

# STATE OF PRESS FREEDOM IN KURDISTAN REGION

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## **Draw Media Organization**

Draw Media is an independent private media, consisting of five different sections, including, Debate, statistics and survey, Advertisement, Election Consultant, and Draw website. This organization is an attempt to develop a new model of independent media style.

### **Our objectives:**

1. Embodying a bold new model of private, independent, and free media.
2. Promoting democratic principles to foster objective, independent, professional journalism to create rational discourse and develop ways to work together to embody reconciliation and religious, political, and social coexistence.
3. Monitoring the political process and governance to fulfill our fundamental duties as an independent media outlet.



## Beginning

Journalism in the Kurdistan Region is one of the most difficult professions, due to the difficulty of accessing accurate information and data in the institutions of the Kurdistan Region. Besides journalists in the Kurdistan Region are often subjected to violations of rights and they get arrested and convicted outside the journalism law No. 35 of 2007.

Violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region will be the focus of this report. Here we highlight the reports of the (Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate and Metro Center), which are two institutions in the Kurdistan Region that defend the rights of journalists and publish their annual reports on the violations committed against journalists in the Kurdistan Region.

According to the data of Metro Center, 3,468 violations against journalists were recorded during the period of 2011- 2022.

However, according to the statistics and reports of the Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate during (2008 - 2022), That is, within 15 years, (1,289) violations were recorded against journalists.

These high figures of violations in the Kurdistan Region have often attracted the attention of international organizations such as Reporters Without Borders, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), Amnesty International, the United Nations, the European Union and often foreign consulates.

On the following pages we will explain the annual statistics of both institutions with graphs and tables, from 2008 to the end of 2022.



## Highest numbers of violations against journalists

Statistics show that the highest numbers of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region occurred during the outbreak of demonstrations, which is increasing dramatically and becomes a favorable environment for violations against journalists.

**First,** the demonstrations (February 17 to April 19, 2011), which was the longest and most extensive protests of the people in the Kurdistan Region, from the beginning of the demonstrations to the end of the demonstrations, more than 200 cases of violations against journalists have been registered.

**Second,** in late March 2018, during the outbreak of protests, the Metro Center issued a statement regarding the violations. "In the first four days of the protests, 78 violations have been committed against 48 journalists and media outlets."

**Third,** On August 6, 2022, during the widespread protests of the salaried workers in the Kurdistan region, 78 violations were committed against 60 journalists and media channels and 25 journalists were arrested in one day.

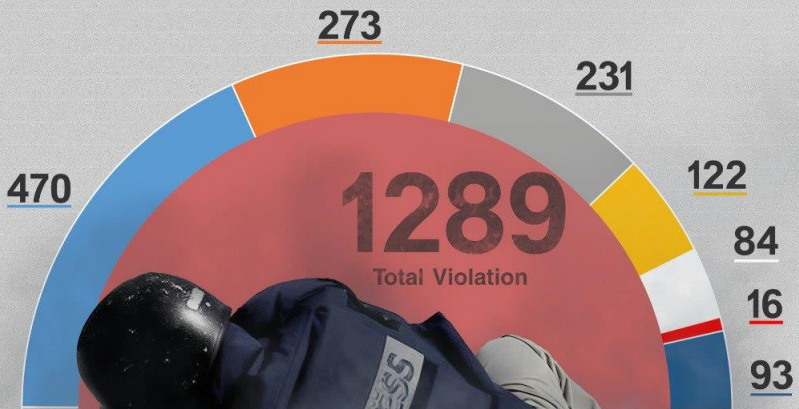
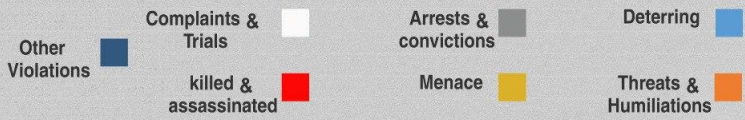
**Fourth,** The Kurdistan Region is the only place in Iraq where journalists are imprisoned. on July 28, CPJ Middle East and North Africa Program Coordinator Sherif Mansour told VOA "Currently, the only place in the region besides Syria that keeps journalists in prison is Iraqi Kurdistan, not Baghdad," Sherwan Sherwani, Guhdar Zebari and Omid Broshki are examples of those journalists.





## Violations against journalists in KRI

Statistics from 2008 to 2022

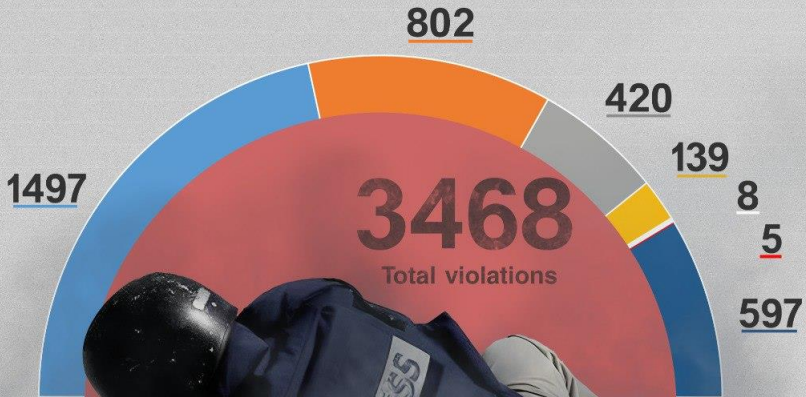




# Violations against journalists in KRI

Statistics from 2011 to 2022

- Other Violations
- Sexual harassment
- Journalists Killed
- Detention without warrants
- Arrests & convictions
- Deterring
- Threats & Humiliations





## Violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region

Violations increased between 2021 and 2022

Detainees		Difference	Difference	Violations	
2021	25	<b>39</b> +	<b>78</b> +	353	2021
2022	64			431	2022

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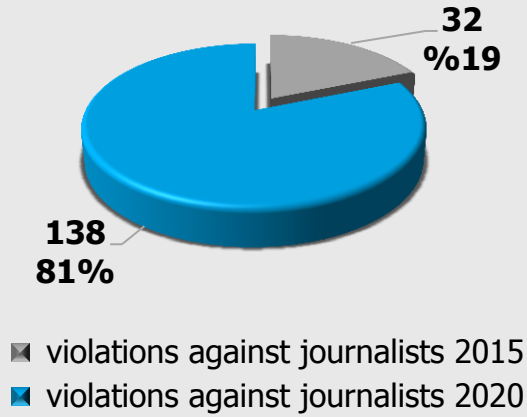
Increased rate of arrests

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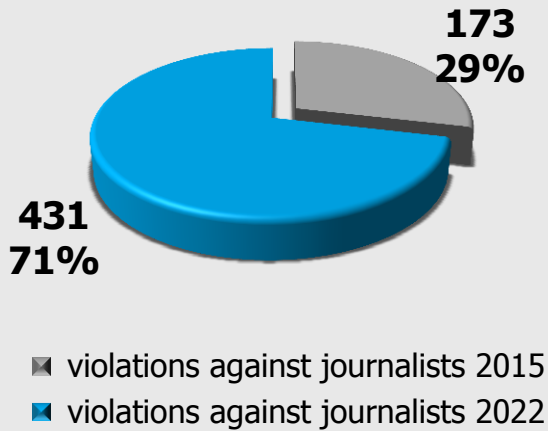
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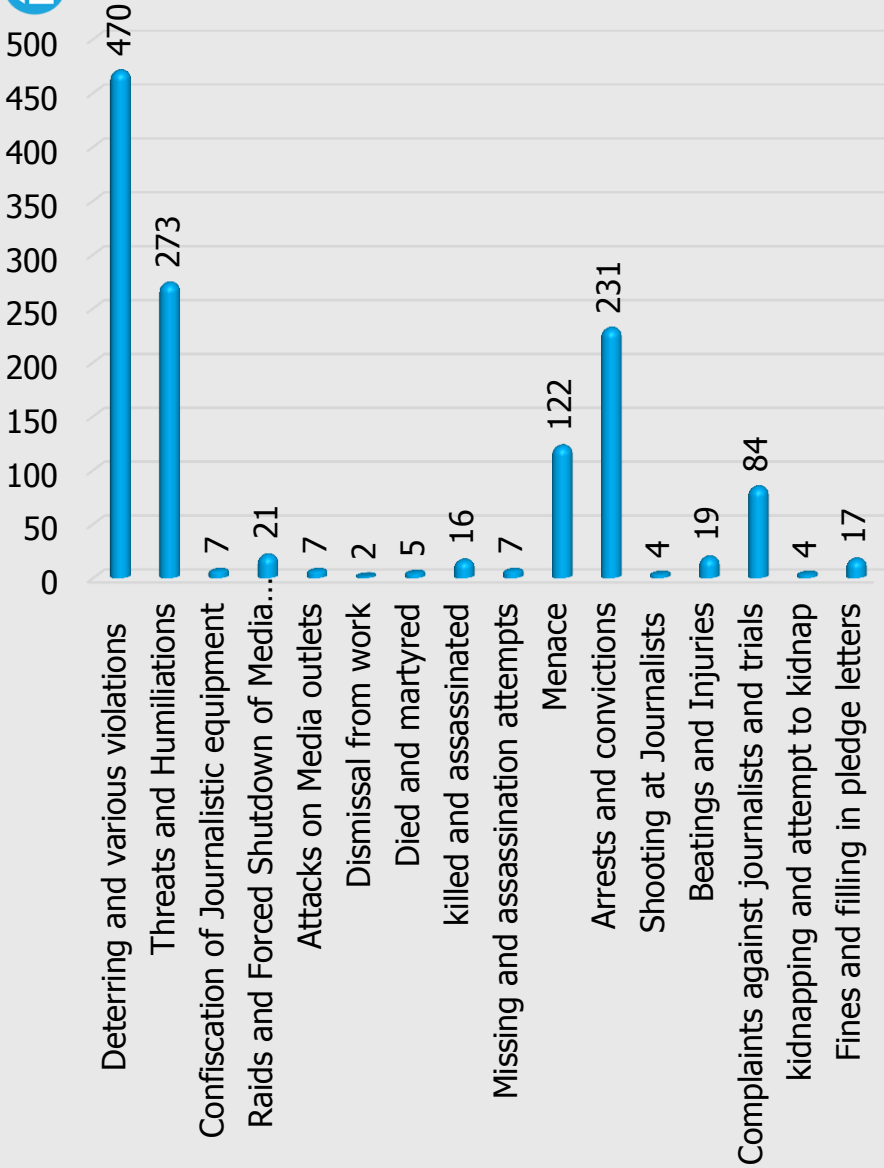
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Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics**



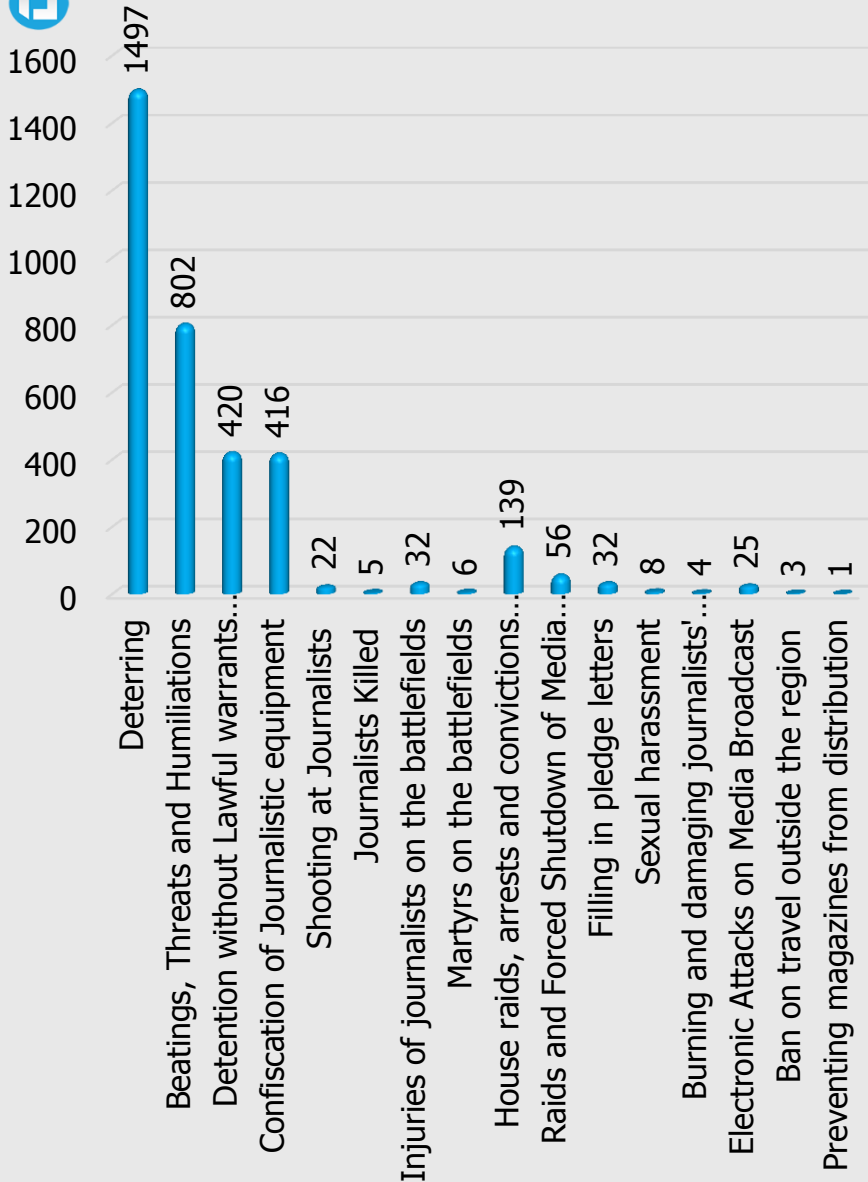
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Metro Center statistics**



## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2008 - 2022) Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics



## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2011 - 2022) Metro Center statistics



## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2008 – 2022)

Metro Center statistics <b>2011 - 2022</b>	Violations	<b>2008 - 2022</b>	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics <b>2008 - 2022</b>
Deterring	<b>1497</b>		<b>470</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>802</b>		<b>273</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>420</b>		<b>7</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>416</b>		<b>21</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>22</b>		<b>7</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>32</b>		<b>5</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>6</b>		<b>16</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>139</b>		<b>7</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>56</b>		<b>122</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>32</b>		<b>231</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>8</b>		<b>4</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>4</b>		<b>19</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>25</b>		<b>84</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>1</b>		<b>17</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>3468</b>		<b>1289</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2008)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2008	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	/		<b>0</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	/		<b>29</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	/		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	/		<b>0</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	/		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	/		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	/		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	/		<b>6</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	/		<b>2</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	/		<b>17</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	/		<b>21</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	/		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	/		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	/		<b>50</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	/		<b>1</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	/		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	/		<b>126</b>	<b>Total</b>



## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2009)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2009	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	/		<b>46</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	/		<b>2</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	/		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	/		<b>0</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	/		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	/		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	/		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	/		<b>1</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	/		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	/		<b>4</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	/		<b>13</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	/		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	/		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	/		<b>30</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	/		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	/		<b>6</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	/		<b>102</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2010)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2010	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	/		<b>41</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	/		<b>18</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	/		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	/		<b>0</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	/		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	/		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	/		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	/		<b>1</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	/		<b>1</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	/		<b>16</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	/		<b>6</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	/		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	/		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	/		<b>3</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	/		<b>1</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	/		<b>3</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	/	<b>90</b>	<b>Total</b>	

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2011)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	<b>2011</b>	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>81</b>		<b>49</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>146</b>		<b>25</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>52</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>50</b>		<b>0</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>10</b>		<b>5</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>9</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>10</b>		<b>18</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>18</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>6</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>		<b>122</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2012)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2012	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>67</b>		<b>19</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>38</b>		<b>8</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>50</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>34</b>		<b>0</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>0</b>		<b>12</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>23</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2013)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2013	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>85</b>		<b>14</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>58</b>		<b>16</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>18</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>10</b>		<b>0</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>15</b>		<b>1</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>3</b>		<b>12</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>5</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>2</b>		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2014)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	<b>2014</b>	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>86</b>		<b>5</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>65</b>		<b>12</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>12</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>45</b>		<b>1</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>0</b>		<b>7</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>5</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2015)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2015	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>61</b>		<b>18</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>38</b>		<b>8</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>33</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>22</b>		<b>2</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>2</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>4</b>		<b>0</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>4</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Total</b>	

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2016)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	<b>2016</b>	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>52</b>		<b>24</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>49</b>		<b>11</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>15</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>28</b>		<b>0</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>2</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>20</b>		<b>1</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>4</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Total</b>	



## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2017)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2017	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics	
Deterring	<b>206</b>			<b>62</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>90</b>			<b>27</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>33</b>			<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>37</b>			<b>5</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>2</b>			<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>2</b>			<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>10</b>			<b>3</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>10</b>			<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>20</b>			<b>15</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>2</b>			<b>20</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>			<b>3</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>3</b>			<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>419</b>			<b>138</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2018)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2018	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>188</b>		<b>70</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>82</b>		<b>43</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>24</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>29</b>		<b>2</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>17</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>6</b>		<b>0</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>13</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>4</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>		<b>133</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2019)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2019	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>124</b>		<b>24</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>22</b>		<b>10</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>20</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>13</b>		<b>2</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>43</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>0</b>		<b>23</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>4</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2020)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2020	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>163</b>		<b>47</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>48</b>		<b>32</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>74</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>48</b>		<b>3</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>30</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>8</b>		<b>42</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>8</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>7</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>Total</b>	

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2021)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2021	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>189</b>		<b>31</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>94</b>		<b>22</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>25</b>		<b>0</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>32</b>		<b>3</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>4</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>6</b>		<b>17</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>4</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Statistics of violations against journalists in the Kurdistan Region (2022)

Metro Center statistics	Violations	2022	Violations	Kurdistan Journalists Union Statistics
Deterring	<b>195</b>		<b>20</b>	Deterring and various violations
Beatings, Threats and Humiliations	<b>72</b>		<b>10</b>	Threats and Humiliations
Detention without Lawful warrants from judges	<b>64</b>		<b>7</b>	Confiscation of Journalistic equipment
Confiscation of Journalistic equipment	<b>68</b>		<b>3</b>	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:
Shooting at Journalists	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	Attacks on Media outlets
Journalists Killed	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	Dismissal from work
Injuries of journalists on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Died and martyred
Martyrs on the battlefields	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	killed and assassinated
House raids, arrests and convictions outside the journalism law	<b>7</b>		<b>0</b>	Missing and assassination attempts
Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets	<b>1</b>		<b>7</b>	Menace
Filling in pledge letters	<b>16</b>		<b>19</b>	Arrests and convictions
Sexual harassment	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Shooting at Journalists
Burning and damaging journalists' vehicles	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	Beatings and Injuries
Electronic Attacks on Media Broadcast	<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>	Complaints against journalists and trials
Ban on travel outside the region	<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap
Preventing magazines from distribution	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Fines and filling in pledge letters
<b>Total</b>	<b>431</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>Total</b>

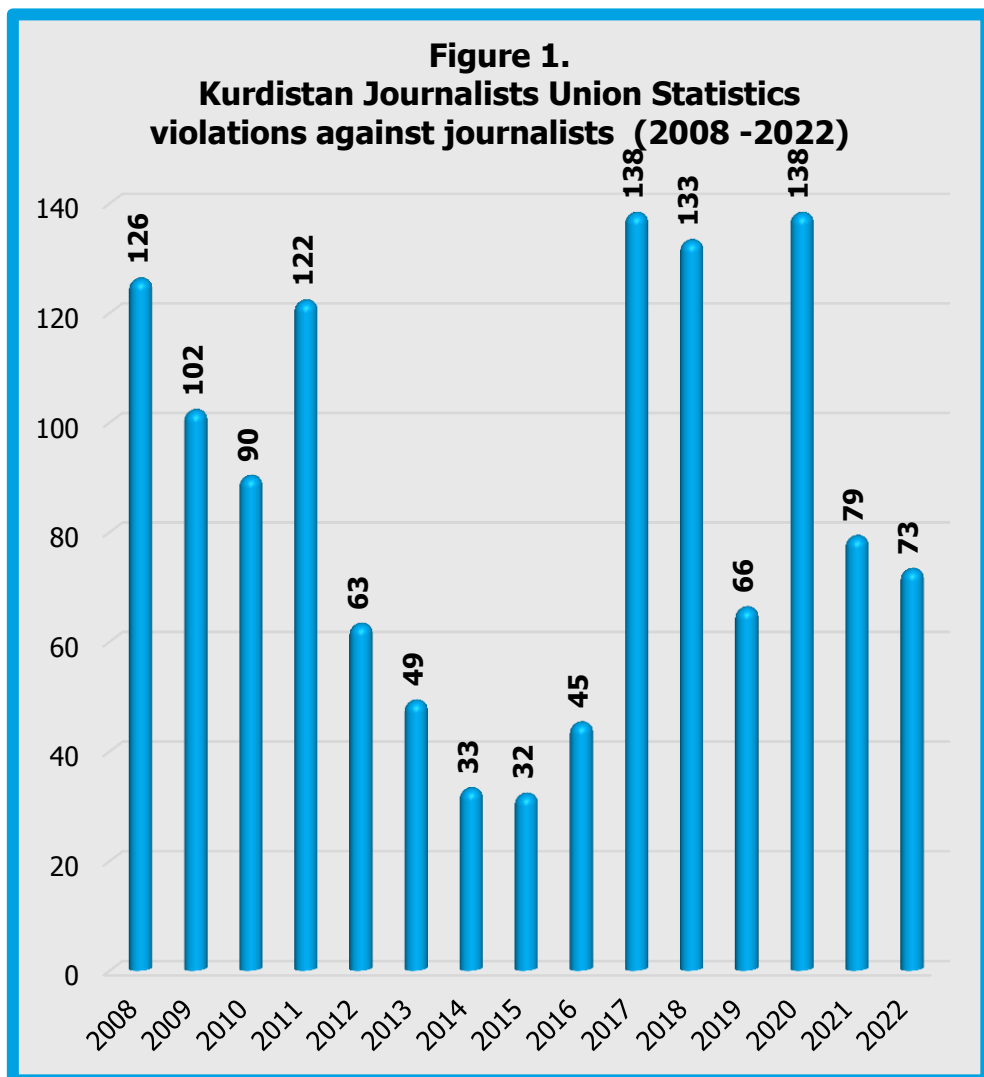
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Kurdistan Journalists Union	Detering and various violations	Threats and humiliations	Confiscation of journalistic equipment	Raids and Forced Shutdown of Media Outlets:	Attacks on Media outlets	Dismissal from work	Died and martyred	killed and assassinated	Missing and assassination attempts	Menace	Arrests and convictions	Shooting at Journalists	Beatings and Injures	Complaints against journalists and trials	kidnapping and attempt to kidnap	Fines and filling in pledge letters	Total
2008	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	17	21	0	0	50	1	0	<b>126</b>
2009	46	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	13	0	0	30	0	6	<b>102</b>
2010	41	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	6	0	0	3	1	3	<b>90</b>
2011	49	25	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	0	0	1	6	<b>122</b>
2012	19	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	23	0	0	0	0	0	<b>63</b>
2013	14	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	<b>49</b>
2014	5	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	<b>33</b>
2015	18	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	<b>32</b>
2016	24	11	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>45</b>
2017	62	27	0	5	0	0	3	3	0	15	20	0	3	0	0	0	<b>138</b>
2018	70	43	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	4	0	0	0	0	<b>133</b>
2019	24	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	23	0	2	0	0	1	<b>66</b>
2020	47	32	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	42	0	8	1	0	7	<b>138</b>
2021	31	22	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	4	0	0	0	<b>79</b>
2022	20	10	7	3	2	2	0	0	0	7	19	0	2	0	1	0	<b>73</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1289</b>

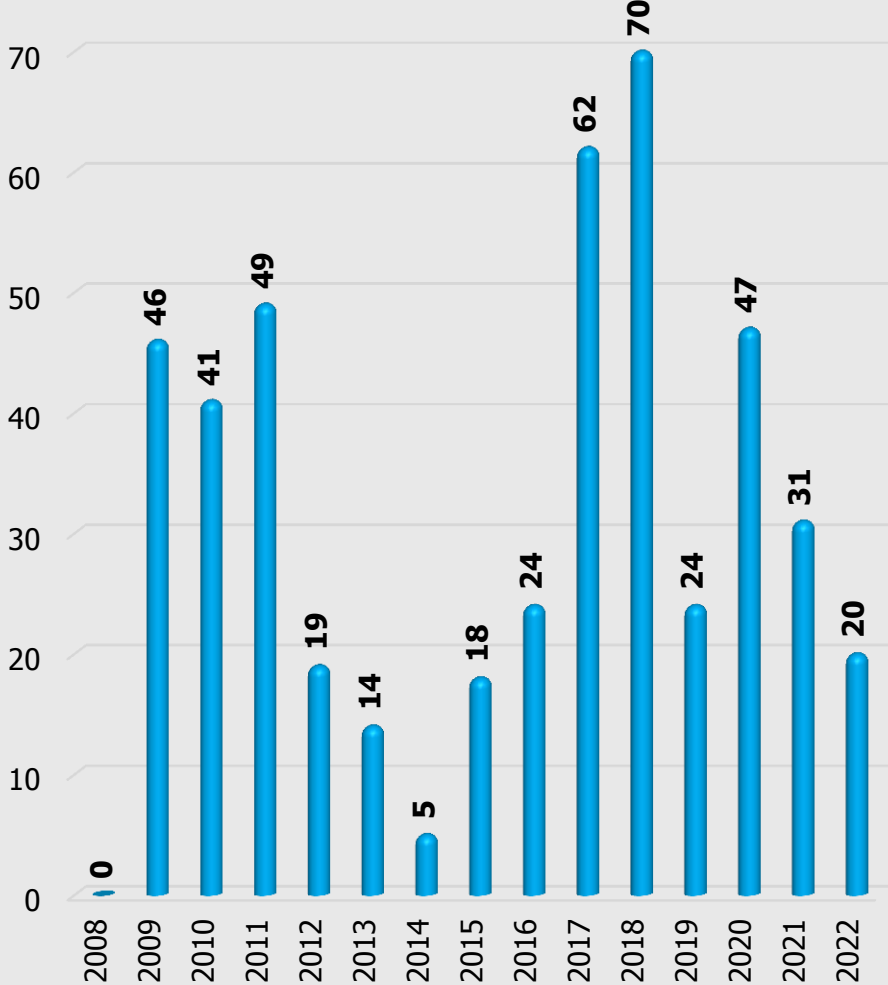




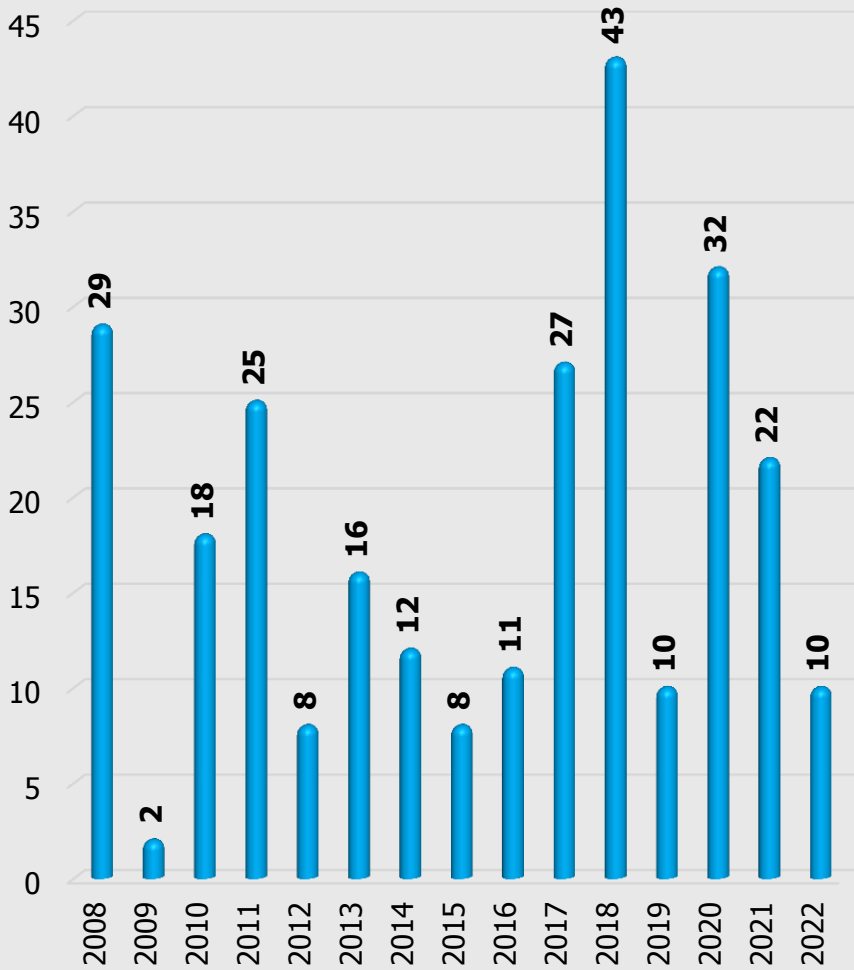
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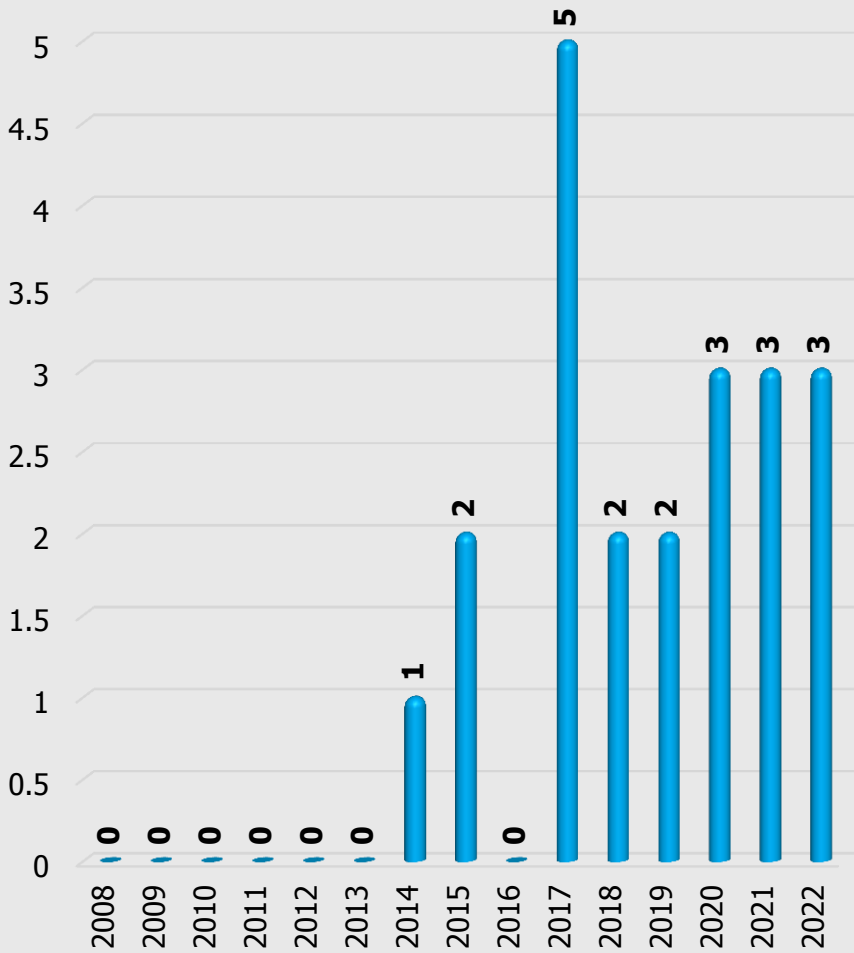
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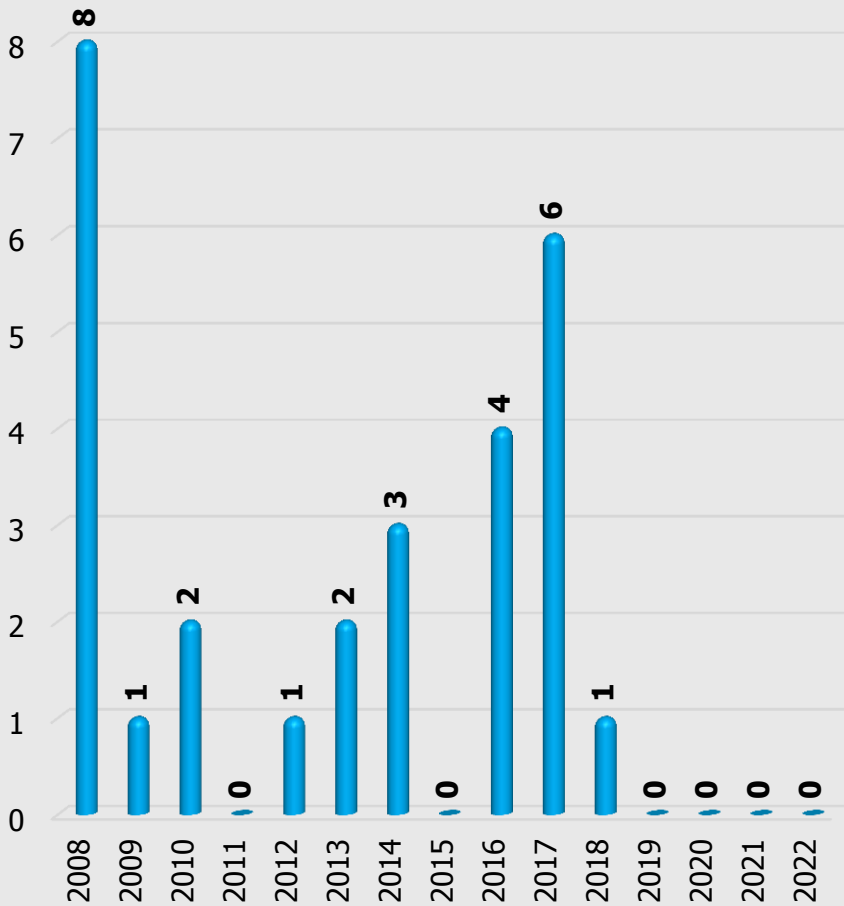
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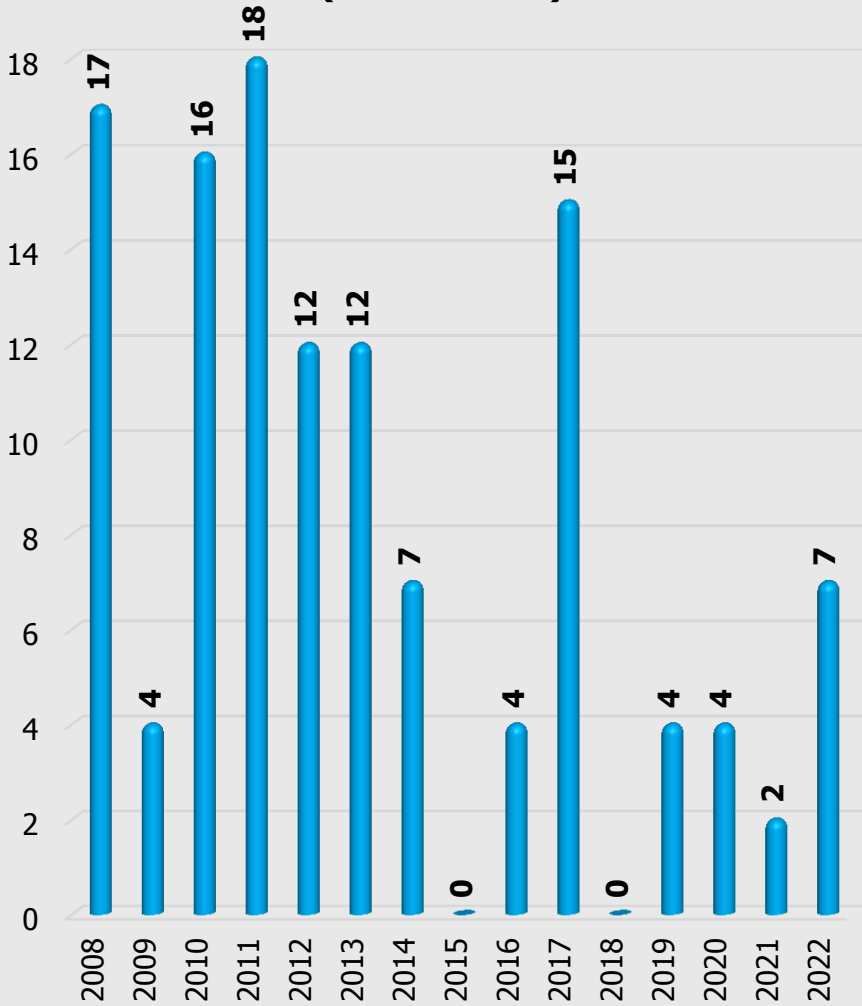
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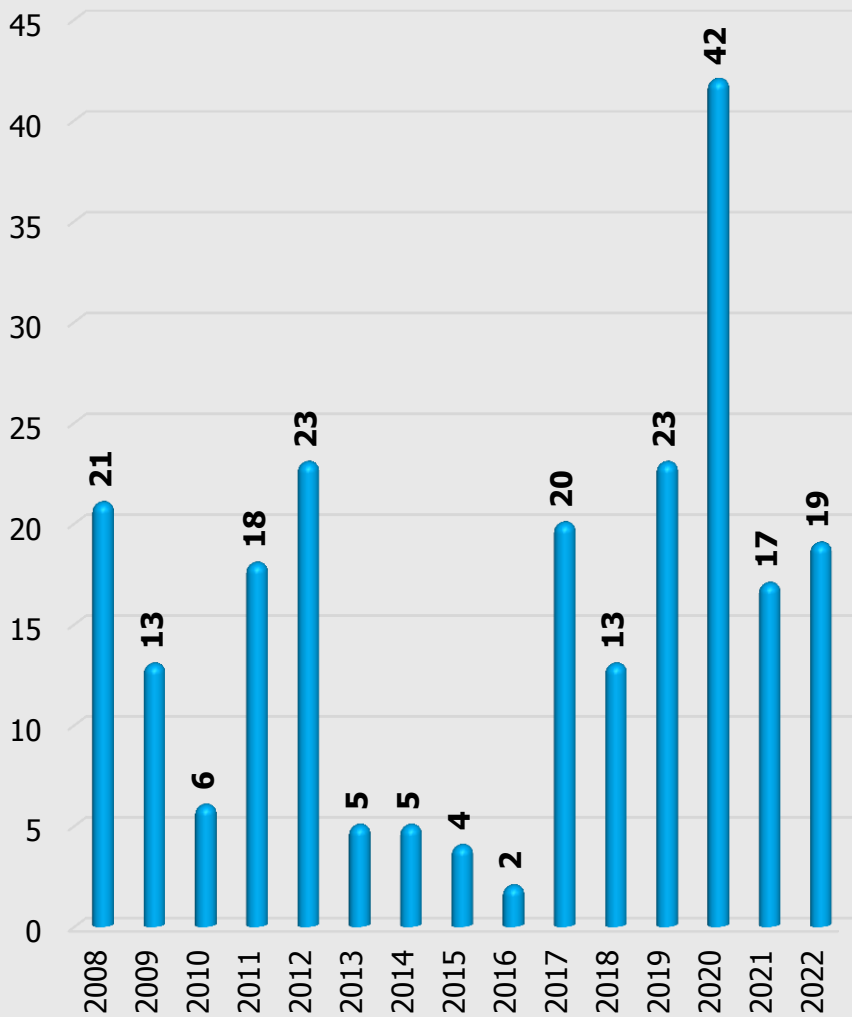
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**(2008 - 2022)**



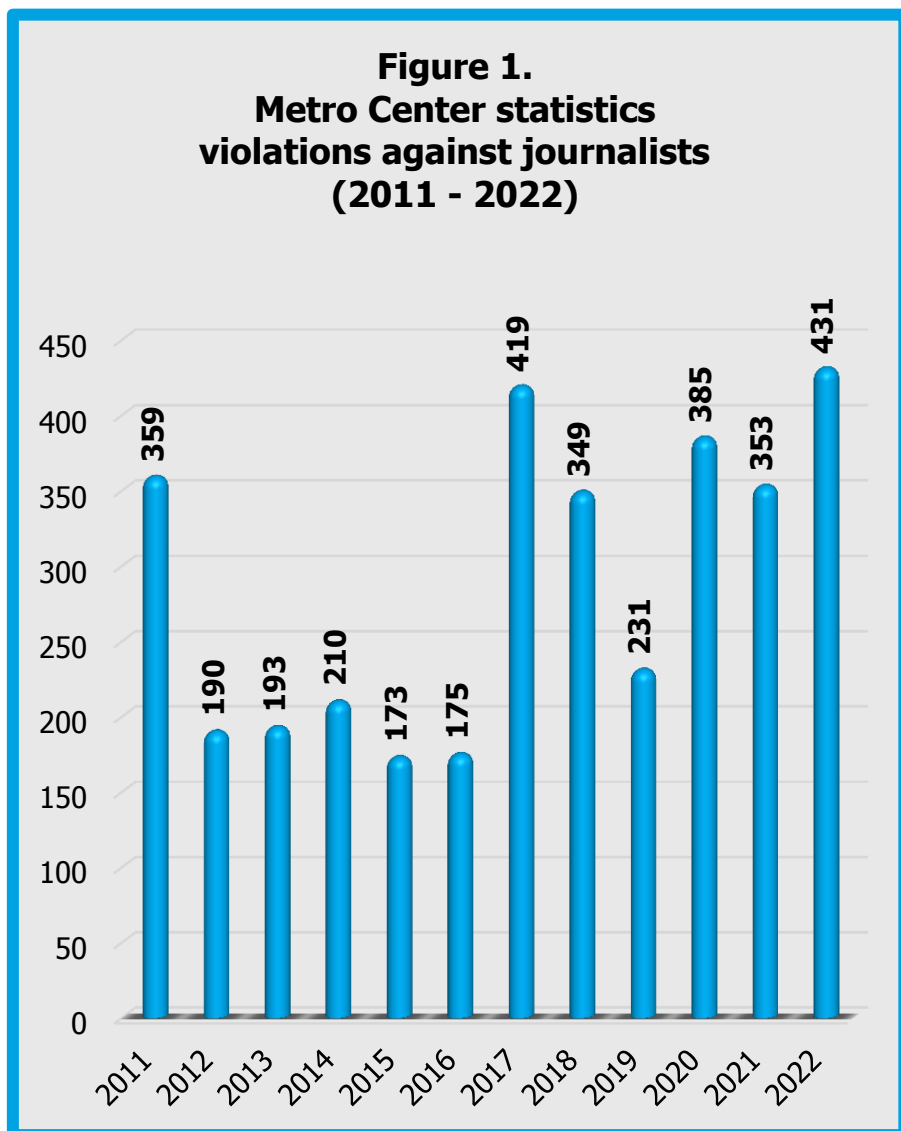
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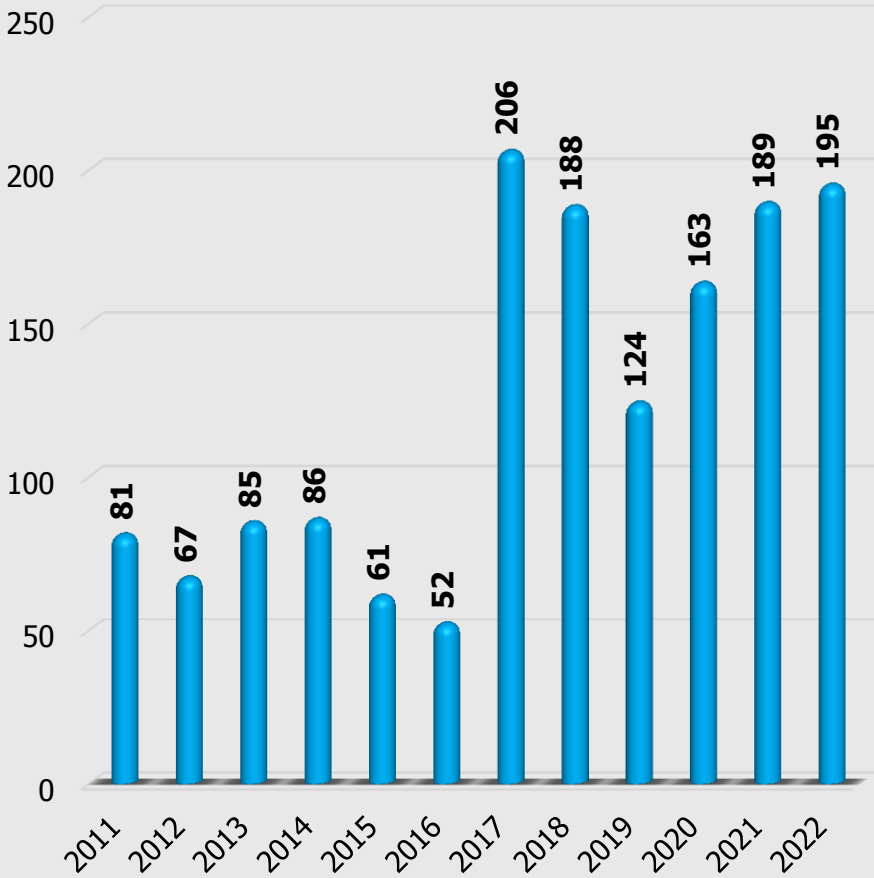
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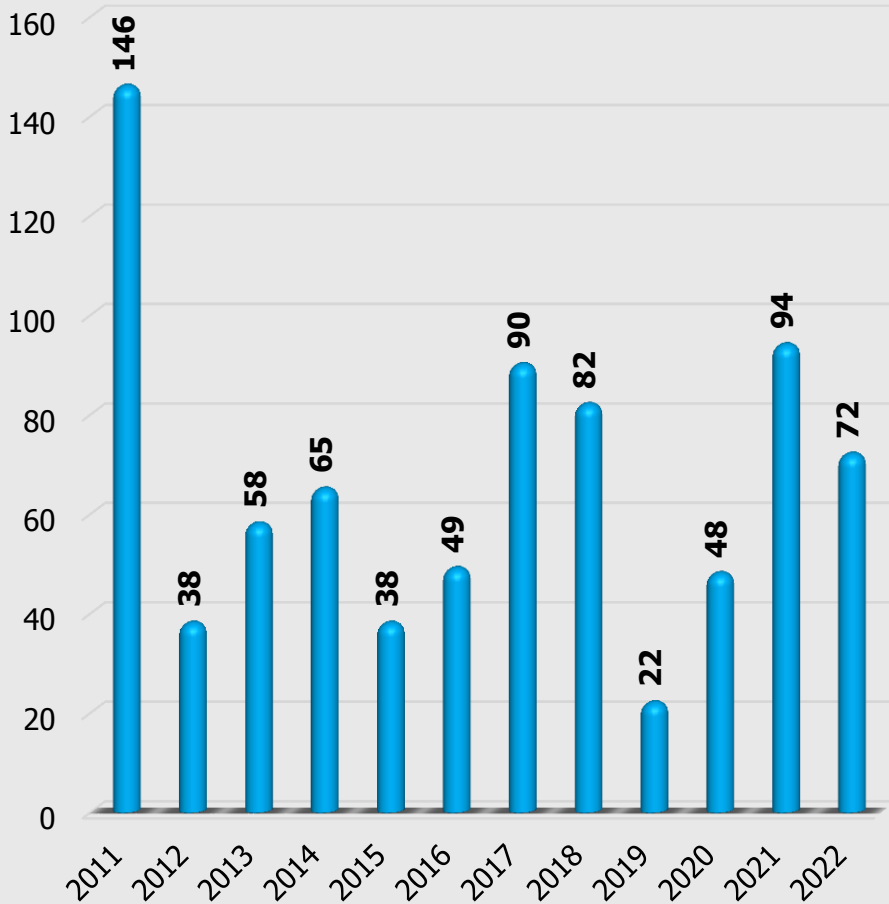




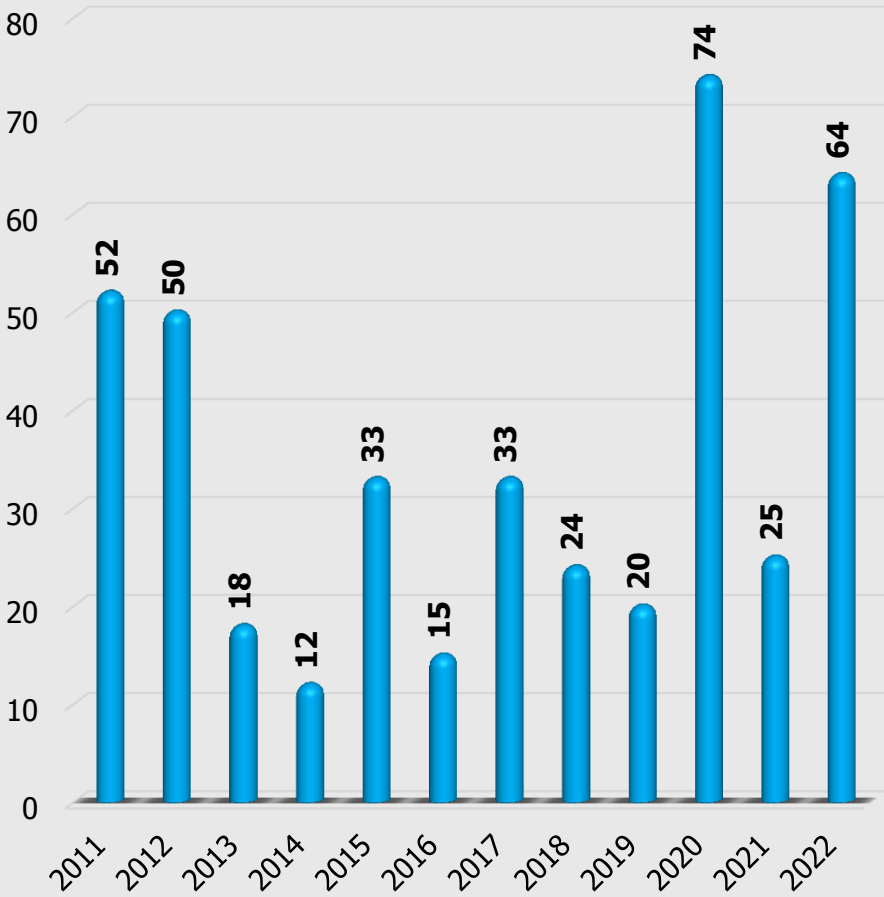
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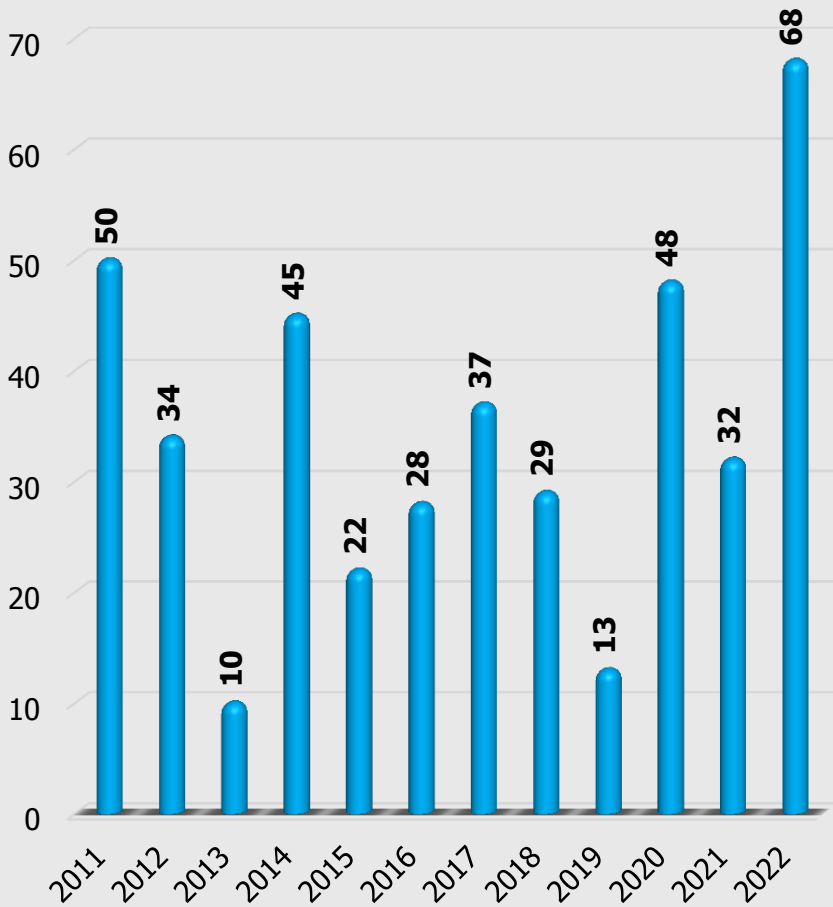
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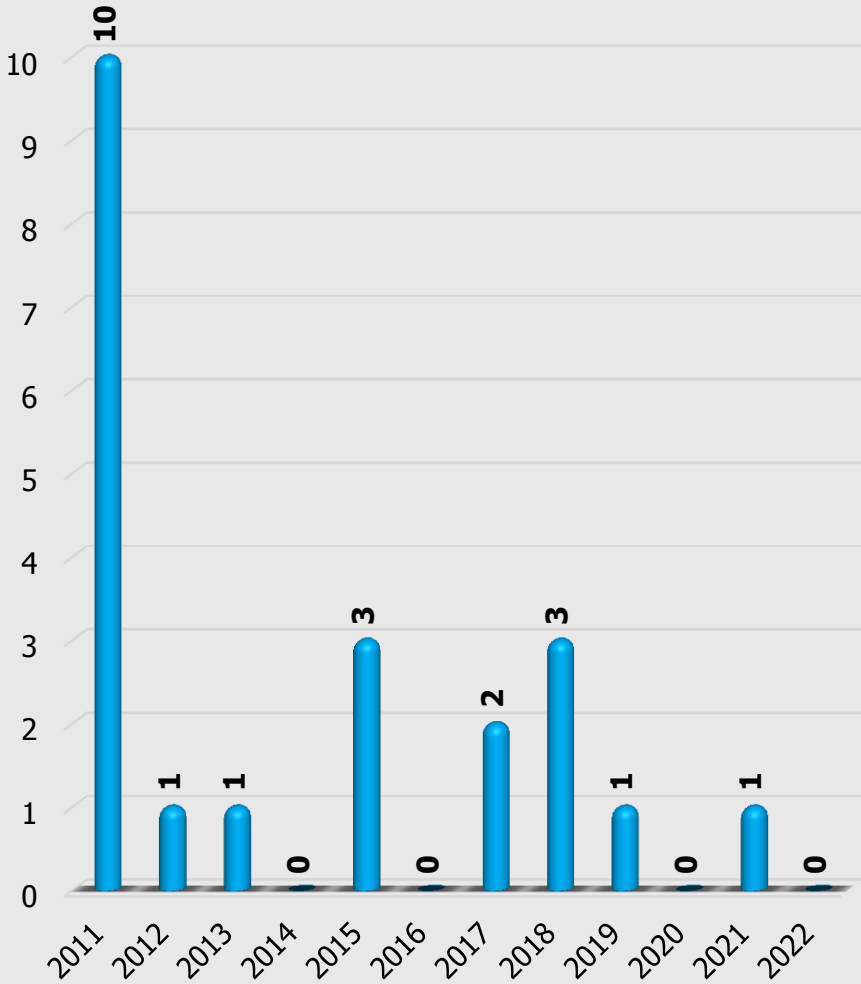
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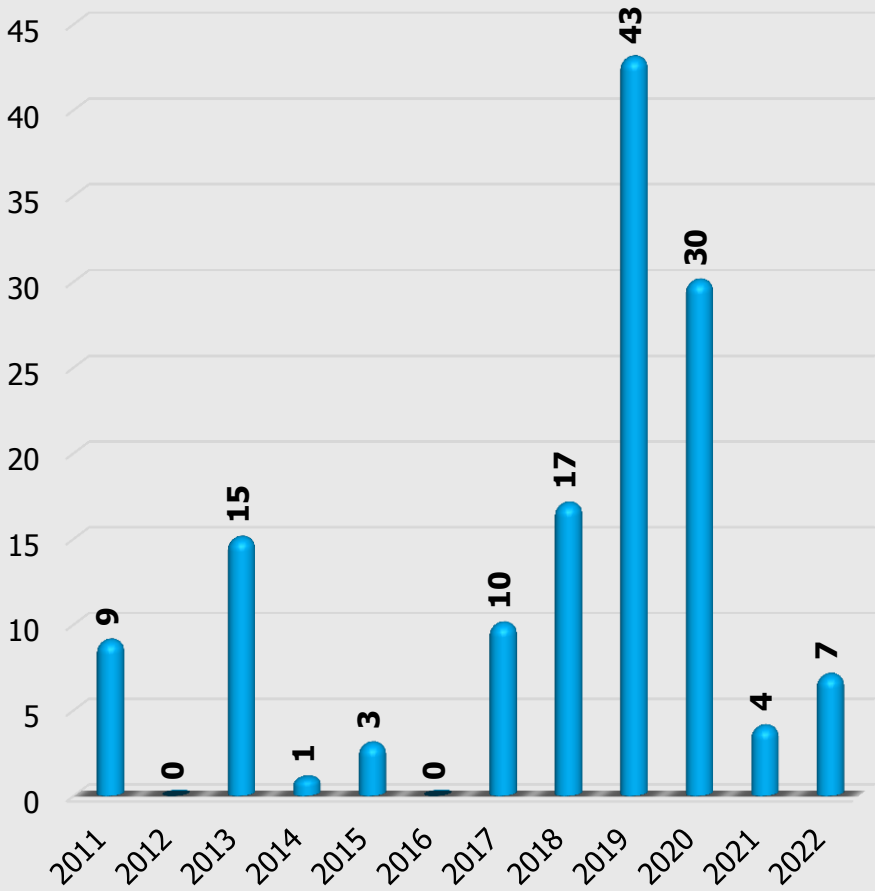
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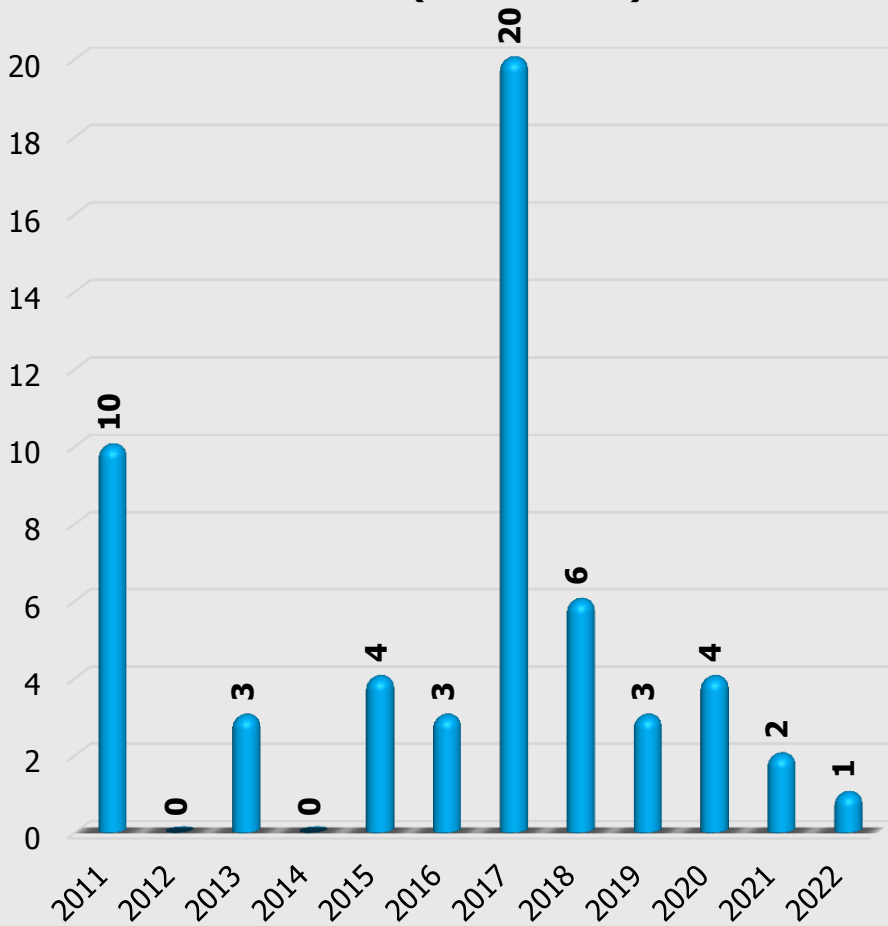
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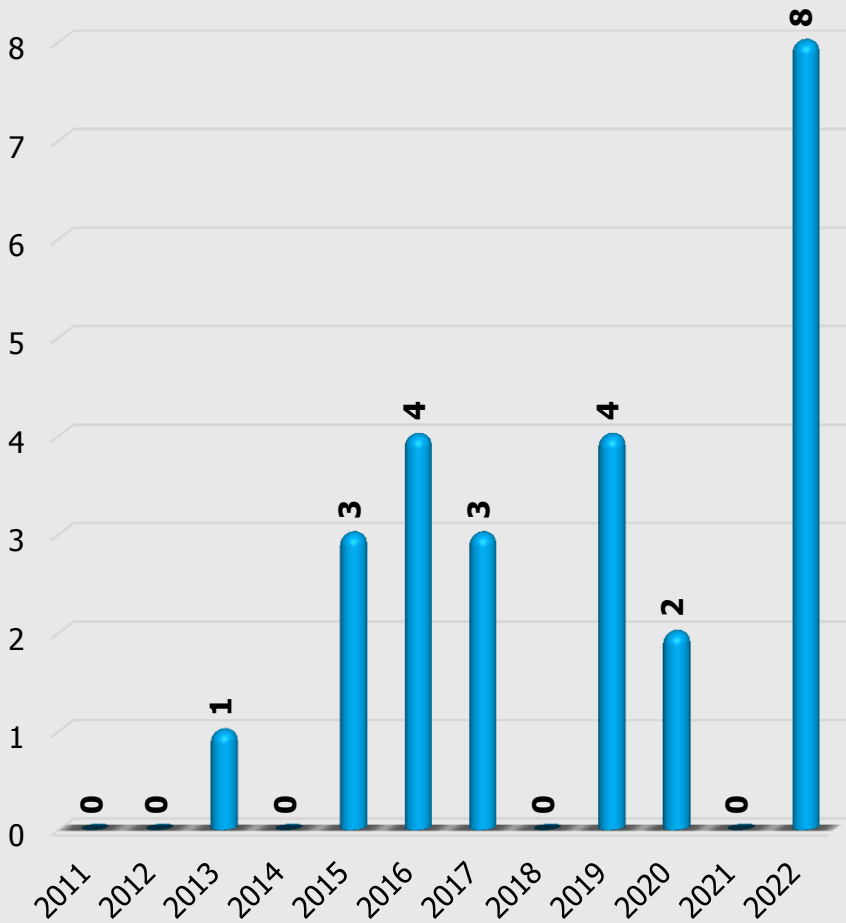
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**Figure 9.**  
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## Note

- Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate was established in accordance with Law No. (40) of 1998 and amended by Law (40) of 2004, in the Parliament of Kurdistan, and the Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate is the only official media agency in the Kurdistan Region, according to the Press Law No. (35) of 2007. Note that the Journalists Syndicate Kurdistan is a member of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ).
- Metro Center has been established in 2009, by the attempts of a group of journalists and human rights advocates, supported by Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR), aiming at monitoring free press situation in Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

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