people introduced themselves as members of Goran Movement

Threatening

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Amer Ali Ismael	Reporter	Freelance	14-15/7/2016	Khanaqin	On the case of corruption several times he was threatened and warned to quit talking about corruption by the authority of the area. Finally a bomb voice was exploded in front of his house in the night 14/15. According to his speech the explosion to threaten him.
2	Ardalan Fatih	Journalist	Freelance	9/9/2016	Sulaimani	On publicizing of some subjects of extreme groups, he was threatened to be killed by some of such groups, the named journalist recoded legal compliance in the court.
3	Sarteep Jawher	Journalist	Kurdistan New	5/12/2016	Hawler	On his expressing of his opinions and writings he was threatened so he registered in Defense Committee, he asked his case followed up.

Beating

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Jalal Muhammed Abdulla Nustafa	Reporter Cameraman	Payam	8/7/2016	Sulamani	For the purpose of covering the protesting of the owners of Chavi land shares, apart from that they were not allowed to their tasks, they were beaten and their tolls were seized. Payam TV Team registered legal compliance in the court.
2	Esa Husain	Reporter	Freelance	21/7/2016	Hawler	In the time of administrating a conference about opinions difference of office of writers Union, he was attacked and beaten by Farhad Perbal and the journalist registered legal compliance.
3	Harem Abdulla	Reporter	Westga site	3/10/2016	Chamcha mal-Kirkuk	In the time of covering protest in Chamachamal, he was beaten, hurt and his nose was broken by security force.
4	Goran Zahir Debagai Zana Khalid	Reporter Cameraman	REGA TV	16/11/2016	Hawler	For the purpose of covering of gathering of students of the Kurdistan north for asking hostel in Salahaddin University, they were prevented to do journal tasks and their camera was broken by guardians of University.
5	Hoshmand Sadiq Afsan Mohammed Dear Ahmed Omer	Reporter Reporter Cameraman	K24 TV	20/12/2016	koiya- Hawler	While covering explosions in front of Kurdistan Democratic party- Iran, they were prevented from their task of journalism and their tools were seized and the cameraman, Dear Ahmed was attacked, beaten and injured

Injuring

No.	Journalist' Name	Journalist's Profession	Publishing House	Violation Date	Violation Place	Violation Type
1	Bakhtear qader	Reporter	Rudaw TV	11/8/2016	Soran - Hawler	In the time of covering of bombing of Bradost Area and sedakan of Soran district by military force, he was injured by the bombing.

The Report statistics of violations no. 18

From 1/7/2016 to 31/12/2016

No.	Violation Type	Total cases	Number of the Journalists, violations were done against them
1	Terror	2	2
2	Killing	1	1
3	Prohibiting	13	27
4	Threatening	3	3
5	Beating	5	9
6	Injuring	1	1
	Total	25	43

The Report statistics of violations for the year 2015

From 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2015

No.	Violation Type	Total cases	Number of the Journalists, violations were done against them
1	Office closing	2	16
2	Burn attempting	1	1
3	Beating	5	8
4	Capturing	3	3
5	Prohibiting	17	38
6	Threatening	2	2
7	Stopping	1	3
8	Humiliation	1	1
Total		32	72 Journalists

Total Statistics of violations done for the year 2016

From 1/1/2016 to 31/12/2016

No.	Violation Type	Total cases	Number of the Journalists, violations were done against them
1	Terror	2	2
2	Terror and explosive attempts	1	1
3	Killing	1	1
4	Burning	1	1
5	Capturing	2	2
6	Injuring	1	1
7	Beating	10	24
8	Prohibiting	23	44
9	Threatening	4	4
Total		45	80