



PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS IN AFRICA

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025

149

press freedom violations identified in
30 countries.

Attacks involved at least

157

journalists.

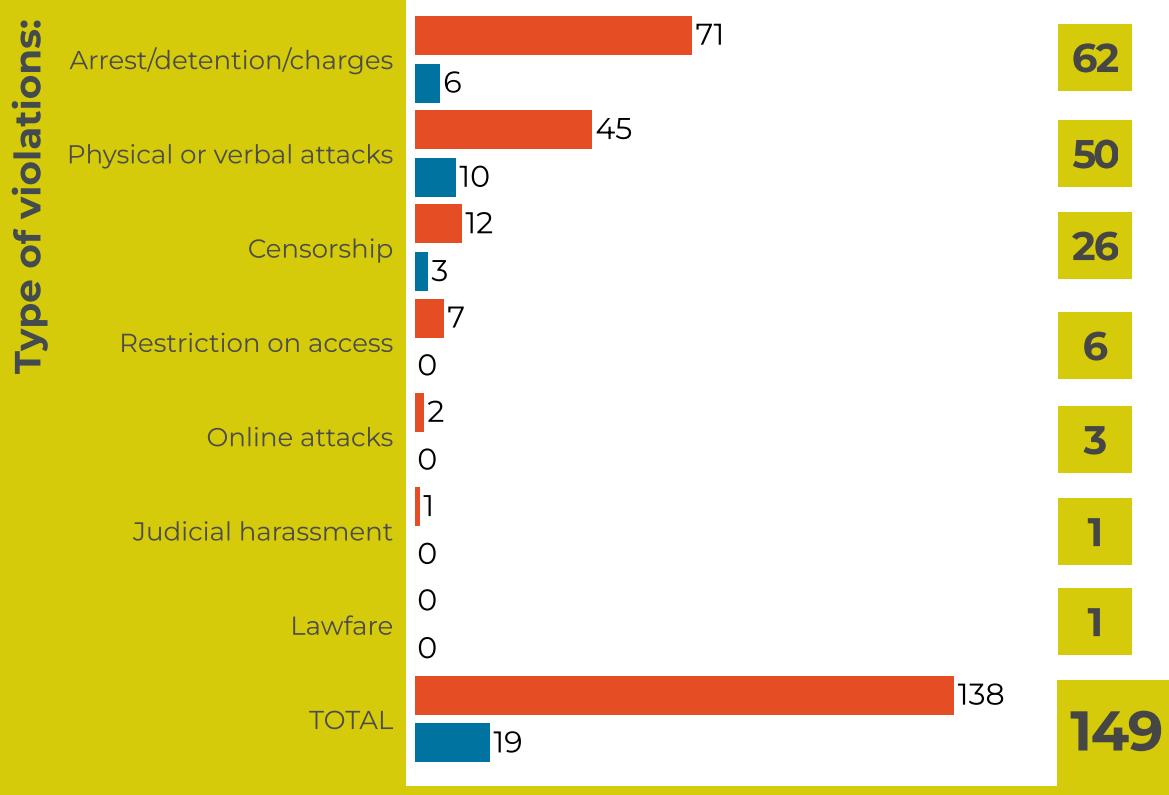


Killing

On 5 August, journalist Fiston Wilondja Mazambi was reportedly killed by elements of the M23-AFC in Bukavu, South Kivu province. According to IPI sources, the killing of Wilondja is linked to his collaboration in an investigation conducted by journalist Pacifique Muliri on alleged collaboration in illegal mining by rebel groups and government authorities in the province.

IPI collects data on press freedom violations and threats across Africa. These incidents can involve individual journalists and/or media outlets. Each incident is assigned different categories of violations (which can include physical assaults to legal threats). There can be multiple types of violations or threats involving the same case and the same journalist or media outlet. When these incidents involve individual journalists, we record the gender of individual journalists, if this information is available. For this reason, the total number of violations does not always equal the total number of incidents recorded by gender or by media outlet.

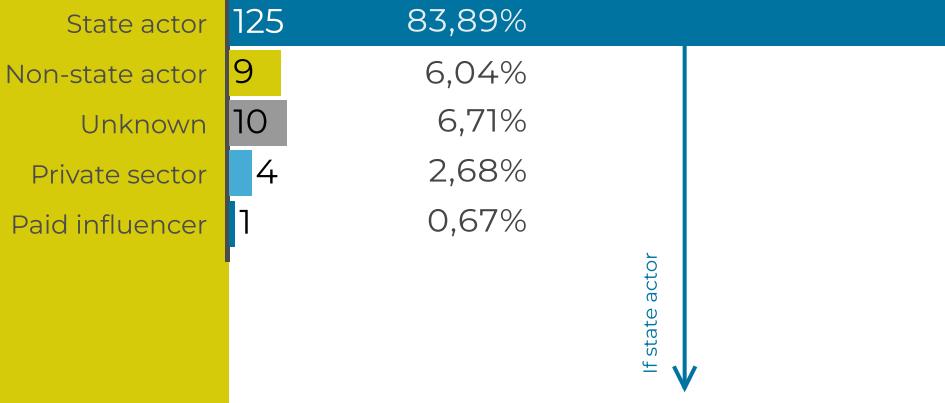
| Country | Number of incidents | | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Total | Involving male journalists | Involving female journalists |
| DRC | 29 | 26 | 2 |
| Somalia | 18 | 16 | 6 |
| Nigeria | 15 | 10 | 4 |
| Somaliland | 10 | 16 | 0 |
| Ghana | 8 | 9 | 1 |
| Kenya | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| South Africa | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Zimbabwe | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Cameroon | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Ethiopia | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Guinea Bissau | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Madagascar | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Uganda | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Guinea | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Lesotho | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Liberia | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Mauritania | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Senegal | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Sudan | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Benin | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Sierra Leone | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Tanzania | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Zambia | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Burkina Faso | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cote D'Ivoire | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Malawi | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mali | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Mozambique | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Niger | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| South Sudan | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 149 | 138 | 19 |



● Male journalists ● Female journalists

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Source of incidents:



If state actor

- Police/state security
- Government/public official
- Judiciary(court)
- Regulatory body
- Political parties

