



# **Violation Reports No. 23 & 24**

**Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate  
The Committee to Protect Freedom of the  
Journalists and their Rights  
1/1/2019 - 31/12/2019**



## **The ongoing violation and the ongoing protecting of the journalists' rights**

The committee to protect freedom of the journalists and their rights, the Council of the Journalists Syndicate, announces the report No. 23-24/2019.

The ongoing violations are still existing as we are worried about the current situation, especially the dispute areas of the Kurdistan region of Iraq (Kirkuk, Khanqin and Khurmatu, etc.). The number of the violations is decreased while we are worried about the current situation in Western Kurdistan, Rojava, too. We have mentioned repeatedly that the working environment for the journalists is insecure and unsafe as the criminals have not been sentenced. The Laws regarding the journalists have not been applied properly in the courts. Confusing the journalists by not giving the correct information is another big deal. The existence of the political conflicts has affected working environment for the journalists negatively as it makes confrontations among the journalists and political parties. The journalists are threatened, they are unsafe, the channels are either attacked to be burned or closed as a result of the mentioned conflicts.

The Kurdish journalists are attacked and insulted as a journalist and a Kurdish citizen by the Iraqi army and militias of Hashd Al-Shaabi. There is a dangerous threat on their lives. Despite the infringements in Kurdistan Region-Iraq as we are worried, we demand the KRG and Kurdistan Parliament to introduce journalism as professional job officially and the laws related to it must be amended, activated and implemented. We demand that the Law N0. 35, the law of the right of getting information, must be activated and the KRG must think about other alternatives to stop violations against the journalists. In addition to that, the criminals must be sentenced since the Kurdish journalists consider themselves as a part of their region. However, the journalists don't have to work the authority demand them because the media and freedom of journalism are big privileges and a part of democracy process in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. The freedom of the journalism must be developed and respected. However, the essential point is that the violations must be stopped and the journalists should be respected.

The committee to protect freedom of the journalists and their rights and Council of the Journalists' Syndicate announced their report 12 years ago as the first professional and independent syndicate. The syndicate have remarked 24 reports (every 6 months) on time without carrying about political, ideological, color, language, ethnicity, religious doctrine affiliations. We have been working on the concept of professionalism and journalism with the journalists, channels and cases. Our works are supported by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) as an official and independent syndicate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Undoubtedly, we will continue supporting the journalists and defend on their rights. We complain against the hands in charge of the KRG as we are worried about the current situation. We insist that the infringements must be stopped and ended. There are dozens of cases that should be taken into considerations again and creating a free environment for the journalists.

**The committee to protect freedom of the journalists and their rights in the Council of the Journalists Syndicate  
2020**

### The Statistics of violations of 2019

| Report   | Cases | Number of the Violated Organizations & Journalists | The statistics of violation according to gender |        | The statistics of violation according to the governorates   |
|----------|-------|--|---|--------|---|
|          |       |  | Male  | Female |   |
| Report 1 | 28    | 66   | 63  | 2      | (6)Sulaimanyah - (6)Erbil-(6)Duhok - (3)Khanaqin -(4)Kirkuk-(1) halabja (1)Mousil-(1)Baghdad        |
| Report 2 | 38    | 85   | 81  | 3      | (11)Sulaimanyah - (11)Erbil -(2)Duhok - (13)Kirkuk -  |
| Total    | 66    | 151  | 144   | 5      | (17)Sulaimanyah - (17)Erbil -(17)Kirkuk-(8)Duhok - (3)Khanaqin - (1) halabja (1)Mousil -(1) Baghdad |

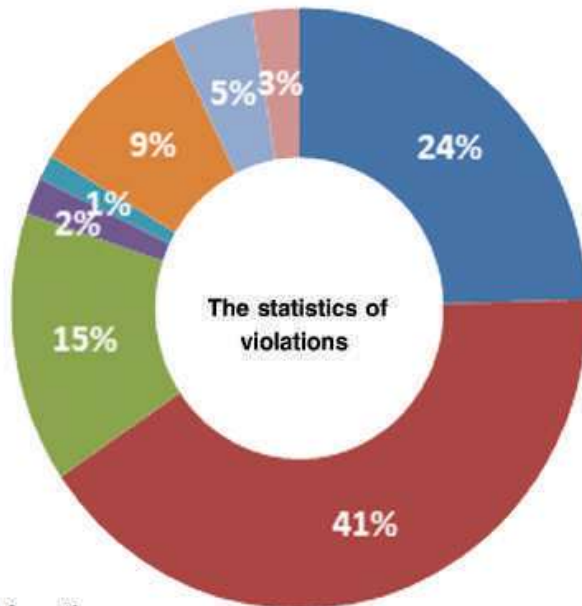
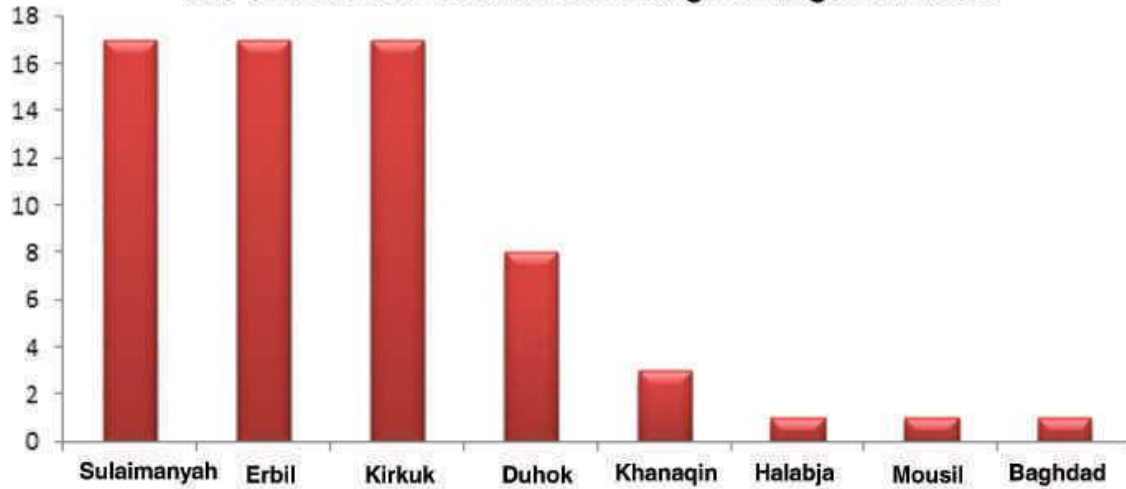
### The statistics types of violations 2019

| No           | Types of Violation                    | Cases     | Number of the Violated Organizations & Journalists |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1            | Arresting                             | 19        | 37   |
| 2            | Prohibition                           | 24        | 62   |
| 3            | Attacking and insults                 | 10        | 22   |
| 4            | Beating                               | 2         | 3  |
| 5            | Closing channel                       | 2         | 2  |
| 6            | Suspension                            | 4         | 14   |
| 7            | Threatening                           | 4         | 7  |
| 8            | Filling-in personal and security form | 1         | 4  |
| <b>Total</b> |                                       | <b>66</b> | <b>151</b>   |



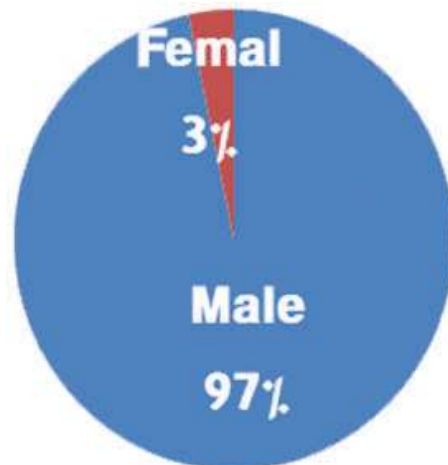
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**The statistics of violation according to the governorates**



- Arresting
- Prohibition
- Attacking and insults
- Beating
- Closing channel
- Suspension
- Threatening
- Filling\_in personal and security form

**The statistics of violation according to gender**





## **Violation Report**

**No.23**

**(30/6/2019 – 1/1/2019)**

### **Section One:**

#### **Types of violations**

**Arresting: 10 cases**

**Prohibition: 9 cases**

**Attacking and insults: 5 cases**

**Beating: 1 case**

**Closing channels: 1 case**

**Filling\_in personal and security form: 1 case**

**Threatening: 1 case**



**Table One: The statistics of violations Report 23:**

| Case | Number of the Violated Organizations & Journalists |
|------|--|
| 28   | 66   |

**Table Two: The statistics Types of violations Report 23:**

| No | Type                                  | Cases | Number of the Violated Organizations & Journalists |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------|--|
| 1  | Arresting                             | 10    | 25   |
| 2  | Prohibition                           | 9     | 20   |
| 3  | Attacking and insults                 | 5     | 13   |
| 4  | Beating                               | 1     | 2  |
| 5  | Closing channels                      | 1     | 1  |
| 6  | Filling-in personal and security form | 1     | 4  |
| 7  | Threatening                           | 1     | 1  |
|    | Total                                 | 28    | 66   |

**The statistics of violation according to the governorates**





| Name of governorates | Sulaimanyah | Erbil | Duhok | Khanaqin | Kirkuk | Helabja | Mousil | Baghdad |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| N. violations        | 6           | 6     | 6     | 3        | 4      | 1       | 1      | 1       |

**The statistics of violation according to gender**

| violation according to gender | Male | Female |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|
| N. violations                 | 63   | 2      |

**Section Two: Table of violations**  
**Arresting: 10 cases**

| .No | Name   | Sex                        | Job title  | Media Network   | Date      | Location       | Volition type   |
|-----|--|----------------------------|--|---|-----------|----------------|---|
| 1.  | Taif Goran<br>Bewar Hilmi<br>Nihad Toramari<br>Bayar Nerwari<br>Omer Fazil<br>Adil Sabri | M<br>M<br>M<br>M<br>M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Correspondent<br>Correspondent<br>Correspondent<br>Photographer<br>Photographer |    | 26/1/2019 | Shiladze-Duhok | They were not allowed to work by a security force, arrested and their stuff were taken during the demonstrations in Shiladze. They Were Released By Wuarantee.  |
| 2.  | Sherwan Amin<br>Safar Hussain<br>Ayar Karim<br>Mustafa Bamar-ni                          | M<br>M<br>M<br>M           | Journalist<br>Journalist<br>Journalist<br>Journalist   |   | 28/1/2019 | Duhok          | They were arrested by a security force during the protests against Turkey air strikes. They Were Released By Wuarantee.   |
| 3.  | Wrya Hama<br>Karim   | M                          | Presenter  |    | 2/2/2019  | Slemani        | He was arrested when a tomb of a missed person was opened in Takya sub-district by the head of the police. He was suspended for a while and his stuff were taken by the police. He wase Released By Wuarantee |
| 4.  | Abdul-Rahman<br>Abubakir<br>Sarkawt Karim<br>Rudaw Ahmed                                 | M<br>M<br>M                | Presenter<br><br>Photographer<br>Photographer  |  | 3/2/2019  | Khanaqin       | They were not allowed to record 'De Be De' program and arrested by Hashd Al-Shaabi. They Were Released By Wuarantee   |
| 5.  | Ehsan Sabir<br>Bryar Ahmed   | M<br>M                     | Correspondent<br>Correspondent   |  | 12/2/2019 | Slemani        | They were arrested by Asaish during a live broadcast the leaking gas in the children's birth hospital. They Were Released By Wuarantee  |
| 6.  | Karzan Tariq   | M                          | Correspondent  |  | 17/2/2019 | Slemani        | He was arrested by the security forces during the anniversary of 17 Shubat (17th February) for 10 minutes and his stuff was taken by them. They Were Released By Wuarantee.                                   |


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|-----|---|-------------|---|---|-----------|--------|---|
| 7.  | Nazir Shangali<br>Sami Esmael             | M<br>M      | Correspondent<br>Correspondent                |  | 9/3/2019  | Duhok  | They were arrested on their way to Talaafar to prepare a reportage. They Were Released By Wuarantee   |
| 8.  | Aso Ahmed<br>Hawta Bahroz<br>Karwan Salhi | M<br>M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer<br>Photographer |  | 14/5/2019 | Kirkuk | They were arrested by the Iraqi military forces for 8 hours during the event happened in Pal-kana village- Sarga-ran District. They Were Released By Wuarantee  |
| 9.  | Nazir Jurjur<br>Alyas<br>Muhsin Haji      | M<br>M      | Correspondent<br>Correspondent                |  | 3/6/2019  | Mousil | They were prohibited and suspended by the Iraqi military forces for a while. Their stuff were taken by the forces. They Were Released By Wuarantee  |
| 10. | Hurmz Mushi<br>Eodisho                    | M           | Correspondent                                 |  | 18/6/2019 | Duhok  | He published a report about ancient remains of the Assyrian and posted on his Facebook account as he asked to care about it. The directorate of the ancient remains in Duhok complaint against him in the court. He was arrested without telling the syndicate. He stayed in jail for 2 days and released by a warrant. |

### Prohibition: 9 cases

| No. | Name            | Sex | Job title     | Media Network   | Date     | Location | Volition type   |
|-----|-----------------|-----|---------------|---|----------|----------|---|
| 1.  | Hersh Qadir     | M   | Correspondent |  | 5/2/2019 | Erbil    | They were prevented to enter to parliament by a security force. |
|     | Arshad Shwani   | M   | Correspondent |  |          |          |   |
|     | Bashdar Hussain | M   | Correspondent |   |          |          |   |
|     | Bryar Mohammed  | M   | Correspondent |  |          |          |   |
|     | Renas Ali       | F   | Correspondent |  |          |          |   |
|     | Akam Fars       | M   | Correspondent |  |          |          |   |

|    |   |                  |  |   |           |          |  |
|----|---|------------------|--|---|-----------|----------|--|
| 2. | Amir Esmael   | M                | Correspondent  |    | 23/2/2019 | Khanaqin | He was prevented to record a broadcast by the emergency police No. 8. They said the areas had been .evacuated  |
| 3. | Bzhar Dabagh<br>Zhala Mohamemd<br>Zanko Abdullah<br>Hawder Roştam | M<br>F<br>M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Correspondent<br>Photographer<br>Photographer |    | 9/3/2019  | Slemani  | They were not allowed to broadcast when Shaswar Abdulwahid was arrested by Asaish forces of Slemani. Their stuff were .taken by Asaish                 |
| 4. | Hersh Qadir<br>Goran Abdulkhaliq                                  | M<br>M           | Correspondent<br>Photographer                                  |    | 3/4/2019  | Hawler   | They were not allowed to broadcast in the international book exhibition  |
| 5. | Zardasht Haqi<br>Haval Dilan                                      | M<br>M           | Correspondent<br>Correspondent                                 |   | 5/4/2019` | Erbil    | They were not allowed to broadcast in assassination .event   |
| 6. | Nawzad Mahmood  | M                | Correspondent and Photographer                                 |  | 14/4/2019 | Kirkuk   | When the deputy of 12 ministers visited Kirkuk, he was prohibited to broadcast by Rakan Jburi's, Kirkuk Governor, order. His stuff were taken by .them |
| 7. | Herish Qadir<br>Goran Abbas                                       | M<br>M           | Correspondent<br>Photographer                                  |  | 15/4/2019 | Erbil    | During a demonstration in front of the Ministry Council building, they were prohibited and threatened by taking .their stuff                           |
| 8. | Roj News Team   | ...              | Correspondent  |  | 10/2019   | Erbil    | They were prohibited by a security forces during Kurdistan Region president swearing ceremony  |




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|----|------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------|------|---|
| 9. | Shakiran Ramadan | M | Correspondent and photographer |  | 19/5/2019 | Akre | After he published a reportage regarding the services of Golan and Emergency hospital, he was prevented by the administrators to obtain any information |
|----|------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------|------|---|


### Attacking and insults: 5 cases

| No. | Name   | Sex                        | Job title   | Media Network   | Date      | Location | Volition type   |
|-----|--|----------------------------|---|---|-----------|----------|---|
| 1.  | Mohammed Star<br>Salam Hussain   | M<br>M                     | Correspondent<br>Correspondent  |    | 4/2/2019  | Slemani  | They were attacked by Asaish forces and their stuff were taken by them during the taxi drivers demonstrations against a decision by the ministry of interior  |
| 2.  | Hazhar Rashid<br>Mohammed Star   | M<br>M                     | Correspondent<br>Photographer   |    | 21/2/2019 | Kirkuk   | When Fatih Yeldiz, Turkey ambassador in Iraq, to Kirkuk to visit the burnt arcade, their ID cards were taken by the intelligent forces. They attacked and insulted. Finally, dismissed from the place |
| 3.  | Khabat Hamid<br>Sajid Kamal  | M<br>M                     | Photographer<br>Correspondent   |    | 11/4/2019 | Slemani  | During the marathon day, their stuff were taken, attacked and insulted by a security force  |
| 4.  | Soran Kamaran<br>Sabah Anwar<br>Hazhar Rashid<br>Mohammed Star<br>Hiwa Husam-Aldin<br>Ahmed Najdat | M<br>M<br>M<br>M<br>M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer<br>Correspondent<br>Photographer<br>Correspondent<br>Photographer | <br><br> | 14/4/2019 | Kirkuk   | When the deputy of 12 ministers visited Kirkuk, they were prohibited to broadcast. Their stuff were taken by them   |
| 5.  | Farahan Hamaxan  | M                          | Correspondent   |    | 27/1/2019 | Halabja  | His car was burned in front of his house  |




### Beating:1 case

| No. | Name                             | Sex    | Job title                    | Media Network   | Date     | Location | Volition type  |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---|----------|----------|--|
| 1.  | Mohammed Rauf<br>Mohammed Shahab | M<br>M | Photographer<br>Photographer |  | 1/1/2019 | Erbil    | During broadcasting the an operation done by Erbil municipality to control the street exceeds, they were beaten up by the security forces and their stuff were taken |

### Closing channel:1 case

| Media Network   | Date                  | Location | Volition type                               |
|---|-----------------------|----------|---|
|  | 25/2/2019 – 27/2/2019 | Duhok    | Closing their office by the security forces |

### Filling-in security and personal form: 1 case

| No. | Name   | Sex              | Job title  | Media Network   | Date     | Location  | Volition type  |
|-----|--|------------------|--|---|----------|-----------|--|
| 1.  | Amir Ismael<br>Habib Faraj<br>Dashti Jamal<br>Ali Fuad | M<br>M<br>M<br>M | Correspondent Journalists<br>Correspondent<br>Correspondent and photographer | <br>Media officer of Khanqin Education Directorate<br><br> | 1/4/2019 | Khannaqin | They were requested to fill-in security an personal form to be given permission by the head of national security office in Khannaqin |

### Threatening:1 case

| No. | Name         | Sex | Job title     | Media Network   | Date     | Location | Volition type           |
|-----|--------------|-----|---------------|---|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Laith Jwamer | M   | Correspondent |  | 5/6/2019 | Baghdad  | Threatened to be killed |

**Section Three:**  
**The Statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights (1/1/2019 – 30/6/2019)**

**First Statement:**

**The Statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights regarding arresting NRT team and closing their office in Duhok**

The NRT team were attacked during broadcasting the demonstrations in Shiladze, Duhok on Saturday 26/1/2019. They were arrested for a few hours and their stuff were taken. Unfortunately, their office was closed yesterday 27/1/2019. The NRT office was closed in Duhok. We consider attacking, arresting and insulting the journalists as breaking the Law of Journalism in Kurdistan Region-Iraq No. 35/2007 and the freedom of journalism is under threatening. We demand the hands in charge deal with the journalists according to the available laws and not consider the journalists' works politically. We request to open their .office as soon as possible, meanwhile the journalists should obey to the laws and work ethics

**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**  
**Erbil 28/1/2019**

**Second Statement:**

**The Statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights regarding arresting a team of Kurdish Journalists by Hashd Al-Shaabi**

A journalist team of KNN TV, Abdul Rahman Abu-Bakir – the presenter, Rawa Ahmed, Sarkawt Karim-Cameraman and Hardi Atta – dricver, were in Khanaqin to record De Be De [Village by Village] yesterday, 2/3/2019. They were arrested and then transferred to the police station. We, the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights, blame such works. We also request the government .to protect the journalists. We request the journalists protect themselves, too

**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**  
**Erbil 3/3/2019**

**Third Statement:**

**The Kurdish journalists are targeted by the Iraqi military and Hashd Al-Shaabi militants**

This is for the second time that the Kurdish journalists are targeting by the Iraqi military and Hashd Al-Shaabi militants, and their stuff were taken during broadcasting. A team of KNN were arrested and their stuff were taken in Khanaqin in March 2nd, 2019. They were released by a warranty after two days. Today, March 9th, 2019, another TV team of NRT were arrested in Shangal near Talaafar during their

works, Nazir Shangali – correspondent, Sami Esmael – photographer and a driver. They were released later. Such works are against the law of journalism of Kurdistan region and Iraq. We, the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights, ask the international syndicates and Iraqi syndicate prevent such works. We also blame such works and ask the Iraqi military forces and Hashd Al-Shaabi .militants protect the journalists

**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**  
**Erbil 9/3/2019**

**Fourth Statement:**

**The statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights regarding arresting NRT team by the Iraqi military forces**

The Kurdish journalists have been victimized by the Iraqi military forces and Hashd Al-Shaabi forces during broadcasting in the disputed areas in many different dates. The Kurdish journalist team have been faced arresting, attacking, infringements and their stuff were taken by the Iraqi military forces. An NRT team, Aso Ahmed – correspondent, Hawta Bahroz – cameraman, were prohibited from broadcasting in Palkana- Sargaran sub-district on Monday - May 14th, 2020. Their stuff were taken by the Iraqi military forces. They were released after arresting for 8 hours. We request the Iraqi military forces to take the safety of the journalists into consideration. They should respect the law of journalism. We also request the Iraqi Journalism Syndicate cooperate with the security forces to obey to the laws so as to create a safe, .free and harmless working environment for the journalists

**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**  
**Erbil 15/5/2019**



**The Committee Secretary with General Secretary**

## **Violation Report**

**No. 24**

**(31/12/2019 – 1/7/2019)**

### **Section One:**

#### **Types of violations**

**Arresting: 9 cases**

**Prohibition: 15 cases**

**Attacking and insults: 5 cases**

**Beating: 1 case**

**Suspending: 4 cases**

**Closing channel: 1 case**

**Threatening: 3 cases**



**Table One: The statistics of violations Report 24:**

| Case | Number of the Violated Organizations & Journalists |
|------|--|
| 38   | 85   |

**Table Two: The statistics Types of violations Report 24:**

| No    | Types of Violation    | Cases | Number of the journalists |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| 1     | Arresting             | 9     | 12                        |
| 2     | Prohibition           | 15    | 42                        |
| 3     | Attacking and insults | 5     | 9                         |
| 4     | Beating               | 1     | 1                         |
| 5     | Closing channel       | 1     | 1                         |
| 6     | Suspension            | 4     | 14                        |
| 7     | Threatening           | 3     | 6                         |
| Total |                       | 38    | 85                        |




**The statistics of violation according to the governorates**

| Name of governorates | Sulaimanyah | Erbil | Duhok | Kirkuk |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|-------|--------|
| N. violations        | 11          | 11    | 2     | 13     |




**The statistics of violation according to gender**

| violation according to gender | Male | Female |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|
| N. violations                 | 81   | 3      |

**Section Two:  
The table of violations  
Arresting: 9 cases**




| No. | Name                          | Sex    | Job title                     | Media Network   | Date      | Location                     | Volition type   |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------------------|---|
| 1.  | Auyb Ali                      | M      | Correspondent                 |    | 28/8/2019 | Sulaiman-yah                 | He broadcasted the activities of Nawai Nwe (New Generation party) engineering team. He was prevented to do his job. Then, he was arrested and his stuff was taken. he wase released..   |
| 2.  | Karzan Tariq<br>Malband Salar | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |    | 4/12/2019 | Sulaiman-yah                 | During preparing a report about the flats of leaseholds, they were arrested by Asaish. Then they were released.   |
| 3.  | Bryar Mo-<br>hammed           | M      | Correspondent                 |   | 21/8/2019 | Erbil                        | He was arrested because of publishing a report. he wase released.   |
| 4.  | Walim Bnya-<br>min Adam       | M      | Reporter                      | Aso Agen-<br>cy   | 13/9/2019 | Duhok                        | When he went back from West-<br>ern Kurdistan, he was arrested<br>by Asaish in Duhok. they<br>were released.  |
| 5.  | Azad Osman<br>Mohammed        | M      | Director of<br>Deng Radio     |  | 13/9/2019 | Garmyan-<br>Sulaiman-<br>yah | He was jailed by the Garmyan<br>court as he pub-<br>lished a report in<br>2015. After some<br>hours staying in<br>jail, he was re-<br>leased by a war-<br>ranty. A week<br>later, a trial was<br>held as he was<br>prosecuted by<br>the Law of Bad<br>Using of Elec-<br>tronic Devices.<br>He was sen-<br>tenced.he wase<br>released. |










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|----|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|------------|-------------|---|
| 6. | Amanj Ahmed                          | M      | Correspondent                 |    | 11/11/2019 | Erbil       | During preparing a report in Bradost areas, his stuff was taken by Asaish. Then he was asked to get back his stuff but he was arrested by Asaish. he was released.                      |
| 7. | Shwan Adil                           | M      | Director of News Room         |    | 8/12/2019  | Sulaimanyah | University of Sulaimanyah complaint against him in the Sulaimanya court because of publishing a report about them. He was arrested in the same day of the complainant. he was released. |
| 8. | Mohammed Kaka Rash<br>Mohammed Kamal | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |  | 17/6/2019  | Kirkuk      | They were arrested during plastic factory burning in Hasar area. The memory of their camera was taken by militia. they were released.   |

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|----|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|------------|--------|--|
| 9. | Hem Dalo<br>Nawzad Mo-<br>hammed | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |  | 27/11/2019 | Kirkuk | They were in Palkana areas to prepare a report about the problems of the farmers. They were arrested by Squad 4 of the Iraqi army. After staying in the army office, they were released. |
|----|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|------------|--------|--|

### Prohibition: 15 cases




| No. | Name   | Sex              | Job title  | Media Network   | Date      | Location | Volition type   |
|-----|--|------------------|--|---|-----------|----------|---|
| 1.  | Akar Fars<br>Hiwa Hamid<br>Harez Mama<br>Hoshyar Husaain | M<br>M<br>M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Correspondent<br>Correspondent<br>Correspondent |    | 17/7/2019 | Erbil    | They were prevented to broadcast by the security forces when a Turkish diplomat was killed in a restaurant in .Erbil  |
| 2.  | Bryar Ner-<br>waiy<br>Adil Nheli                         | M<br>M           | Correspondent<br>Photographer                                    |  | 19/7/2019 | Duhok    | The police didn't let them to write a reportage in the emergency hospital in Duhok when the casualties of the Turkish airstrikes were sent to the .hospital |
| 3.  | Ster Hakim<br>Tarq Moham-<br>med                         | M<br>M           | Correspondent<br>Photographer                                    |  | 17/7/2019 | Erbil    | They were prevented to broadcast by the security forces when a Turkish diplomat was killed in a restaurant in Erbil.  |



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|----|--|-------------|---|---|-----------|------------------------------|---|
| 4. | Herish Qadir<br>Goran Ab-<br>dulkhaliq<br>Sorani Ahmed | M<br>M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer<br>Photographer |    | 17/7/2019 | Erbil                        | They were prevented to broadcast by the security forces when a Turkish diplomat was killed in a restaurant in .Erbil                                |
| 5. | Omed Hussain<br>Hassan Maw-<br>lood                    | M<br>M      | Correspondent<br>Photographer                 |    | 17/7/2019 | Erbil                        | The Iraqi military didn't let them to visit Rostam Judi in Makhmur where the Kurdish from Northern Kurdistan located, after the Turkish air strikes |
| 6. | Hersh Qadir<br>Hassan Maw-<br>lood                     | M<br>M      | Correspondent<br>Photographer                 |    | 28/8/2019 | NRT Erbil                    | The police didn't let them to visit Sorani district city entrance during its restoration  |
| 7. | Hersh Qadir<br>Goran Abdul-<br>Khaliq                  | M<br>M      | Correspondent<br>Photographer                 |  | 20/8/2019 | Erbil                        | When some stores burnt in Erbil, they were prevented by the security forces and the live broadcast was .cut   |
| 8. | Rawand Mo-<br>h a m m e d<br>Rashid (Botan<br>Garmyani | M           | Correspondent                                 |  | 4/4/2019  | Garmyan-<br>Sulaiman-<br>yah | The security forces took his stuff in Kalar during preparing a reportage about a shop which included traditional clothes                            |

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| 9.  | Herish Qadir<br>Goran Abdul-<br>Khaliq                   | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |    | 27/11/2019 | Sulaiman-<br>yah | They were prevented to broadcast a meeting between the President of Kurdistan Region and Amir of Islamic Group ((Komali Islami |
| 10. | Soran Dawdi<br>Abdullah Sa-<br>amad                      | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |    | 27/11/2019 | Kirkuk           | Al-Hurra TV was prevented to broadcast by the Iraqi government. They were not allowed to broadcast                             |
| 11. | Hardi Mo-<br>hammed<br>Adnan Haso                        | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |    | 27/11/2019 | Kirkuk           | Al-Hurra TV was prevented to broadcast by the Iraqi government. They were not  |
| 12. | M o h a m m e d<br>Kaka Rash<br>M o h a m m e d<br>Kamal | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |  | 25/11/2019 | Kirkuk           | They were stopped in Hafta Ghaz control station and prevented to broadcast the violations against the .Kurds                   |
| 13. | M o h a m m e d<br>Kaka Rash<br>M o h a m m e d<br>Kamal | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |  | 12/9/2019  | Kirkuk           | During a demonstration in Kirkuk, they were not allowed to do their job by the secret services.                                |
| 14. | Nabaz Miqdad<br>Fakhradin<br>Ali NurAldin                | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |  | 5/12/2019  | Kirkuk           | They were not allowed to enter to Daquq city. The security forces took their .identities                                       |


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| 15.             | Ibrahim Salh    | M             | Correspondent   |  | 7/12/2019 | Sulaiman-yah | During the a match between Said Sadiq and Khak teams in Shanadar stadium, the director didn't let them to broadcast the match |
|                 | Sirwan Sdiq     | M             | Photographer  |  |           |              |   |
|                 | Suhaib Mohammed | M             | Correspondent   |  |           |              |   |
|                 | Yahya Jaf       | M             | Correspondent   |   |           |              |   |
|                 | Abubakr Hassan  | M             | Correspondent   |   |           |              |   |
|                 | Ayub Sleman     | M             | Photographer  |   |           |              |   |
|                 | Brwa Mohammed   | M             | Correspondent   |  |           |              |   |
|                 | Shorsh Wali     | M             | Correspondent   |  |           |              |   |
|                 | Omer Fatah      | M             | Correspondent   |  |           |              |   |
|                 | Ali Hama Saeed  | M             | Correspondent   |   |           |              |   |
| Yadgar Hussain  |                 | Photographer  |  |   |           |              |   |
| Hallo Jabari    |                 | Photographer  |   |   |           |              |   |
| Wshyar Mohammed |                 | Correspondent |   |   |           |              |   |

### Attacking and insults: 5 cases




| No. | Name                                       | Sex    | Job title                     | Media Network   | Date       | Location | Volition type  |
|-----|--|--------|-------------------------------|---|------------|----------|--|
| 1.  | Hemn Dalo<br>Sabah Anwar                   | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |   | 15/10/2019 | Kirkuk   | During the demonstrations in Kirkuk, they were attacked and insulted by the demonstrators and the security forces.   |
| 2.  | Hazhar Rashid<br>Mohammed<br>Star          | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |  | 15/10/2019 | Kirkuk   | During the demonstrations in Kirkuk, they were attacked and insulted by the demonstrators.                           |
| 3.  | Mohammed<br>Kaka Rash<br>Mohammed<br>Kamal | M<br>M | Correspondent                 |  | 1/9/2019   | Kirkuk   | During Ashura ceremony, they were prevented to broadcast the event. And the security forces threatened them by guns. |

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| 4. | Hazha Ghafur Amin                  | F      | Correspondent                 |  | 11/10/2019 | Sulaimanyah        | She was prevented to broadcast an event after Friday pray to support the Kurds from Syria. She was insulted by someone whose name is Mustafa Hassan Gawra.                     |
| 5. | Razan Bajalan Abul-Rahman Mohammed | F<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer |  | 5/12/2019  | Sulaimanya-Garmian | They were attacked and insulted by the announcement department of Garmian municipality while they wanted to prepare a reportage about the activities of the city municipality. |


### Beating: 1 case

| No. | Name         | Sex | Job title   | Media Network   | Date     | Location | Volition type  |
|-----|--------------|-----|---|---|----------|----------|--|
| 1.  | Ahmed Zawity | M   | Correspondent and in charge of Al-Jazira TV office in Erbil |  | 7/7/2019 | Erbil    | He was prevented to broadcast by the security forces when a Turkish diplomat was killed in a restaurant in Erbil. He was beaten by the security forces |

### Suspending: 4 cases

| No. | Name   | Sex                            | Job title   | Media Network   | Date       | Location           | Volition type  |
|-----|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------------|--|
| 1.  | Ahmed Mustafa  | M                              | Correspondent   |    | 3/11/2019  | Erbil              | Since he prepared a reportage about a patient's death in one of the hospitals of Erbil, the Doctors Syndicate complained against him in the court. He was arrested. He was punished by the Law of Bad Usages of the Electronic Devices. Then, he was released by a warranty of 3 million IQD |
| 2.  | M o h a m m e d Rauf<br><br>Fazil Hama Rafaat<br>Namiq Rasul<br>Nyaz Abdullah<br>Hemn Mamand<br>Rzgar Kochar | M<br><br>M<br>M<br>F<br>M<br>M | editor-in-chief of Draw Media<br><br>Correspondent<br>Correspondent<br><br>Writer<br>Writer<br>Writer |    | 27/11/2019 | Erbil              | After publishing a reportage in Draw media about the killing of a Turkish diplomat in Erbil, there was a complaint against them in Erbil court. They were arrested by the Law of Bad Usages of Electronic Devices. Then released by a warranty of 5 million IQD                              |
| 3.  | Shwan Adil Ehsan Sabir   | M<br>M                         | Head of NRT TV<br>Correspondent   |  | 10/11/2019 | Kalar-Sulaimanayah | They court decided to arrest them for 20 days because of publishing a reportage in NRT TV. They were released by a warranty at the same day  |
| 4.  | Mohammed Hama Najib<br><br>Sarhang Ismail<br>Karukh Namiq<br>Kardo Abdul-Rahman<br>Idris Omer                | M<br><br>M<br>M<br>M<br>M      | Newsmakaing<br><br>Newsmakaing<br>Editor<br>Newsmakaing<br><br>The founder of Mor Corporation         | Mor Corporation   | 20/11/2019 | Sulaimanayah       | Barez company complaint against them. The court decided to arrest them, then they were released by a warranty  |

### Closing channel and its office: 1 case

| Media Corporation   | Date                  | Location          | Type of infringement   |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
|  | 10/7/2019 - 10/9/2019 | Western Kurdistan | Closing the office of K24 by the territory of Northern Syria For 2 month |

### Threatening: 3 cases

| No. | Name  | Sex    | Job title                     | Media Network        | Date       | Location | Volition type   |
|-----|---|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|---|
| 1.  | Dyar Talb<br>Mohammed<br>Hisham Mo-<br>ahmmed | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer | Kirkuk TV<br>channel | 6/12/2019  | Kirkuk   | They wanted to record an event after the explosion happened in 50 Ali quarter in Kirkuk. They were threatened and insulted by Brigade No. 61. |
| 2.  | Hazhar Rashid<br>Mohammed<br>Star             | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Photographer | War TV               | 31/10/2019 | Kirkuk   | During the students of Kirkuk university demonstrations, a major form brigade 61 threatened them to leave the place.                          |



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|----|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----|------------|--------|--|
| 3. | Hemn Dalo<br>Nawzad Mo-<br>hammed | M<br>M | Correspondent<br>Correspondent | K24 | 28/11/2019 | Kirkuk | They wanted to interview the council of Hafta Ghar village but they were threatened and asked them to leave the place. |
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### Sections Three:

#### **The Statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights (1/7/2019 – 30/6/2019)**

Statement No. 4

Clarification No. 2

#### **First statement:**

#### **Statement and clarifications of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights about closing Kurdistan 24 TV in the Western Kurdistan**

The Kurdistan 24 foundation for media and research has been working for many years in the Western Kurdistan. They have an official permission from the autonomous administration. Their works have been stopped and their permission also suspended by the local autonomous administration. We as the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights blame such works and we consider the preventions as a danger for the principles of democracy and they are against the rules of freedom of speech and global journalism. Meanwhile it would not be something good for the province administration. We request them to give back their legal rights to K24 team to work in the provinces. And making free environment for journalists so as to show a better picture of province administration.

#### **The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights September 2, 2019**

#### **Second Statement:**

#### **The statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights regarding the martyred and injuries a number of Kurdish journalists in the Western Kurdistan**

Despite the attempts of the human right foundations and the foundations of protecting the freedom of the journalists, the journalists are always victims in the war areas while they attempt to seek for the information continuously and conveying the right message. Although protecting the journalists has been organized according to the international laws and allowed, however, the Kurdish journalists are always being victims since they do not have an independent state.

In October 13, 2019 by the Turkish bombardment a number of journalists were martyred and injured:

1. Martyred Mohammed Hussain Rasho – Correspondent of Chra TV
2. Martyred Saad Ahmed – correspondent of Hawar Agency

The followings are injured

1. Mohammed Akenji – correspondent of Anha Agency
2. Arsin Jaksu – correspondent of Furat Agency
3. Dlsoz Dildar – correspondent of Nuth Press
4. Birjan Yeldiz
5. Ruzin Akin
6. Ubaid Al-Rashid Mohammed

Meanwhile in October 16, 2019 in Northern Syria, Nuruz Mohammed – correspondent of Ifro TV was

injured by the Turkish forces. Then he was taken to a hospital and died. We blame such works which are against the humanity and the civilians. We send our condolences to the martyred families. We hope that they rest in peace. We wish well for the injuries.

**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**  
**Erbil October 16, 2019**

**Third Statement**

**The Statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights regarding the attack against the Al-Jazira team**

Today July 17, 2019 the journalist teams were available near to one of the restaurants in Erbil to broadcast an event that a Turkish diplomat and some other casualties were either killed or injured. The journalists attempt to record the event, according to the Law of Journalism. However, Ahmed Zawiti, Al-Jazeera correspondent, and his team were unfortunately attacked and insulted by the Anti-Terrorism forces of KRG. Despite the security forces' responsibilities, they should be aware of protecting the safety of the journalists. The data of infringements of the last six months were presented in 2 days ago and the security forces were requested to respect the Law of Journalism in Kurdistan No. 35/2007. We, as the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights, blame such attacks and/or insults. We request the KRG to limit such infringements against the journalists and freedom of speech. We are also apprehensive about the event and send our condolences to the families of the casualties.

**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**  
**Erbil July 17, 2019**

**Fourth Statement**

**The statement of the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights regarding the bad situation of the journalists in Kirkuk**

The infringements against the journalists are increasing in Kirkuk.

It is clear-cut that during the wars and chaos, hot news is much more available. The war conditions need to be searched by the journalists and showed to the audience. It is the journalists' duties to seek for the truth and convey the right messages to the audience. That's why such situations are dangerous for the journalists. The infringements against the journalists have been increased in Kirkuk as there exist unstable situation in the city. The Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate, the Iraqi government and the KRG should take the situation into consideration seriously. They should create a free and better work environment for the journalists and eliminate the threats. The journalists from Kirkuk face ethnic and political discriminations and struggles. We, as the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights, consider the current situation as sensitive and abnormal. We believe that the city administrations and the militias do planned infringements intentionally against the journalists especially against the Kurdish ones as they have created unsafe and risky environment that the Kurdish journalists are not able to do their works. There have many records regarding attacks, insults, preventing and hurting the journalists by the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights. With references to the events - we, as the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights, request the Iraqi Journalists Syndicate to do their professional works and protect the journalists from Kirkuk. We also request the security forces of Kirkuk to stop violence and attacks against the journalists. We request the KRG to protect the journalists from Kirkuk to stop the violence against them.

**the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**  
**Erbil December 8, 2019**

## **First Clarification**

### **A clarification from the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**

A clarification regarding the of Amanj Babani, his wife Mrs. Lana, and their kids

Dear citizens and journalists,

After the sad event regarding the death of journalist Amanj Babani and his family, there are many different news about their death. However, he committed suicide and killed his wife and his kid, according to the police investigations. We, as the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights, send our condolences. We wish that they rest in peace. We assure the journalists and their family that we are seeking for the investigation results until every aspect of this event will be clarified.

**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**

**Erbil October 17, 2019**

## **Second Clarification**

### **A clarification from the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights regarding breaking the Law of Journalist in Kurdistan Region of Iraq No. 35/2007**

As the Kurdish media networks and the current free environment of the journalism in Kurdistan region of Iraq is an attainment of the Kurds uprising in 1991 and the KRG. the Law of Journalist in Kurdistan Region of Iraq No. 35/2007 is another achievement for Kurdistan region and the Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate as a factor of creating a free environment for freedom of speech in journalism. It has been an umbrella for protecting the journalists. We appreciate the courts and other hand in charges as the have been supporting the journalists in the courts and cases against them. However, during the last few days we have received some cases that the law is broken by the courts and other Iraqi laws or other laws, Iraqi Penal Code or the Law of Bad Usages of Electronic Devices, are used in the courts against the journalists. Repeating such statuses might become a dangerous phenomenon. It affects the freedom of speech and journalism. There would be something odd against our region and democracy process. We, as the Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights, request that everybody should obey to the Law of Journalism in Kurdistan Region of Iraq No. 35/2007.





**The Committee to Protect Freedom of the Journalists and their Rights**

**Erbil November 4, 2019**

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**Appendix regarding the Journalists from Rojava**  
**13 journalists were Martyred by the Turkish insults in Rojava**

| No. | Name                     | Sex | Job title                   | Media Network   | Date       | Location  | Type of Violation |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|---|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1.  | Mohammed Hussain Rasho   | M   | Correspondent               |    | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 2.  | Saaïd Al-Ahmed           | M   | Correspondent               |    | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 3.  | Nuruz Mohammed           | F   | Correspondent               | Efro  | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 4.  | Shyar Ibrahim Fiad       | M   | Correspondent               |    | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 5.  | Mohammed Aknji Ibrahim   | M   | Correspondent               |    | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 6.  | Dlsoz Yusuf Dildar       | F   | Correspondent               |    | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 7.  | Birjan Dalal             | F   | Correspondent               |    | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 8.  | Rozhbin Akin             | F   | Correspondent               |   | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 9.  | Ubaid Al-Rashid Mohammed | M   | Correspondent               |  | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 10. | Amal Yunis Hamza         | F   | Correspondent               |  | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 11. | Arsin Jakso              | M   | Correspondent               | Furat National Agency   | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 12. | Wahid Ardım Yaji Fatih   | M   | Correspondent & Director    |   | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |
| 13. | Dilan Olmaz Abdullah     | F   | YPJ Biro Announcement membe |   | 13/10/2019 | Sare Kani | Martyred          |

